

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
August 11, 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 August 11, 2022 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, 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 Patrick J. Liska District #2. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Supr. Miller 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 July 28, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition; 2. National opioid settlement check.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote 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 #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$520,070.26 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Emergency Manager Hintz met with the Board on the following: 1. High speed fiber optics is now available at the Lindy tower. A five-year contract with Great Plains Communications was reviewed. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a five-year contract with Great Plains Communications for internet services to the Lindy tower at a cost of \$611.80 per month. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried; 2. A meeting will be held on September 20, 2022 in the Basement Conference Room with entities to obtain information on Hazard Mitigation; 3. There are no villages or cities in Knox County that will be applying for FEMA funds on Disaster DR-4662.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 10:14 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 10:34 a.m.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 10:34 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess for Board of Equalization at 10:36 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:52 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Patrick J. Liska District #2.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 21** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign Environmental Services Agreement – BK1732 Supplemental Agreement No. 1 on BRO-7054(19) Bridge Project, Control Number 31821 Verdigre North. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES AGREEMENT – BK1732
SUPPLEMENTAL AGREEMENT NO. 1**

**KNOX COUNTY
Resolution No. 2022 – 21**

Whereas: Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc. have previously executed an Environmental Services agreement for a transportation project for which the Local Public Agency (LPA) would like to obtain Federal funds; and

Whereas: Knox County understands that it must continue to strictly follow all Federal, State and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of this Federal-aid project; and

Whereas: Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc. wish to enter into a Supplemental Environmental Services agreement, setting out modifications and/or additional duties and/or funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.

Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska that:

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors, is hereby authorized to sign the attached Environmental Services Supplemental Agreement No. 1 between Knox County and HDR Engineering, Inc.

Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement and any Supplemental Project Agreements.

NDOT Project Number: BRO-7054(19)
NDOT Control Number: 31821
NDOT Project Description: Verdigre North

Adopted this 11th day of August, 2022 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County, Nebraska:

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/
Absent District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/
James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Board/Council Member Supr. Sokol, Jr.
Moved the adopt of said resolution
Member Supr. Miller Seconded the Motion
Roll Call: 6 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 1 Absent
Resolution adopted, signed, and billed as

Attest: (Seal)
adopted
Joann M. Fischer /s/
County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Creighton West Project update; 3. Walton Bridge update; 4. Lazy River Acres update; 5. Center West bridge project update; 6. Weigand Bridge update; 7. Bridge Crew update; 8. Oil Crew update; 9. Black Hills Energy will be installing a private natural gas line north of Bloomfield. The private line will be paid for and owned by Mark Miller Feedlot; 9. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 22** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #4 #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #2. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION
SIGNING OF THE COUNTY ANNUAL CERTIFICATION OF PROGRAM COMPLIANCE
2022**

Resolution No. 2022 - 22

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2115, 39-2119, 39-2120, 29-2121, and 39-2510(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statute, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Knox County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Adopted this 11th day of August, 2022 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/
Absent District #2

Virgil H. Miller /s/
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

James J. Borgmann /s/
James Sokol, Jr. /s/

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(Signature of Clerk)

A grass roots patriot group met with the Board about election fraud. A video was presented by Connie Reinke on questioning of election equipment, election integrity and wanting to do hand counting of ballots.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:22 p.m. for lunch.

Supr. Sokol, Jr. left the meeting at 12:22 p.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 12:54 p.m. with all members present except Supervisors Patrick J. Liska District #2 and James Sokol, Jr. District #4.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

Public comment on non-agenda items was given by the following officials: 1. Supr. O'Connor regarding ordering the microphones and the completion of the televisions in the Boardroom; 2. County Assessor McManigal said she had talked to Jerry Nunan regarding a tower placed on Santee Sioux Tribal ground and federal funds available. SLFRF Administrator Nix had reached out to NACO on the available communications funds; 3. County Clerk Fischer informed the Board that this coming Veterans Day, the National Association of Counties and the National Association of County Veteran Service Officers invite the nation's 3,069 counties, parishes and boroughs to join Operation Green Light and show support for veterans by lighting our windows or buildings green from November 7 to November 13 which will let veterans know they are seen, appreciated and supported. Veteran Service Officer Gary Jones and County Clerk Fischer support the project and the Board was asked if participation in Operation Green Light would be permissible on the Courthouse Square. The Board agreed to the project; 4. Sheriff Henery informed the Board that two people have been arrested in Iowa for the burglary in Crofton and are awaiting extradition to Knox County.

Insurance Agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board with health insurance options. Discussion was held on family coverage, effects of coverage on affordable tax credits, cost of insurance on the marketplace, possible premiums, and cost share of premiums. Mr. Hammer will return to a future meeting with proposals.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List from July 28 through August 10, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve the new corporate manager applications submitted to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission by Santee Sioux Nation Featherhill Express and Tatanka Golf Club. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to pass on applying for FEMA funds on Disaster DR-4662 as the damage was minimal. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion ensued on the large number of campers that are not licensed or hold current licensing in campgrounds in the lake area. More recently approved campgrounds require the campground owners to make sure the people parking campers have the campers registered and licensed. Several newer campground owners were contacted, and one owner assured the matter will be remedied. The Board directed Zoning Administrator Doerr to send a letter to the campground owners to remind them of the requirements to retain their permits. Also, the State Department of Revenue will be contacted; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the July Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

County Sheriff Henery discussed the Wausa Law Enforcement Contract that expired June 15, 2022. Wausa Village paid the contract costs for the last two months and County Attorney Thomas informed County Sheriff Henery the payment of the village law enforcement constitutes a contract. A new written contract will be drafted and if the Board approves the contract now, Chairman Mackeprang would be able to sign it then. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve a law enforcement contract between the Village of Wausa and Knox County and once drafted it will be signed by Chairman Mackeprang. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays District #1. Absent were Districts #2 and #4. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 183,389.91; Applied Connective Technologies, programming, 3,190.51; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 49.31; Christal McDonald, transcript, 138.75; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,243.95; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,110.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 522.35; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 71.50; Gragert's, prisoner food, 1,097.55; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,370.21; Hefner Hardware, janitor supplies, 19.90; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Independent Pest Management, mole traps, 85.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, jail sewer, 140.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 253.52; Landmark Surveying Associates, survey fee, 761.25; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 213.26; Madison County Treasurer, probation officer, 10,626.70; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 48.76; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; Nebraska Sheriff's Association, registration, 130.00; Norfolk Daily News, subscription, 222.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,380.19; Pitney Bowes, meter supplies, 339.96; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; R&K Motor parts, oil/filter/repairs, 260.94; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,570.25; Telebeep, pagers, 64.17; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.80; US Cellular, cell phones, 367.32; Vic's Service LLC, weed pickup tires, 336.76; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,068.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 66,576.38; Bauer Built Inc., tires, 946.54; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 130.08; Bloomfield Auto Parts, shop supplies/oil/oil filter, 145.55; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 1,279.49; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 385.44; Carlson Home & Auto Inc., shop supplies, 30.30; CHS Wausa, diesel, 1,703.67; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 96.18; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,002.39; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 6,623.51; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 335.22; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 36.43; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 6,954.83; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,197.80; Great Plains Communications, phone, 547.74; Grossenberg Implement Inc., repairs, 1,310.95; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,963.25; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 4,950.00; J&K Auto, tire repair, 15.50; Jebro Inc., mc3000, 72,237.33; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 22.96; Kayton International, repairs/equipment rental, 1,843.72; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 1,691.99; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Mariner Lane Sales & Service, clean off tar, 400.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 40.01; NMC Inc., repairs, 570.98; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 304.56; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 67.68; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; Pro Crane Services LLC, equipment rental, 4,690.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/supplies/filters, 1,796.75; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 167.45; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,355.53; Schreier Lumber Company, shop supplies, 25.57; Spencer Quarries Inc., red rock, 703.06; Sucha Repair, oil/oil filter, 58.53; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 414.59; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/shop supplies, 3,143.30; Vic's Service LLC, gas, 690.13; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 39.13; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 82.64; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 159.95; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 20,974.83.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 690.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.66; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,640.00.

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,909.50.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 1,552.27.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,813.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.66; 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, 233.44; University of Nebraska, training, 2,000.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 162.14.

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

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.40; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 106.40; Three River Telco, phone, 17.71.

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

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 1,220.83.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$ 269,446.63
Road Fund	230,497.16
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	690.00
Child Support Fund	293.04
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,640.00
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,909.50
Economic Development Fund	1,552.27
C&C Development Fund	6,595.02
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	130.51
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>1,220.83</u>
Total	\$ 520,070.26

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 3:00 p.m. on August 11, 2022 until Wednesday, August 17, 2022 at 8:30 a.m. for a special budget meeting and until Thursday, August 25, 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
