

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
June 9, 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 June 9, 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. 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 May 26, 2022 meeting were read and were approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, 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 all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$662,096.11 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from May 26 through June 8, 2022. 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 District Court May Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to reappoint Leroy Clausen of Bloomfield to another five-year term on the Knox County Veterans' Service Committee. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Deed of Reconveyance for Reuse Loan #6872409 McClellan as the final loan payment was made. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:00 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:37 a.m. with all members present.

Highway Superintendent Office Manager Katie Fritz met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang continued until the June 30, 2022 meeting the public hearing on vacation/abandonment of the approximate North 1,550 feet of 521 AVE between the E1/2NW1/4 & W1/2NW1/4 of Section 11 in Bohemia Twp. An easement was required to continue the process and such easement has not been submitted yet by adjoining landowners of the road; 2. Oil Crew update; 3. Bridge Crew update; 4. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to accept the report brought by Knox County Highway Superintendent Barta for the vacation and abandonment of a 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 19, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried; 5. Supr. Schlote made a motion, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. that the following Road Resolution be published in the Crofton Journal newspaper on June 23 and 30 and July 7, 2022. Also, a copy of said Resolution be sent by certified mail to current adjoining landowners namely Barry Mischke, Mark, Judy and Lois Keck, and David and David and Marilyn Kramer, and to area landowners Delbert Jansen, etal and Steven and Valerie Wieseler. The date of hearing on this matter being set for Thursday, July 14, 2022 at 10:30 A.M. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 12

WHEREAS, pursuant to the provisions of Section 39-1722, Nebraska Revised Statutes (Re-issue of 2004) the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska, on the 12th day of May, 2022 directed the County Highway Superintendent to make a study of the use of a portion of a platted Frankfort Township road described as follows:

A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 19, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning the above-mentioned portion of 547 Avenue in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska, and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2022, County Highway Superintendent did file his report in writing as to such road, containing a recommendation that said portion of 547 Avenue in Frankfort Township be vacated and abandoned, and

BE IT, THEREFORE RESOLVED, by the County Board of Supervisors of Knox County that a public hearing be had as provided in Section 39-1724, Nebraska Revised Statutes (Re-issue of 2004), in the Supervisors' Meeting Room in the Courthouse at Center, Nebraska on the 14th day of July 2022 at the hour of 10:30 A.M. for the purpose of determining if a 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (SE1/4SE1/4) of Section 19, the Northeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter (NE1/4NE1/4) of Section 30, the NW1/4 of Section 29 and across the SW1/4 of Section 20, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., in Frankfort Township, Knox County, Nebraska, be vacated and abandoned.

Passed, approved and adopted this 9th day of June 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. The annual Leadership Class will begin soon. The Class, held once a month for six months in various communities in Knox County, runs from 9 a.m. to approximately 3 p.m. on a weekday. Economic Development Director Hanvey asked the Board if they would consider sending new employees to the Leadership Class with a tuition cost of \$175 per person. The Board said they would not make it mandatory but would suggest participation in the Leadership Class to the new employees and if any would participate, the tuition would be paid from ARPA funds; 2. A review of the Knox County lodging tax filers was requested. The Board will send a letter to the Nebraska Department of Revenue for a list of the Knox County permit holders for review;

At 11:02 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0048 submitted by Jason Schendt.

Economic Director Hanvey continued with the following: 3. Director Hanvey asked the Board to consider changing office employee Stacy Miller from part-time to full-time as Ms. Hanvey is very busy with the Star Wars project. The Visitor's Committee recommended the status change and that the payroll to be made from the Visitor's Promo Fund. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to change Stacy Miller from a part-time employee to a full-time employee beginning July 1, 2022 and that the payroll will be made from the Visitor's Promo Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

At 11:10 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0040C Wolf Run RV Resort/John and Jodi Aschoff for one additional campground site in their campground resort making a total of ninety-seven sites. Zoning Administrator Doerr said the Planning Commission approved the application with the same conditions that were approved on the prior sites. Rita Wilken, Pat Kronberg and Evelyn Henning were present to convey concerns of water usage through the Cedar Knox Rural Water System for each additional campground, lowering water tables, restrictions of private wells being drilled too close to the rural water system wells, water pressure drop when irrigation pivots run, test well drilling in Dolphin Township, and future water demands. The Board will invite representatives of Lewis and Clark NRD/Cedar Knox Rural Water System to a future meeting to ask questions and discuss future demands for water.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 11:51 a.m. on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0040C. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 13** approving Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0040C Wolf Run RV Resort/John and Jodi Aschoff for an additional campground site making a total of ninety-seven sites in their campground resort. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 13

WHEREAS, John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort have applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0040C to add one campsite, for a total of 97 RV campsites, to the Wolf Run RV Resort on part of the Southeast Quarter of the Southeast Quarter of Section 18, and the East Half of the Northeast Quarter less 4.28 acre Government Tract of Section 19, all in Township 33 North, Range 2 West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska and,

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on May 17, 2022

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and have made a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. Each campsite shall be plainly marked with a map of such numbers provided to the Zoning Administrator.
2. Directional signs shall be installed indicating where sections of lot numbers can be found.
3. Each campsite shall have two parking stalls.

4. All access drives and parking areas shall be surfaced with gravel, asphalt or other material to free the site of mud.
5. The campground shall be compliant with all Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and Nebraska Health & Human Services standards.
6. All campers shall be licensed and road ready.
7. All amenities (such as porches, screened patios, decks, built-in grills/pizza ovens, and similar items) require a Zoning permit.
8. These conditions of approval will supersede all previous resolutions for Wolf Run RV Resort and apply to the entire resort.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the John D. & Jodi K. Aschoff dba Wolf Run RV Resort Conditional Use Permit #CU0040C for a total of 97 campsites be approved.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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

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

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

Chairman Mackeprang closed at 11:53 a.m. the public hearing on Conditional Use Permit Application #CU0048. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 14** approving Conditional Permit Application #CU0048 Jason Schendt for the construction of self-storage units and an office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 14

WHEREAS, Jason Schendt has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0048 to construct self-storage units with an office on the following described real estate:

The East ½ of the Northwest Quarter (E1/2NW1/4) of Section 20 less land deeded to the State of Nebraska by Warranty Deed recorded in Book 88 at Page 331 all in Township Thirty-three (33) North of Range Two (2) West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on May 17, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. One business sign up to 80 square feet is allowed to be placed on the property (not on the right-of-way).
2. No outside storage is allowed.
3. The structure shall be of neutral color.
4. Under the soffit lighting shall be included on the structure.
5. Applicant shall show compliance of diversion of water before construction begins.
6. Two parking stalls shall be included by the office so as to keep the driveway free of obstructions.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Jason Schendt Conditional Use Permit #CU0048 for self-storage units and an office be approved.

Dated this 9th day of June, 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/

Patrick J. Liska /s/

Kevin D. Mackeprang, District #5, Chairman

Martin J. O'Connor, District #1

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

James J. Borgmann /s/

James J. Borgmann, District #7

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/

Knox County Clerk

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the May Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz updated the Board on the following: 1. A possible NRIN fiber optic line project may be started between Knox and Holt Counties. Also 911 fiber optic is being installed between Hartington and Knox County so an additional line may be placed in this same project; 2. Update on the Tri-County Hazard Mitigation Grant.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 12:02 p.m. so as to protect the reputation of individuals 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 individuals when discussion personnel. The Board came out at 12:39 p.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 12:39 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on a request for an employee to work four ten-hour days during the summer.

A request was made by several road employees for additional wages for laydown with the Oil Crew during the summer months. Motion by Supr. Borgmann to give an additional fifty cents to several patrol operators doing laydown with the Oil Crew during the oiling season. The motion died for a lack of second.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 187,716.07; Applied Connective Technologies, printer, 300.00; Aumentum Technologies, Terra Scan support, 18,040.00; Bloomfield Pharmacy, meds, 17.90; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 65.62; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,358.70; Comfort Inn, lodging, 192.00; Connie Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 29,280.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 13.75; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance OICO, teletype, 448.00; Des Moines Stamp, stamps, 94.35; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 420.29; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 195.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/car wash, 51.85; Fry Brothers Fertilizer & Chemical, spray, 988.10; GiGi Larsen, election help, 157.19; Gragert's, jail food, 1,363.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,438.94; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jane Davidson, election help, 170.50; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 132.80; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 171.49; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Loren Hintz, election help, 55.00; Lori Ebel, reimburse blinds, 251.88; Marvin Planning Consultants, zoning regulation update, 2,500.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/supplies/meals, 105.86; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program/tax statements, 14,056.62; NACO, dues, 2,102.01; NIRMA, insurance/workers comp, 72,119.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,879.38; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 111.58; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 376.97; PowerTech, generator service contract, 1,400.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, supplies, 1,099.22; 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, 12,671.17; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; Telebeep, pagers, 21.39; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.02; US Cellular, cell phones, 365.50; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 68,443.20; B's Enterprises Inc., culvert/bands/cones/nuts/brackets, 32,613.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 416.67; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,218.26; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 16.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Carhart Lumber Co., shop supplies, 85.39; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 231.95; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,145.22; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 2,352.99; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 1,733.57; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 20.26; Farmer's Pride, diesel/oil, 9,068.51; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,314.20; Great Plains Communications, phone, 538.58; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs/fluid/filters, 2,078.16; J&K Auto, gas, 84.01; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 51.50; Kayton International, oil/filters/repairs, 126.98; Kevin Barta, reimburse fees and inspection, 30.00; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 151.36; Larry Pilar, prior service, 42.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 45.41; NIRMA, insurance/workers comp, 95,614.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 279.54; Pinkelman Truck and Trailer, repairs, 14,222.15; Powerplan, repairs, 2,292.08; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,481.53; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 688.97; Schreier Lumber Company, shop supplies, 23.10; Sucha Repair, oil/air filters/repairs, 274.35; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 412.25; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 40.13; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,428.79.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fees, 561.25.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 3.87; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.35; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 435.66.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,774.38.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 5,236.50; CenturyLink, long distance, 3.87; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 392.55; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.35; 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, 329.50; Stacy Miller, reimburse meals, 45.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.62.

INHERITANCE FUND. Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Veronica Jetensky, %Carney Law, inheritance tax refund, 3,465.14.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.45; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.08; 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	\$376,985.06
Road Fund	267,437.37
Flowage Easement Road Fund	561.25
Child Support Fund	215.60
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	435.66
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,774.38
C&C Development Fund	6,271.17
Inheritance Fund	5,548.47
911 Emergency Fund	129.24
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
Total	\$662,096.11

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 1:15 p.m. on June 9, 2022 until Thursday, June 30, 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
