

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
September 8, 2022
9:00 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors met in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Thursday, September 8, 2022 at 9:00 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.

Office Clerk Burman 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.

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised Budget Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2022/2023 Knox County proposed budget.

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised special public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final 2022 Tax Request.

Discussion was held on the 2022/2023 proposed Knox County budget and the proposed 2022 tax request.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open budget hearing at 9:33 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed budget.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open special hearing on the Final 2022 Tax Request at 9:33 a.m. There was no one present in opposition to the proposed final tax request/levy for 2022/2023.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors followed the 2022/2023 Budget Hearing and the Final 2022 Tax Request Hearing.

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 August 25, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the executive session was held on personnel and the levies for the Knox County Ag Society will be 0.004359 for the General Fund and 0.003269 for the Capital Improvement Fund.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Letter from County Attorney Thomas regarding Attorney General's opinion on SID #2 voting and participating in meetings by Zoom calls; 2. Copy of letter from Attorney General regarding notice of prospective litigation and demand for records retention on election challenge.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve an additional 1% over the 2 1/2% basic limitation allowable increase to restricted funds for the 2022/2023 budget process. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve and adopt the presented 2022/2023 Knox County Budget, noting the valuation increased by \$55,373,200 and the property tax request was decreased by \$7,522.93 from last year, and to adopt **Resolution #2022- 27** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2022/2023 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**KNOX COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS**

RESOLUTION #2022 - 27

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 17th day of August with revisions completed on the 25th day of August 2022, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of SUPERVISORS of Knox County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Knox County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 8th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2022.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/ _____

Martin J. O'Connor /s/ _____

Patrick J. Liska /s/ _____

Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 28** setting the 2022 property tax request at \$3,615,935.98 with a levy of 0.1577603 per \$100 of assessed value noting the 2022 levy decreased by 0.004234 from last year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 28
RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Knox County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of Knox County, resolves that:

1. The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at \$3,615,935.98.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by .73%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.157931 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Knox County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.157603 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the operating budget of Knox County will be \$25,335,153.58 (does not include \$1,100,000 for cash reserve in the General Fund), which exceeds last fiscal year's operating budget by 2%.
6. The cash reserve for the General Fund will remain at \$1,100,000.00.
7. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the Knox County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022.

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Budget Message of the adopted 2022/2023 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 29** to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 29

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2022-2023 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2022-2023 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,034,829.37 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, transfers through the claims process were needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2022-2023 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2022-20 directing the Knox County Clerk to transfer through the claims process \$117,281.31 in July, 2022 and \$117,281.31 in August, 2022, from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

WHEREAS, a remainder of \$800,266.75 needs to be transferred from September 2022 through June 2023 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2022/2023 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knox County Clerk is hereby directed to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to be as follows: **\$80,026.63 for September 2022, and \$80,026.68 for October, November and December of 2022, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2023.**

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
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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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 30** to transfer through the claims process \$460,590.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the General Fund during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year as tax relief noting that \$157,350 will be used for the PTO Conversion buyout and \$303,240.90 will be used for the second loan repayment for the Bloomfield North road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 30

WHEREAS, due to unfunded mandates, escalating prices, valuation increases, and loss of revenues, a transfer of funds from the Inheritance Fund would create a tax relief to the taxpayers of Knox County for the fiscal year 2022-2023, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$157,350.00 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would create that needed tax relief, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$303,240.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would then be transferred to the Flowage Easement for the Bloomfield North project and create that needed tax relief, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Knox County Board of Supervisors approve the **transfer of \$460,590.92 through the claims process from the Knox County Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund during the 2022/2023 fiscal year as tax relief.**

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

Martin J. O'Connor /s/
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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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 31** to transfer through the claims process \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund to be used as the second loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 31

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved at their February 13, 2020 meeting, a road project named "Bloomfield North" project where the County would oil 7.4 miles between Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 12 on 543 Ave. North

of Bloomfield would be milled, graded and oiled with hot-mix by Western Engineering Co., Inc., Harlan, IA, in the amount of approximately \$2.37 million, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board approved at their August 26, 2021 meeting to pay for the Bloomfield North project from the Flowage Easement Road Fund, as a loan to be repaid over 10 years or earlier and the repayment to be made by taxation, or if needed sometime during the repayment period, to use some funds from the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Flowage Easement Road Fund was created when the County of Knox sued the U.S. Corps of Engineers and received \$10,049,868 from the Court settlement to cover the expenses associated with rebuilding bridges and roads damaged by the Missouri River and its' tributaries due to sedimentation, and

WHEREAS, the funds to repay the loan to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be collected in the General Fund and then transferred to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the project was completed in the 2020/2021 fiscal year with the final cost of the project being \$3,032,409.17 making a total of \$303,240.92 due each year for 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the first loan repayment in the amount of \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund was made in the 2021/2022 Knox County Budget and

WHEREAS, the second loan repayment will be in the amount of \$303,240.92 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2022/2023 fiscal year, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2022/2023 Knox County budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund through the claims process during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year** to be used as a partial loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project.

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 32** to transfer through the claims process \$37,200 from the Knox County General Fund to the C & C Development Fund for the 2022/2023 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 32

WHEREAS, Knox County entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with other entities in Knox County and Great Plains Communications, Inc. for the creation of the Knox County Development Agency, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Development Agency hires an executive director to operate the program so as to educate and organize promotion, encouragement, development, research, increased knowledge, appreciation and practice of economic development and to help to preserve and enhance the Knox County community's economic growth, and

WHEREAS, Knox County contributes \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary plus benefits that includes a \$355 health insurance stipend, a County-paid single dental/vision insurance policy, a County-paid \$15,000 single life insurance policy, the County-paid retirement rate and the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security) along with an office space, and

WHEREAS, the taxes to pay Knox County's share of the Interlocal Agreement is collected in the General Fund and is to be transferred to the C & C Development Fund, and

WHEREAS, the 2022/2023 Knox County budget is approved, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$37,200 during the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 through the claims process from the General Fund to the C & C Development Fund to pay the following budgeted amount for the Executive Director: \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary, \$5,478 for the health insurance stipend, \$674 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single dental/vision policy, \$72 for the payment of the premium of a County-paid \$15,000 single life insurance for the Executive Director, \$2,801 for the County-paid retirement rate and \$3,175 for the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security).

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

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

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

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

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

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 33** to transfer through the claims process \$17,931.50 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year to comply with Public Service Commission requirements. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022- 33

WHEREAS, the Knox County 911 Wireless Service Fund was created in the 2009-2010 budget, and
WHEREAS, funds received were from the Nebraska Public Service Commission, and
WHEREAS, a portion of the funds received were to be set aside and not to be used unless approved by the Advisory Board and the Public Service Commission, and
WHEREAS, it has been determined that wireless funds cannot be co-mingled with any other funding source, and
WHEREAS, the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund was created in the 2022/2023 budget to be in compliance with Public Service Commission requirements, and
WHEREAS, there was \$17,931.50 in the 911 Wireless Service Fund that accumulated during the 2021/2022 fiscal year, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2022/2023 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer through the claims process of \$17,931.50 from the 911 Wireless Service Fund to the 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund during the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year.**

Dated this 8th day of September 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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

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Patrick J. Liska /s/
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Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

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

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 34**, with a designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, declaring from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2022, a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service and in observance of Operation Green Light, Knox County encourages its citizens to recognize the importance of honoring those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 34 **SUPPORTING OPERATION GREEN LIGHT FOR VETERANS**

WHEREAS, the residents of Knox County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all of the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of the men and women who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Knox County seeks to honor these individuals who have paid in the high price for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, Veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veteran Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors appreciates the sacrifices of our United States Military Personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, Knox County hereby declares from October through Veterans Day, November 11, 2022 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from Active Service; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, Knox County encourages its citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying a green light in a window of their place of business or residence.

Dated this 8th day of September, 2022.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
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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

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

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

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller 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 \$959,022.57 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue Report from August 25, 2022 through September 6, 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 the District Court August Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a Special Designated Liquor License Application for Bohemian One Stop for a special event at the Eagle View Group Lodge/Niobrara State Park on October 29, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to provide deer carcass dumpsters again this year at the Niobrara County Yard, the Creighton County Yard, in the north part of the Knox County Fairgrounds, and possibly a site in the Crofton area from November 1 through December 9, 2022 with the cost to be paid from the County KENO Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:13 a.m. with all members present.

Highway Superintendent Office Clerk Ranae Gall met with the Board on the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang signed a contract in the amount of \$1,227,011.04 between Knox County and Theisen Construction, Inc. for the Weigand Bridge project. The Board had approved the Theisen Construction Inc. bid at the July 28, 2022 meeting; 2. Bridge Crew update; 3. Oil Crew update; 4. The Raymond Township Board submitted a request for the vacation and abandonment of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres Subdivision. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 35** directing Highway Superintendent Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 - 35

WHEREAS the Raymond Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision described as follows:

1. The North-South portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Lot 1 and Lot 2, except the South 25 feet thereof, Block G;
2. The East-West portion of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Block F. This excludes the North-South portions of Cottonwood Drive contiguous to Blocks D and G;
3. That part of Cottonwood Drive that was conveyed as a tract to Carolyn Mass in Deed Book 115, Page 757 more fully described as: Commencing at a point 10 feet South of the Southwest corner of Lot 2 in Block D of the plat of Lazy River Acres; thence West 15 feet; thence Northwesterly to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block F of said plat; thence due North to the South bank of the Missouri River; thence Northeasterly following the South bank of said river to a point due North of a point 10 feet East of the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block D of said plat; thence Southwesterly to the Northeast corner of Lot 1 in Block D of said plat; All located in Lazy River Acres Subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska.

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of closing such roads, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning three portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska as described above.

Passed this 8th day of September 2022.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

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Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

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

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the August Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0195 Travis Barney for a 5.54 tract split in the S1/2SW1/4 and the SW1/4SE1/4 of Section 18, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Technicians from Applied Connective Technologies were present to assist the Board with the new microphones and other technical matters in the Board room.

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

Sheriff Henery and the Board discussed updating the communications and technical systems in the Boardroom and the Basement Conference Room for security reasons and to use ARPA funds.

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

Janet Frank and several people with a grass roots group met with the Board and presented three election resolutions. Discussion was held on election processes. The Board took no action.

Nikki Pinkelman with Cedar County Transit met with the Board regarding the transit grant that will end December 31, 2022. Discussion ensued on the costs of Cedar County Transit providing service to the eastern side of Knox County, federal and state cost sharing, and scheduling a meeting with the Cedar County Commissioners to discuss the future of continued service into Knox County. Supervisors O'Connor, Schlote and Chairman Mackeprang will meet with the Cedar County Commissioners on September 27, 2022 to discuss projected costs and options.

Officials update was given by the following: 1. Chairman Mackeprang informed the Board of an upcoming North Central District Health Department meeting. 2. County Clerk Fischer reminded the Board of the upcoming Northeast District NACO meeting to be held in Norfolk on Friday, September 16, 2022. Also, North Central District Health Department will be at the Knox County Courthouse on September 29, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. for a vaccine clinic that will be available to the Knox County employees, their families, and the public.

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 190,682.46; Amy Johnson, mileage, 90.63; Applied Connective Technologies, IT agreement, 3,180.31; Bob Barker Company Inc., uniforms, 76.05; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; Center Garage, battery, 210.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 44.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,867.01; Connie Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 30,195.00; Creston Fertilizer

Company, chemicals, 3,698.64; CVSOAN, training, 60.00; D&L Tire LLC., tires, 1,041.96; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance OCIO, teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 425.57; EcoWater Systems, bottled water/salt, 397.00; Gragert's, jail food, 1,561.39; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,408.65; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 76.18; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jeannoutot Plumbing, jail sewer, 75.00; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Joann M. Fischer, reimburse title and tire fee, 15.00; Karen K. Riesberg, prior service, 21.00; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 170.08; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 281.90; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 30.98; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 131.25; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,398.69; Northeast Nebraska News Company, subscription/publishing, 175.54; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 554.39; Postmaster, annual permit fee, 275.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,151.36; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 775.99; Region 4 Behavioral Health System, quarterly bill, 6,700.75; Region IV Inc., quarterly bill, 2,521.50; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,067.58; Roma Walton, prior service, 51.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.80; US Cellular, cell phones, 367.32; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/envelopes, 700.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 75,243.37; B's Enterprises Inc., culvert, 28,000.00; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 3,457.43; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 106.11; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 24.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 153.29; C-Mart, gas, 278.12; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,665.42; Country Market, shop supplies, 9.89; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Diesel Machinery Inc., dynapac roller, 69,800.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,925.25; Freeman Oil Company LLC, diesel, 2,387.10; Great Plains Communications, phone, 542.99; Grossenberg Implement Inc., repairs/oil/filters, 1,109.51; Jacob Bathke, dirt, 900.00; Jacob Dendinger, equipment rental, 523.68; Jebro Inc., mc3000, 192,597.51; Kayton International, def, 39.30; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 177.17; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 1,742.17; Light and Siren, shop supplies, 808.46; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 27.95; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 437.50; Marc Mastalir, prior service 14.00; Mobile Binders, surveyor books, 2,770.63; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 37.78; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 301.31; Powerplan, repairs, 1,282.31; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/supplies/filters, 2,127.06; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,938.20; Rohrer Welding, repairs/cattle gate, 1,495.00; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 164.55; Schreier Lumber Company, shop supplies, 54.40; SD Local Transportation Assistance Program, reg. dues, 125.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 414.59; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.38; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 21,703.02.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 1,001.25; John Prouty Const. Co., dirt contract, 114,444.99; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 41,867.87.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 54.44; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 3,060.75.

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

ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND. MIPS, computer program, 274.06; Mobile Binders, binding, 675.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 4,329.75.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,813.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; First National Bank Omaha, travel/leadership/supplies, 2,197.35; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 54.44; Legendary Graphics, banners, 95.00; 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; US Cellular, cell phone, 162.14; 4Imprint, promo products, 1,327.04.

INHERITANCE FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 43,416.25; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Sid Dillon Chevrolet Buick, 2022 malibu, 17,782.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.33; 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. City of Norfolk, regional host network, 536.39; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$281,056.13
Road Fund	438,249.06
Flowage Easement Road Fund	157,314.11
Child Support Fund	214.82
Visitor's Promo Fund	3,060.75
Visitor's Improvement Fund	183.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	949.06
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	4,329.75
C&C Development Fund	8,217.19

Inheritance Fund	63,281.58
911 Emergency Fund	130.44
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>1,297.87</u>
Total	\$959,022.57

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:06 p.m. on September 8, 2022 until Thursday, September 29, 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
