

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
September 9, 2021
9:00 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors met in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Thursday, September 9, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, Patrick J. Liska District #2, Virgil H. Miller District #3, James Sokol, Jr. District #4, Kevin D. Mackeprang District #5, Danny R. Schlote District #6, and James J. Borgmann District #7. Absent was none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Mackeprang announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised Budget Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2021/2022 Knox County proposed budget.

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised special public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final 2021 Tax Request.

SLFRF Administrator Nix and County Clerk Fischer gave information on the 2021/2022 proposed Knox County budget and the proposed 2021 tax request.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open budget hearing at 9:14 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed budget.

Chairman ~~Sokol, Jr. Mackeprang~~ (corrected 9-30-2021) closed the open special hearing on the Final 2021 Tax Request at 9:14 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed final tax request/levy for 2021/2022.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors followed the 2021/2022 Budget Hearing and the Final 2021 Tax Request Hearing.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Bloomfield Monitor newspaper, as shown by the Affidavit of Publication attached to these minutes.

Notice of this meeting was simultaneously given to all members and a copy of their acknowledgment and receipt of notice and agenda is attached to these minutes. All proceedings hereafter shown were taken while the convened meeting was opened to the attendance of the public.

The minutes of the August 26, 2021 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the addition that Governor Ricketts and State Senators visited many sites in northern Knox County pertaining to LB 406.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice stating the Knox County Jail was in compliance with the Minimum Jail Standards; 2. Letter from Nebraska Dept. of Natural Resources regarding a site tour for the Community Assistance Visit on the County's participation in the National Flood Insurance Program.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$452,260.68 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the August 26 – September 8, 2021 Receipts Revenue List. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Clerk of the District Court August Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve and adopt the presented 2021/2022 Knox County Budget noting the valuation decreased by \$10,157,503, the property tax request was decreased by nearly \$27,000 from last year and the 2021 levy decreased by 0.00046. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021- 29** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2021/2022 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**KNOX COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS
RESOLUTION #2021 - 29**

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 17th day of August with revisions completed on the 26th day of August 2021, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of SUPERVISORS of Knox County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Knox County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2022.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 9th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 30** setting the 2021 property tax request at \$3,623,458.91 with a levy of 0.161837 per \$100 of assessed value. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 - 30
RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Knox County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of Knox County, resolves that:

1. The 2021-2022 property tax request be set at \$3,623,458.91.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by .73%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.163033 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Knox County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.161837 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the operating budget of Knox County will be \$25,760,131.16 (does not include \$1,100,000 for cash reserve in the General Fund), which exceeds last fiscal year's operating budget by 10.04%.
6. The cash reserve for the General Fund will remain at \$1,100,000.00.
7. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the Knox County Clerk on or before October 14, 2021.

Dated this 9th day of September 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Budget Cover Page and the Budget Message of the adopted 2021/2022 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 31** to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 – 31

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2021-2022 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2021-2022 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,438,952.12 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, transfers through the claims process were needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2021-2022 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2021-16 directing the Knox County Clerk to transfer through the claims process \$133,069.47 in July, 2021 and \$133,069.47 in August, 2021, from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

WHEREAS, a remainder of \$1,172,813.18 needs to be transferred from September 2021 through June 2022 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2021/2022 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knox County Clerk is hereby directed to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to be as follows: **\$117,281.39 for September 2021, and \$117,281.31 for October, November and December of 2021, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2022.**

Dated this 9th day of September 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
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Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 32** to transfer through the claims process \$262,488.98 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund to be used as the final loan repayment (tenth repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 – 32

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved at their February 23, 2012 meeting, a road project named "Bloomfield South" project where the County oiled road south of Bloomfield to Hwy. 59 would be milled, graded and oiled with hot-mix by Knife River Midwest, Sioux City IA, in the amount of approximately \$2.73 million, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board approved at their August 9, 2012 meeting to pay for the Bloomfield South project from the Flowage Easement Fund, as a loan to be repaid over 10 years or earlier (with possible extension to 15 years if needed) at no interest, and the repayment to be made by taxation, or if needed sometime during the repayment period, to use some funds from the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Flowage Easement Road Fund was created when the County of Knox sued the U.S. Corps of Engineers and received \$10,049,868 from the Court settlement to cover the expenses associated with rebuilding bridges and roads damaged by the Missouri River and its' tributaries due to sedimentation, and

WHEREAS, the funds to repay the loan to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be collected in the General Fund and then transferred to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the project was completed in the 2012/2013 fiscal year with the final cost of the project being \$2,624,889.71 making a total of \$262,448.97 due each year for 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the first loan repayment in the amount of \$273,000.00 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund was made in the 2012-2013 Knox County Budget and

WHEREAS, the overpayment of the first payment was \$10,511.03 and was applied to the second payment made making the second payment of \$251,977.94 during the 2013/2014 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh and eighth loan repayments were made in 2014/2015, 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019 and 2019/2020 in the amount of \$262,488.97 each with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the ninth loan repayment will be in the amount of \$262,488.97 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and

WHEREAS, the tenth loan repayment will be in the amount of \$262,488.98 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2021/2022 fiscal year, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021/2022 Knox County budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$262,488.98 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund through the claims process during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year** to be used as a full loan repayment (final repayment) for the Bloomfield South Road project.

Dated this 9th day of September 2021.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 33** to transfer through the claims process \$45,500.00 from the Knox County General Fund to the C & C Development Fund for the 2021/2022 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 – 33

WHEREAS, Knox County entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with other entities in Knox County and Great Plains Communications, Inc. for the creation of the Knox County Development Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Development Agency hires an executive director to operate the program so as to educate and organize promotion, encouragement, development, research, increased knowledge, appreciation and practice of economic development and to help to preserve and enhance the Knox County community's economic growth, and

WHEREAS, Knox County contributes \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary plus benefits that includes a County-paid single health insurance policy, a County-paid single dental/vision insurance policy, a County-paid \$15,000 single life insurance policy, the County-paid retirement rate and the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security) along with an office space, and

WHEREAS, the taxes to pay Knox County's share of the Interlocal Agreement is collected in the General Fund and is to be transferred to the C & C Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2021/2022 Knox County budget is approved, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$45,500.00 during the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 through the claims process from the General Fund to the C & C Development Fund to pay the following budgeted amount for the Executive Director: \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary, \$11,720 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single health insurance policy, \$530 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single dental/vision policy, \$72 for the payment of the premium of a County-paid \$15,000 single life insurance for the Executive Director, \$2,970 for the County-paid retirement rate and \$5,208 for the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security).

Dated this 9th day of September 2021.

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Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 34** to transfer through the claims process \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund to be used as the first loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 – 34

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved at their February 13, 2020 meeting, a road project named "Bloomfield North" project where the County would oil 7.4 miles between Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 12 on 543 Ave. North

of Bloomfield would be milled, graded and oiled with hot-mix by Western Engineering Co., Inc., Harlan, IA, in the amount of approximately \$2.37 million, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board approved at their August 26, 2021 meeting to pay for the Bloomfield North project from the Flowage Easement Fund, as a loan to be repaid over 10 years or earlier and the repayment to be made by taxation, or if needed sometime during the repayment period, to use some funds from the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Flowage Easement Road Fund was created when the County of Knox sued the U.S. Corps of Engineers and received \$10,049,868 from the Court settlement to cover the expenses associated with rebuilding bridges and roads damaged by the Missouri River and its' tributaries due to sedimentation, and

WHEREAS, the funds to repay the loan to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be collected in the General Fund and then transferred to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the project was completed in the 2020/2021 fiscal year with the final cost of the project being \$3,032,409.17 making a total of \$303,240.92 due each year for 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the first loan repayment in the amount of \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be made in the 2021-2022 Knox County Budget and will continue thereafter until the loan is paid, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2021/2022 Knox County budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund through the claims process during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year** to be used as a partial loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project.

Dated this 9th day of September 2021.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 35** to transfer through the claims process \$453,240.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year as tax relief noting that \$303,240.90 of the \$453,240.92 will be used for the first loan repayment for the Bloomfield North road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 – 35

WHEREAS, due to unfunded mandates, escalating prices, valuation increases, and loss of revenues, a transfer of funds from the Inheritance Fund would create a tax relief to the taxpayers of Knox County for the fiscal year 2021-2022, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$150,000.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would create that needed tax relief, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$303,240.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would then be transferred to the Flowage Easement for the Bloomfield North project and create that needed tax relief, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Knox County Board of Supervisors approve the **transfer of \$453,240.92 through the claims process from the Knox County Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund during the 2021/2022 fiscal year as tax relief.**

Dated this 9th day of September 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2021 - 36** to transfer through the claims process \$25,468.73 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund to be used as the fifth and final loan repayment for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment with the transfer to be made during in the **2021/2020 2021/2022** (corrected 9-30-2021) Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 – 36

WHEREAS, enhanced upgraded 911 equipment was purchased for to provide safety and emergency assistance to the public of Knox County and Knox County Law Enforcement in the estimated amount of \$181,919.56 more or less, and

WHEREAS, the 911 Emergency Fund was not be able to cover the full cost due to less revenue because of more people using cellphones instead of landline phones, and

WHEREAS, the funds are being paid out of the Inheritance Fund to be repaid by the 911 Emergency Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office benefits from the new 911 equipment so at the Special Budget meeting held on August 19, 2015 the Knox County Board of Supervisors designated that 30% of the loan for the new enhanced upgraded 911 equipment be repaid from the County Sheriff's Budget within the General Fund over a period of time with the total of \$54,575.87, and

WHEREAS, the Sheriff's Office did pay their last payment in the 2018/2019 budget, and

WHEREAS, the remainder amount due is \$50,937.47 to be re-paid over a period of time from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, so far four re-payments have been transferred from the 911 Emergency Fund to the Inheritance Fund on this loan in the amount of \$25,468.74 in September 2017, \$25,468.74 in September 2018, and \$25,468.74 in September 2019, and \$25,468.74 in September 2020

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2021/2022 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$25,468.73 from the 911 Emergency Fund (Fund 2910) to the Inheritance Fund through the claims process during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year** to be used as the fifth loan repayment (final payment) from the 911 Emergency Fund for the purchase of enhanced upgraded 911 equipment.

Dated this 9th day of September 2021.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
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Patrick J. Liska /s/
Patrick J. Liska, District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 37** to transfer through the claims process \$12,308.37 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year to comply with Public Service Commission requirements. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021- 37

WHEREAS, the Knox County 911 Wireless Service Fund was created in the 2009-2010 budget, and

WHEREAS, funds received were from the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and

WHEREAS, a portion of the funds received were to be set aside and not to be used unless approved by the Advisory Board and the Public Service Commission, and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that wireless funds cannot be co-mingled with any other funding source, and

WHEREAS, the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund was created in the 2021/2022 budget to be in compliance with Public Service Commission requirements, and

WHEREAS, there was \$12,308.37 in the 911 Wireless Service Fund that accumulated during the 2020/2021 fiscal year, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2021/2022 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer through the claims process of \$12,308.37 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2021/2022 Fiscal Year.

Dated this 9th day of September 2021.

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Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
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Virgil H. Miller /s/
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Discussion was held on cyber security. It will be helpful to secure the County website and email addresses by having a .gov domain which will help stop impersonators or spoofing. The .gov domain is now free so the Nebraska Secretary of State and Applied Connective Technologies recommend the change. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a letter for the .Gov Domain Registration to request a .gov domain so as to secure the County's website and email addresses and that the email addresses be changed to knoxcountyne.gov. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:01 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The Herrick Township Board requests that a portion of right of way adjoining Lot 13 in Stewart's Prairie Ridge be vacated and abandoned. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2021 – 38** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation/abandonment of a part of the right of way lying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2021 – 38

WHEREAS the Herrick Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon a part of the right of way adjoining Lot 13 in Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision as follows:

A part of the right of way lying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Section 22, T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning such roads, and,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning of a part of the right of way adjoining Lot 13 in Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision as described above.

Passed this 9th day of September 2021.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
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James Sokol, Jr. /s/
James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

ATTEST : (Seal)
Joann M. Fischer /s/
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Discussed complaint of road maintenance; 5. Purchase of small trailer was discussed; 6. Radiator went out of asphalt grinder; 7. Bloomfield motorgrader losing oil so will be taken in for repair and is under warranty. A loner machine will be brought in; 8. Discussed time frame for purchasing a motorgrader and a snowplow truck.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the August Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. The Planning Commission will be meeting September 21; 3. Discussed flood inspection letter; 4. Antelope County has hired a Zoning Administrator.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to add to the agenda by emergency action an executive session to discuss possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 10:34 a.m. to discuss possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on possible litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 10:47 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 10:47 a.m. the executive session held on possible litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on the Star Wars committee visit. Work will begin October 11 on the study of the area and a public meeting will be held the end of that week at the Niobrara State Park Lodge. Motel rooms are needed for those working on the study.

Great Plains representatives John Barrett, Chris Wolf and Joe Wanski met with the Board on Broadband and to ask the County to contribute some of their ARPA funds for the addition of fiber optic to homes and businesses in Bloomfield, Verdigre and Crofton. Great Plains is applying for State funds and needs matching funds. Discussion was held on LB388, ACAM funds, infrastructure funds, and the spending process of state funds. No action was taken.

Officials' updates were as follows: 1. SLFRF Administrator Nix updated the Board on a request from North Central District Health Department for 7% of ARPA funds from the counties in the District. No details were given in the request as to what projects the District is needing the funds for. Also Mrs. Nix is assisting the Sheriff's Office to apply for a \$105,000 state law enforcement grant with 0% match. Discussion was held on possible projects for the County's ARPA funds; 2. Deputy County Attorney Holecek said that they will be interviewing applicants for the administrative assistant position. Only a few applications were received; 3. Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on pediatric cases of Covid that have increased especially in Omaha and Lincoln.

There was no public comment on agenda items nor on non-agenda items.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 183,688.56; Amy Johnson, mileage, 132.10; Applied Connective Technologies, computer/warranty, 1,896.90; Automated Dairy Specialists, hand sanitizer, 65.00; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, tire repair, 20.00; Bob Barker Company Inc., supplies, 17.50; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Carhart Lumber Co., sand, 4.79; Chad Paulsen Construction, repair building & roof, 10,000.00; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 35.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,386.75; Connie Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employees Benefit Account dba HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 29,750.00; Health Reimbursement, opt out stipend, 340.00; CVSOAN, registration, 60.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, paper, 261.13; Eco Water Systems, bottled water/cups, 538.75; Gragert's, jail food, 493.73; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet & tower internet, 1,291.29; Hansen Locksmithing LLC, keys, 35.00; Hometown Leasing, office equipment, 76.18; J&K Auto, mower gas, 17.50; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, shower drains, 229.19; JoAnn Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; JoAnn P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Karen K. Reisberg, prior service, 21.00; Knox County Court, cases bound over, 237.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 122.66; Kristine Kumm, travel expense, 231.84; Landmark Surveying Associates, surveyor fee, 129.60; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 266.11; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 29.12; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Lynn Peavey Co., BLD/ACL kits, 79.00; Madison County Clerk, judges expense, 216.10; Megan Hanefeldt, travel expense, 86.24; Micro Distributing II Ltd., test kits, 438.23; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer programming, 681.16; NACO, registration, 275.00; NE Public Health Environmental Lab, blood tests, 28.60; North Central Public Power District, electricity & tower electricity, 3,663.04; Northeast Nebraska News Co., subscription, 37.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 439.63; Postmaster, postage, 531.26; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 1,939.50; Ramada Midtown, lodging, 576.00; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,757.25; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,706.28; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Secretary of State, election conference registration, 40.00; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 359.12; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00; Wayne Co. Clerk, judges expenses, 4,979.28.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 81,611.51; AG & Industrial Equipment, building repair, 171.05; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 161.05; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 762.87; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 273.81; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Carhart Lumber Co., bridge supplies, 21.57; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 152.58; C-Mart, gas, 195.52; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 6,156.62; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 420.79; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. % Health Care Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 13,125.00; Creighton Plumbing, toilet, 501.91; David Bauer, prior service, 36.00; Dustin Crosley, mileage, 109.76; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 1,335.25; Great Plains Communications, phone, 544.14; Grossenburg Implement, Inc., filters/fluids/repairs, 625.08; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 1,472.78; Jebro Inc., demurrage/mc250, 31,683.88; Kelly Supply Company, repairs, 19.42; Key Sanitation, garbage, 120.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 112.05; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 439.21; Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 113.24; N&B Gas Co., propane, 1,072.67; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 38.81; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 326.06; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 27.00; Power Plan, repairs, 129.37; Principal Life Insurance, insurance County pays, 775.80; R&K Motor Parts, ex, 669.07; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays 5,369.74; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 769.39; Simons Trucking & Pumping, rock/haul, 473.28; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 198.00; Village of Niobrara, water & sewer, 38.44; Village of Verdigre, Water, sewer & garbage, 90.29.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.12; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Joann Fischer, reimbursement of credit card payment, 156.69.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,280.10; Grafted Tree, badges, 23.00.

ROD PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND. Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, microfilming & Deeds on Line, 268.88.

COUNTY INSURANCE FUND. Name Redacted, reimbursed portion of deductible, 250.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,960.00.

C & C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,458.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 256.51; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account %HealthCare Solutions Group, Inc., insurance County pays, 875.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 156.31; Grandpa Dan’s Popcorn, popcorn for Star Wars Committee, 12.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.12; The Lincoln National Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Company, insurance County pays, 43.10; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; Stacy Miller, office supplies and food for Star Wars Committee, 56.46.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein PC, court-appointed attorney, 2,489.14; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 6.03; CenturyLink, long distance, 34.15; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 109.53; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Salaries, 3,243.02; CenturyLink, long distance, 392.76; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 563.03; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

TOTALS	
General Fund	281,555.56
Road Fund	150,213.01
Child Support Fund	364.50
Visitor’s Promo Fund	1,303.10
ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund	323.88
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,960.00
C & C Development Fund	5,148.23
Inheritance Fund	4,572.47
911 Emergency Fund	167.42
911 Wireless Service Fund	4,402.51
Total	\$452,260.68

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:51 a.m. on September 9, 2021 until Thursday, September 30, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman
