

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
February 24, 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 Thursday, February 24, 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 Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. ~~Schlote~~ Borgmann (corrected 3-10-2022) 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 Crofton Journal 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 February 10, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that all claims except Claim #22020169, 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.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from February 12 to February 23, 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. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Title 2 of the CFR, Part 200 Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan with Maximus. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Sheriff Henery updated the Board on the following: 1. Presented the Knox County Sheriff's Office 2021 Year End News Report; 2. Drawing of the proposed renovations to the Knox County Sheriff's Office.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:58 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:11 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor District #1 Martin J. O'Connor.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. County Shed inspections will not be held this year; 2. Road employee job evaluations will be held on March 31, 2022 beginning at 1:00 p.m.; 3. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 01** for the submission of documents to the State of Nebraska on the One and Six Year Road Hearing that was held on February 10, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 01

In pursuant with Section 10 of LB 1302, Knox County did hold its Public Road Hearing on February 10, 2022. Enclosed under separate cover is a One Year Map and Six Year Map with current project listings and future listings, also proof of publication. The Knox County Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt these construction plans as compiled by Knox County Highway Superintendent, Kevin R. Barta, at this time.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Absent
Marty O'Connor, District #1

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

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

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

Kevin Mackeprang /s/
Kevin Mackeprang, District #5

Danny Schlote /s/
Danny Schlote, District #6

ATTEST: (Seal)

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

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4. JEO Engineer Brian McDonald and Hwy. Supt. Barta discussed with the Board the replacement of a steel truss bridge on old Highway 121, the Opinions of Cost, design and plans of the replacement bridge, and pavement. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to set March 31, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. as the bid letting for the replacement of a steel truss bridge on old Highway 121 (Bloomfield Northeast Bridge

Project). By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 5. Discussed the Federal Lands Access Program (FLAP) and what funding or projects are covered by the program; 6. Walton FEMA bridge project update; 7. Gravel bid opening will be held at the March 31, 2022 meeting; 8. The oil bid opening will be held at the April 14, 2022 meeting; 9. March 9, 2022 is the deadline to have job applications submitted for the Crofton Yard position.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 02**, due to the failure of Herrick Township to petition against vacating and abandoning a part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision described in the following Resolution and the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Highway Superintendent to enter the Resolution in the County Road Plat Records and the same be recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. #2022 - 02

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:

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

TO PROVIDE FOR VESTING OF THE TITLE THEREOF, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF: A part of the right of way laying easterly of Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision located in Section 22, T33N, R3W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and that no damage will be sustained by the citizens of said County or the owners of property, therein, which matter has been ascertained by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 2. VESTING OF TITLE: That all title to said vacation and abandonment shall revert to the owners of the abutting real estate namely Lot 13, Stewart's Prairie Ridge Subdivision and become part of such property, as provided by law.

Section 3. WHEN OPERATIVE: The Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska this 24th of February 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the January 11, 2022 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried; 2. Discussed the Conservation Easements that the Board will consider at the March 10, 2022 meeting.

At 10:58 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing for consideration of a reuse loan application for Avery Welding. Present were Jhett and Morgan Avery as well as Jeff Christensen with NENEDD. The Averys are purchasing the Zimmel business property in Verdigre. The collateral and other lenders were discussed. Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:02 a.m. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve a reuse loan to Jhett and Morgan Avery, Avery Welding in the amount of \$125,000 at twenty years at 4.5% interest and to further waive the 1% application fee. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Claim #20220169 in the amount of \$125,000 payable to NENEDD for the Avery Welding reuse loan. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

The Board, officials, department heads and staff discussed Paid Time Off (PTO), funeral leave, the catastrophic leave donation policy and COVID-19 time. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 11:23 a.m. so as to discuss personnel and negotiations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that the executive session will be held on personnel and negotiations. The Board came out of executive session at 11:41 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:41 a.m. the executive session held on personnel and negotiations. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the Paid Time Off (PTO) Policy with the conversion from sick leave and vacation time as outlined in the policy, and to approve Conversion Scenario #2 with the maximum amount of PTO balance to be 240 hours, with the accrual of 7.33 hours per month for the first day of the month following date of hire through completion of the fourth year; 10.67 hours for the fifth years through

completion of the tenth year; 12 hours for the eleventh year through completion of the fifteenth year and 14 hours after completion of the fifteenth year. 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. Liska to add Columbus Day to the 2022 designated holidays. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, and #7. Nays Districts #5 and #6. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Funeral leave, catastrophic leave and COVID-19 time will be discussed at a future meeting.

Extension Educator Hanefeldt presented the local Extension programming and financial summaries for 2021.

Economic Development Director Harvey told the Board that there have been no new updates on the Star Wars program.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. COVID-19 update; 2. Corps of Engineers are updating their 2004 master plan; 3. There was one prize winner and a honorable mention entry from Knox County third graders who participated in the Nebraska Association of Emergency Managers' annual weather poster contest. The posters of the winners and honorable mention students will be featured in a calendar.

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

The Board made a quarterly visit to the Knox County Jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute 47-109.

GENERAL FUND. Bomgaars, office supplies, 13.77; Brite, E-Citation Kits, 50,703.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 83.26; Classic Carpet Care, mop rent, 42.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 854.95; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup/radios, 198.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 65.95; Dollar General, jail supplies/carpet cleaner, 14.09; Doug deShazer, meeting/mileage, 60.10; Farmers & Home Publishers, LTD, plat books, 375.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals, 4,066.67; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 53.08; Hagge Glass, door repair, 550.00; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 46.06; Keith Nielsen, meeting/mileage, 40.80; Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 16.00; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 117,281.31; MIPS, data conversion, 709.32; NACT, dues, 50.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 692.46; Platte Valley Communications, repair radios, 184.99; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 192.06; Reserve Account, meter postage, 4,000.00; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 35.53; Thomson Reuters-West, law books, 419.00; Tri-State Turf & Irrigation, sprinkler agreement, 375.00.

ROAD FUND. B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 945.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 255.23; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 283.20; C-Mart LLC, gas, 148.78; First National Bank Omaha, meals/gas, 55.90; Hagge Glass, repairs, 154.67; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 202.97; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 225.17; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 40.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 2,138.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tire/shop supplies, 3,143.04.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 44,334.54.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.90.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 173.90.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, computer, 931.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, loan, 125,000.00; NENEDD, admin fees, 1,398.56.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.90; Creative Revolution Marketing Agency, web site, 164.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 208.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/leadership/meals/subscription, 282.33; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 597.50; Stacy Miller, reimburse meals, 32.64.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 33.96.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 390.55.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$181,123.78
Road Fund	7,591.96
Flowage Easement Road Fund	44,334.54
Child Support Fund	4.90
Visitor's Improvement Fund	173.90
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	931.00
Economic Development Fund	126,398.56
C&C Development Fund	1,289.37
911 Emergency Fund	33.96
911 Wireless Service Fund	390.55
Total	<u>\$362,272.52</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:25 p.m. on February 24, 2022 until Thursday, March 10, 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
