

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
January 13, 2022
9:30 a.m.

A reorganizational meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors was held in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of January 13, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors 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 Supr. Martin J. O'Connor District #1. 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.

Notice of the meeting was given in advance thereof by publication in the Creighton News 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 December 30, 2021 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved December 30, 2021 meeting minutes as read with the correction that the Clerk of the District Court November Fee Report was placed on file and that Supr. Miller seconded the motion to accept the low bid from A & R Construction Co. of O'Neill NE for Project STWD-CBMP(4): C005405805 (T1) and C005401905P (T2) (Creighton West).

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that all claims, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$442,115.86 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

At 10:00 a.m., The Board, County Officials and the public in attendance listened to Governor Ricketts give his 2022 State of the State Address that included the proposed funds for the STAR WARS/LB 406 project as well as ARPA money and other funds proposed in the State's budget.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Knox County Board of Supervisors recess at 10:36 a.m. on January 13, 2022.

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

By _____
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:36 a.m., as provided by Sec. 23-156, Sec. 23-272, 23-274 Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943.

Chairman Mackeprang appointed County Clerk Fischer as Temporary Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors due to the reorganization process.

Temporary Chairman/Co. Clk. Fischer called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2022 Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Sokol, Jr. nominated Supervisor Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Mackeprang for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Supervisor Mackeprang assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Chairman Mackeprang called for nominations three times from the floor for the 2022 Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Liska nominated Supr. Schlote.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Schlote for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #6. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Supr. Schlote assumed the duties of the Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2022.

Chairman Mackeprang announced the 2022 Committees as follows: **CATASTROPHIC LEAVE** - the recipient employee's department head, Chairman – Supr. Kevin Mackeprang, Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Sheriff Don Henery, Highway Superintendent Kevin Barta and an outside employee-Road Department; **CLAIMS** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Danny Schlote and James Sokol, Jr.; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** - Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** – Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COUNTY MACHINERY CARE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; **COURTHOUSE & GROUNDS** – Supervisors Kevin Mackeprang, Virgil Miller, James Sokol, Jr., Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Deputy Co. Clerk Rhonda

Surface and Custodian Beth Rudloff; **COURTHOUSE SECURITY** – Sheriff Don Henery, County Attorney John Thomas and Emergency Manager Laura Hintz; **COURTHOUSE SUPPLY APPROVAL OFFICER** – County Clerk Joann Fischer; **EMPLOYEE HANDBOOK & PERSONNEL SYSTEM REVIEW** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Sheriff Don Henery, Deputy County Clerk Rhonda Surface and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz; **FINANCING, BANKING & INSURANCE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Martin O'Connor and Jim Borgmann, and Co. Treasurer Lori Ebel; **PRINTING** – Supervisors James Sokol, Jr., James Borgmann and Patrick Liska; **PURCHASING** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, James Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **ROAD & BRIDGE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, James Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta.; **SAFETY** - Supervisors Danny Schlote and Patrick Liska, Emergency Manager Laura Hintz, Co. Clerk Joann Fischer, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta, Sheriff Don Henery, Custodian Beth Rudloff, Road employees Mike Beckmann, Mike Jelinek, Mike Kucera, and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz as secretary; **SAFETY COORDINATORS** – Emergency Manager Laura Hintz and Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer; **AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta and Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **BLOOMFIELD AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **CREIGHTON AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor Jim Borgmann; **GOLDENROD HILLS (HOUSING)** – Supervisor James Sokol, Jr.; **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COORDINATOR** – Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** - Supervisors James Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **KNOX COUNTY VISITORS' COMMITTEE** – Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **MISSOURI SEDIMENTATION ACTION COALITION BOARD** – Mark Simpson; **911 EMERGENCY SERVICE BOARD** - Supervisors Virgil Miller, James Sokol, Jr. and James Borgmann; **NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING** - Supervisor Virgil Miller; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NENEDD) BOARD** - Supervisor James Borgmann; **NORTHSTAR SERVICES BOARD** - Supervisor Danny Schlote; **RECREATION RIVER COOPERATING AGENCY** - Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE DISTRICT** - Supervisor Danny Schlote; **REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **SLFRF COMMITTEE (Created in 2021)** – Supervisors Kevin Mackeprang and James Sokol, Jr., Administrator Krista Nix, Co. Clerk Joann Fischer, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta, Sheriff Don Henery, and Co. Treasurer Lori Ebel.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Co. Treasurer Ebel to invest all funds of the County for the calendar year 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Absent was District #1. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller acknowledging the current salary for Veterans' Service Officer Gary Jones is \$22.22 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang designated the publishing and posting requirements of 2022 Notices of Meeting as follows: All 2022 Notices of Meeting to be posted on the Knox County Website being www.co.knox.ne.us; the Notice of Meeting for the first regular meeting of each month be published in the Creighton News, the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Crofton Journal; and special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Creighton News and Crofton Journal.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by Santee Sioux Tribe Chairman Roger Trudell, Stuart Redwing and Ron Thomas with the Santee Sioux Tribe regarding the process of vacation/abandonment of township roads, the need for access to property the Santee Sioux Tribe recently purchased as well as access to a grave located on the property purchased, and a landowner disking a road that may be or may not be vacated/abandoned. Hwy. Supt. Barta will research the matter.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 11:13 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 11:47 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1.

Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1. The One and Six Road Hearing will be held on February 10, 2022; 2. Road employee job evaluations will be held at 1:00 p.m. on February 10, 2022; 3. Safety inspections of County Sheds will be done on January 21, 2022; 4. The Board reviewed quotes from Husker Steel for several bridge projects. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to accept a quote from Husker Steel, Columbus NE for steel products for a 24 ft. x 6 in. x 40 ft. steel beam bridge with concrete deck in Valley Township (County Bridge #05-16W5) in the amount of \$89,857. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 5. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept a quote from Husker Steel, Columbus NE for steel products for a 24 ft. x 6 in. x 30 ft. steel beam bridge with concrete deck in Dowling Township (County Bridge #02-4N5) in the amount of \$69,835. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Economic Development Director Hanvey updated the Board on the recent Strategic Planning meeting.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:03 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:57 p.m. with all members present except Supr. O'Connor District #1.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the December Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the 2021 Zoning Annual reports. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Joan Stewart's Cedar Tree

cabins site plan change for the construction of four two-bedroom cabins in place of two four-bedroom cabins. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 4. Discussion was held on permits issued for machine shops and finding dwellings within the shops which should have been included on the permits. Also discussed was the fee schedule.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the increased COVID 19 cases and available hospital beds. Also given was an update on the projected snow fall.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipt Revenue List from December 30 2021 through January 12, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the County Treasurer Semi-Annual Report of Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances for six months ending December 31, 2021 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of December 31, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6, and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of the District Court December Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report of Fees Collected between October 1 and December 31, 2021. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to set the 2022 mileage rate as per the IRS rate of 58.5 cents per mile and the Sheriff's paper rate at 61.5 cents per mile. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the County Credit Card Report as of January 1, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Legislative updates were given. Sheriff Henery informed the Board of LB 921 that would be an unfunded mandate.

Committee update was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix on the final and more flexible guidelines of use of the ARPA funds.

Officials' update was given by County Clerk Fischer who had attended the open house of the Cedar County Transit for the expanded services into Knox County.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 190,879.08; Applied Connective Technologies, programming, 13,162.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 62.88; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 35.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,487.76; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 32,025.00; Donna Hays, reimburse jail food/supplies, 217.83; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 305.50; Gragert's, jail food, 701.89; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,088.60; Hagge Glass, windshield repair, 35.00; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Herbert Feed & Grain, generator diesel, 105.74; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 15.68; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 1,207.66; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 278.03; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 75.64; Loffler, printer contract, 268.62; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies, 49.88; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 681.16; NACO, training, 200.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary renewal, 30.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,097.88; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 108.00; Pengad Inc., supplies, 20.41; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitney Bowes, postage meter supplies, 339.96; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 652.93; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, supplies, 520.14; R&K Motor Parts, van battery/repairs, 327.79; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,906.67; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 186.92; US Cellular, cell phones, 357.60; Verdigre Eagle, subscription, 33.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage/hall rent, 339.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 71,915.98; A&D Service, tire repair, 49.50; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/asphalt patch 2,498.00; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 13,152.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 178.39; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 46.79; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 773.96; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,150.10; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 166.04; C-Mart, gas, 149.37; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,418.51; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 578.24; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,725.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 453.30; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel, 3,459.11; Great Plains Communications, phone, 535.83; Grossenburg Implement Inc., svc call/filters, 1,600.35; Hagge Glass, repairs, 200.00; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 6.99; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,280.60; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 2,895.00; J&K Auto, gas, 62.02; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 350.88; Kayton International, equipment rental, 4,732.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 525.19; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 101.11; N&B Gas Co., propane, 487.50; Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendents & Surveyors, registration, 50.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 69.33; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 408.55; Pease General Store, shop supplies, 41.12; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 143.11; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies, 1,739.64; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,739.91; Schaefer Garin & Feed Co., road salt, 2,136.00; Spencer Quarries Inc., red rock, 1,092.40; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 994.00; Sucha Repair, welder/shop supplies, 6,198.96; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 401.41; Vic's Service LLC, gas/shop supplies, 299.05; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.63; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.94; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 156.69; Matthew R. Fischer, reimburse supplies, 23.94.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 268.88.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,107.50.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 4,927.77; CenturyLink, long distance, 3.94; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 368.93; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 308.66; US Cellular, cell phones, 155.72.

INHERITANCE FUND. Doerr & Klein P.C. court appointed attorney, 3,694.18; Galyen Boettcher Baier PC LLO, court appointed attorney; 182.50; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.37; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, Buettner, Stover PC LLO, court appointed attorney, 1,422.18.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.90; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.28. River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21.

TOTALS	
General Fund	277,678.21
Road Fund	146,930.48
Child Support Fund	235.97
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	268.88
Covid American Rescue Plan Act	3,107.50
C&C Development Fund	5,867.20
Inheritance Fund	7,382.23
911 Emergency Fund	111.18
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>534.21</u>
Total	\$442,115.86

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:09 p.m. on January 13, 2022 until Thursday, January 27, 2022 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
