

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 28, 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, April 28, 2022 at 9:30 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. Liska 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 April 14, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from NENEDD that Knox County will be recognized with the 2021-2022 Entrepreneurial Advancement Award on July 28, 2022 at The Stables in Norfolk; 2. Declaration of State of Emergency letter for assistance with wildland fire; 3. Letter from NENEDD regarding membership and return on investment; 4. Invitation for May 26, 2022 from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the O'Neill Country Club in celebration of North Central District Health Department's National Accreditation Award.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. Fires in Nebraska; 2. Avian influenza has been confirmed at Michael's Foods at Bloomfield; 3. There has been a request for CPR training; 4. Knox County is a member of the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Northeast Region and an election is being held for the Northeast representative. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to cast a vote for the one candidate of Brian Kesting as the Northeast Region representative to NRIN. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that all claims except Claim #22040188, 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 \$385,656.34 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:17 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Engineer Jeff Wagner presented information on the possible Weigand bridge replacement, how to maintain traffic during construction, proposed width, the replacement to stay in the same location, easements and permits needed from the Corps of Engineers, and deck options. Engineer Wagner will return at a future meeting with comparison costs between a deck slab bridge and a concrete slab bridge.

At 10:48 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on the Class C Liquor License Application on Jason Tomsu dba Lindy Country Club.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Update on the consignment sale in Hartington; 3. Walton bridge update; 4. Summer gravel route changes; 5. Bridge crew employee Chris Rohrer will continue grading east of Center until the bridge projects begin; 6. Discussed hiring seasonal help for the Oil Crew; 7. Repairs needed for trucks in Creighton and Bloomfield; 8. Update on finding a tractor truck to pull the lowboy trailer; 9. Discussed purchasing a used side dumper trailer at an auction in Holt County; 10. May 3, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. at the Antelope County Courthouse will be the bid opening for the micro surfacing of the Ash Fall road; 11. Discussion was held on a change order for the bridge to be replaced on the Crofton/Bloomfield County road (old Hwy. 121).

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. Presented the Visitor's Committee's recommendations of distribution of Visitor's Promo funds. Lewis & Clark SRA had submitted an application but was received too late for the Visitor's Committee to approve, however, the Board of Supervisors has the ability to accept the recommendations and to make changes. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the Visitor's Committee recommendations of Visitor's Promo Fund distributions and in addition to approve the Lewis & Clark SRA application in the amount of \$1,000. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried; 2. A feasibility study meeting was held on April 26, 2022 in Niobrara on the Star Wars project to get a sense of the need for the proposed new event center at the Niobrara State Park and how do we need it to look in our area.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open public hearing at 11:10 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Class C (Beer, Wine, Distilled Spirits, On and Off Sale) Liquor License Application for Jason Tomsu dba Lindy Country Club. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board, Hwy. Supt. Barta, County Attorney Thomas, Hill Township Board member Gary Eckmann, Santee Sioux Tribe Land Manager Mike Crosley, and landowner Randy Koch discussed a portion of 893 RD in Hill Township. Manager Crosley said that the Santee Sioux Tribe wants a one-mile portion of 893 RD between Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11

reopened as a house will be built on the Tribe's real estate they just purchased, and they want better access to that area for fire and rescue than using the open road that runs south. Landowner Randy Koch owns the SW1/4 of Section 2, the NW1/4 of Section 11 and the NE1/4 of Section 10 and is farming over the closed portion of road between the SW1/4 of Section 2 and the NW1/4 of Section 11. Discussion ensued on opening section line roads, a ~~206~~ 2006 (corrected 5-12-2022) Memorandum of Understanding Agreement and that more work needs to be done before the Board makes a decision. No action was taken.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to go into executive session at 11:32 a.m. to discuss possible land acquisition. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held on possible land acquisition. The Board came out of executive session at 11:55 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:55 a.m. the executive session held on possible land acquisition. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Noxious Weed Superintendent Banks met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the 2021 Reports and Requirements Summary for Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. A job evaluation was held on Weed Supt. Banks.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:08 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:50 p.m. with all members present.

Job evaluations were held on appointed officials Veteran Service Officer Jones, Hwy. Supt. Barta and Zoning Administrator Doerr.

Hwy. Supt. Barta presented a list of 2022 bridge and road projects.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the March Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 1:46 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when ~~discussion~~ discussing (corrected 5-12-2022) personnel.

Supr. Miller left at 2:00 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 2:20 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close the executive session at 2:20 p.m. that was held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from April 14 through April 27, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Knox County Loan Note Rescheduling/Extension Agreement for Reuse Loan #6872420. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Claim #22040188 in the amount of \$125 payable to Friends of the Missouri River from the Visitor's Promo Fund, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee, be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #3. Motion carried.

Committee update was given by SLFRF Administrator Nix who will be applying for the second half of the ARPA funds.

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

GENERAL FUND. Albin law Office, mental health board, 342.00; Bomgaars, supplies, 7.47; Carrot-Top industries Inc., supplies, 188.53; CenturyLink, long distance, 93.50; Clerk of District Court, court costs, 143.00; Clerk of the Supreme Court, court costs, 640.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 886.86; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios, 77.00; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, teletype, 448.00; Eakes Office Solutions, supplies, 1,359.83; ESRI, primary maintenance desktop, 400.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage, 3,404.06; Hage Glass, plexi glass, 120.00; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 293.85; Jeannotot Plumbing, jail sewer, 167.50; Knox County Treasurer, transfer to road, 117,281.31; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fee, 203.20; Loffler, contract base rate; 283.62; Nebraska Dept of Revenue PAD, class IAAO, 1,230.00; Northeast Nebraska News Co., subscription, 39.50; PIP, ballot envelopes, 6,843.43; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 1,515.79; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,772.18; Reserve Account, meter postage, 1,820.00.

ROAD FUND. Adams Electric Inc., install lights, 1,668.48; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,138.67; C-Mart LLC, gas, 169.46; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 516.95; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 37.38; First National Bank Omaha, office supplies/meals/lodging/seat covers/parts, 1205.69; Freeman Oil Co., diesel, 2,255.00; Herbert Feed & Grain co., diesel, 4,440.17; Kevin Barta, title/tire fee, 20.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Laflan Medical Clinic, drug test; 65.00; Love Signs, truck lettering, 208.50; McCormick Tree Trimming, equipment rental, 271.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 110.00; Mike Jelinek, reimburse meals/mileage, 259.86; N&B Gas Co., propane, 390.20; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 176.93; Netcom Inc., radio equipment, 6,201.00; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door, 378.35; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Vakoc Excavating LLC; gravel, 23,438.12; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 848.75; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/trash, 159.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel, 20,023.10.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 71.58; Pitzer Digital, LLC, publishing, 79.68.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Herbst Construction Inc., bridge contract, 149,110.72.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 5.50; First National Bank Omaha, supplies, 18.79.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. First National Bank Omaha, membership, 125.00.

VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND. First National Bank Omaha, internet, 183.90.

ROD PRES/MOD FUND. First National Bank Omaha, postage/envelopes, 33.49.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 562.50.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Bloomfield Community Club Bucks, Bloomfield bucks, 170.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 208.00; First National Bank Omaha, leadership/meals/subscription/gas, 943.97; News Channel Nebraska, back road tour, 200.00; Verdigre Improvement Club, Verdigre bucks, 80.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Bloomfield Public Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Creighton Public Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Doerr & Klein P.C., court appointed attorney, 903.44; Eastern Township Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Egly Fullner Montag Morland Easland P.C., court appointed attorney, 379.23; Lincoln Township Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Niobrara Public Library, cost share, 4,750.00; Verdigre Public Library, cost share, 4,750.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 34.03.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 391.32.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$139,560.63
Road Fund	64,089.06
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	151.26
Flowage Easement Road Fund	149,110.72
Child Support Fund	24.29
Visitor's Promo Fund	125.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	183.90
ROD Pres/Mod Fund	33.49
Economic Development Fund	562.50
C&C Development Fund	1,607.47
Inheritance Fund	29,782.67
911 Emergency Fund	34.03
911 Wireless Service Fund	391.32
Total	<u>\$385,656.34</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:32 p.m. on April 28, 2022 until Thursday, May 12, 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
