

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
February 10, 2022
9:30 a.m.

A regular 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 February 10, 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. Schlote 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 January 27, 2022 meeting were read. Chairman Mackeprang approved the January 27, 2022 meeting minutes.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition project updates; 2. Letter from County Attorney Thomas and Order of the District Court dismissing Case NO. CI 21-96 SID No. 2, etal vs. Joann Fischer; 3. Modification of Completion Requirements for Local Emergency Operations Plans.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 \$469,817.44 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Clerk of the District Court January 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. Borgmann to approve the Knox County Voting Precincts after the 2021 redistricting. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of January 27 through February 10, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:31 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor, District #1.

Hwy. Supr. Barta met the Board on the following: 1. The Road employees' job evaluations will be rescheduled; 2. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the low bid of Dixon Construction Co., Correctionville IA for Ashfalls North FEMA Bridge Project (Antelope County/Knox County line) in the amount of \$850,123.50 with a start date of August 9, 2022 noting that the Antelope County Board of Commissioners had approved the bid at their February 1, 2022 bid letting. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang opened the One-and-Six Year Road Hearing at 10:34 a.m. Hwy. Supt. Barta presented information on the Road budget; highway allocation; County/Township Allocation; Road, Hard Surface, and Bridge projects completed and proposed; equipment purchased; and personnel.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the One-and-Six Year Road public hearing at 11:00 a.m.

Officials, staff, and the Board discussed Paid Time Off (PTO) and conversion of sick leave/vacation time. Questions and concerns were addressed. The Board will make a decision on the matter at the February 24, 2022 meeting.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0186 on Steven and Michele Stich for a zoning lot combination of Lots 47 and 49, Hideaway Acres. 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. Miller to place on file the January Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 3. A Planning Commission meeting will be held March 8, 2022 and on the agenda is a Conditional Use Permit Application for John D. and Jody K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort to add an additional eight campsites for a total of 96 campsites at their campground.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on LB 942 and presented a copy of his letter submitted as testimony at the Legislative hearing. The legislative bill reverses part of last year's LB 51 and should help counties under 15,000 population and smaller towns to find law enforcement officers.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1. Supr. Sokol, Jr. informed the Board that Economic Development Director Hanvey and Stacy Miller were attending a "Star Wars" hearing in Lincoln; 2. Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on COVID-19 and the available hospital beds in the area.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 187,523.11; AmericInn Kearney, lodging, 3,689.00; Aumentum Technologies, m & s table, 3,280.87; Bear Graphics, paper, 724.00; Blue 360 Media, law books, 171.43; Chad Vanness, meeting exp., 15.21; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,239.57; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 28,365.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 25.50; Crofton Journal, subscriptions/advertisement, 91.78; DAS State Accounting, network charges, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, paper/copy agreement, 759.18; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 162.50; Gragert's, jail food, 1,196.66; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,833.39; Holly Wortmann, meeting exp., 72.23; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, paint supplies, 180.44; Julie Dather, meeting exp., 11.70; Kari Nilson, meeting exp., 24.57; Knox County Sheriff, warrants/summons, 1,244.89; Krista Nix, notary bond, 50.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 46.22; KV Electric, light repairs, 960.74; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fees, 1,534.60; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 278.03; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 101.55; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies, 115.82; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 314.40; Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition, annual membership, 1,000.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary application, 30.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,362.37; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 300.67; Postmaster, postage, 296.70; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, supplies, 957.44; R&K Motor Parts, filters, 84.16; Rebekah Jessen, meeting exp., 7.03; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,698.46; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 140.00; Sharla Hanzlik, meeting exp., 35.10; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; UNL Eastern NE Research & Extension Center, salary contract, 10,895.49; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 191.14; US Cellular, cell phones, 365.78; Verdigre Eagle, notices, board proceedings, 319.07; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 295.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 63,332.38; Avera Medical Group, drug tests, 75.00; B's Enterprises Inc., signs/flashers, 5,654.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 157.09; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies, 68.94; Bloomfield Tire & Oil, tire repair, 322.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 534.97; CHS Wausa, diesel, 662.95; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 216.45; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,761.88; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,725.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 460.28; Crofton Journal, hearing notice, 14.76; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel, 1,546.18; Great Plains Communications, phone, 534.23; Grossenburg Implement Inc., equip. rental/filters, repairs, 9,242.92; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,032.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 203.51; Jeremy Crosley, cdl renewal, 59.50; Kayton International, repairs, 100.55; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Main Street Grocery, supplies, 11.55; Moody Motor Co., alignment, 73.45; N&B Gas Co., propane, 703.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 83.80; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 443.86; Powerplan, filter, repairs, 271.94; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/oil/filters/shop supplies/bead breaker, 4,534.29; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 3,586.65; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,160.56; Russ Crosley, garbage, 92.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 324.30; Sucha Repair, oil/filter, 39.87; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 408.59; Vakoc Excavating, gravel/hauls, 49,784.55; The Verdigre Eagle, legal bids, 135.95; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires/grease, 815.53; Village of Center, water/sewer, 38.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.50; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT FUND. JEO Consulting, engineering fee, 6,600.00; The Verdigre Eagle, legal bid notice, 162.74.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Microfilm Imaging, equipment rent, 81.00; MIPS, jury list processing, 330.50.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,138.44.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 5,003.07; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 374.68; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.40; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Northeast Nebraska News Company, advertisement, 226.60; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 313.75; US Cellular, cell phones, 157.70; The Verdigre Eagle, advertisement, 288.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 5.72; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.28. Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 534.21; Three River Telco, phone, 203.70.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$ 279,726.19
Road Fund	170,311.24
Flowage Easement Fund	6,762.74
Child Support Fund	462.90
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,138.44
C&C Development Fund	6,465.98

Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	128.71
911 Wireless Service Fund	<u>737.91</u>
Total	\$469,817.44

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:24 p.m. on February 10, 2022 until Thursday, February 24, 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
