

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
October 13, 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 October 13, 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.

Deputy County Attorney Jensen 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 September 29, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that Roger Wiese resigned as director of the North Central District Health Department.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Copy of article from the Crofton Journal newspaper on the LB644 public hearing.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska 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 \$458,196.38 are listed at the end of these proceedings

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of September 28 – October 11, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Clerk of District Court September Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between July 1 and September 31, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 9:59 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:12 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 1. Discussion was held on cost sharing of a dredging plan for the Ponca Creek in the Lazy River Acres area. It could possibly cost Knox County \$215,385 with additional costs in the future. Motion by Supr. Sokol, seconded by Supr. Liska to have Knox County commit to \$215,385 which is 35% of the cost of a proposed dredging project of the Ponca Creek in the Lazy River Acres area and part of the 35% County share will be in like-kind services. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. A request with petition signatures was received from the Frankfort Township Board for the vacation and abandonment of a 0.8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in Section 19 of Frankfort Township. Discussion was held on directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the requested vacation and abandonment, review of a letter from Attorney Mark Fitzgerald regarding the requested vacation/abandonment, gating of the platted open road, pending litigation, and parties using the road for access to their property. Chairman Mackeprang called for a motion to direct Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of a 0.8-mile portion of Platted Road #732 in the S1/2N1/2NW1/4 and the S1/2NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 19, T33N, R2W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. No motion was made so no action took place; 3. Oil Crew update; 4. Bridge crew update; 5. Update on the Weigand Bridge project.

At 11:17 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened a public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0051 for a private Amish family cemetery for John and Susan Troyer.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 6. The road with the box culvert project will be opened in the next week. Funding of the project costs will be made from the Highway Bridge Buyback Fund; 7. Update on the Verdigre North bridge project; 8. Discussion was held on Supervisors delivering County checks to vendors in their district.

Chairman Mackeprang closed at 11:43 a.m. the open public hearing on Conditional Use Permit #CU0051. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve Conditional Use Permit #CU0051 John and Susan Troyer for establishing a private Amish family cemetery for the private use of only members of the Amish community who move to or live in Knox County, Nebraska and said cemetery to be located in the SW1/4NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 12, T30N, R8W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the September Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to approve Administrative Plat #P0198 Clint Hughes for a zoning lot combination of Lots 1732, 1733 and 1734, Block 17, Devils Nest Subdivision with the stipulation that the fees be paid. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to go into executive session at 11:49 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussion 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 personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 12:03 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to close at 12:03 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz discussed the invitation of the Ponca Tribe to partner with them regarding the chronic wasting disease of deer happening in Knox County. More information will be researched.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to place on file the Accreditation of the Knox County Sheriff's Office from the Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice.

The State of Nebraska deeded to the County of Knox a road owned by the Nebraska Game and Parks in Section 21 of Herrick Township and as per an interlocal agreement between the County of Knox and Sanitary and Improvement District No. 2, the County will deed the road to the SID. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a deed from the County of Knox to Sanitary and Improvement District No. 2 for a one-mile portion of road in Section 21, T33N, R3W as per an interlocal agreement approved by the Knox County Board of Supervisors on June 30, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

SLFRF Administrator Nix presented information on the recent creation by the American Rescue Plan (ARPA) of the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund that would appropriate \$50,000 to Knox County because of the underfunding of PILT funds. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize SLFRF Administrator Nix to apply for the Local Assistance and Tribal Consistency Fund allocation that would appropriate approximately \$50,000 to Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND. Salaries, 189,001.59; Applied Connective Technologies, monthly programming, 3,199.31; Bridge Finch Tree Care, trim and remove trees, 11,400.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,694.82; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 30,195.00; Creston Fertilizer Company, chemicals, 841.25; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper, 1,041.55; EcoWater Systems, bottled water, 624.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,362.67; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, janitor supplies, 24.98; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 28.13; K/V Electric LLC, fix lights, 774.53; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 159.72; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 101.25; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; Nebraska Association of County Assessors, meals, 25.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,347.47; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 211.05; Pitney Bowes, postage meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 1,643.62; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 310.88; R&K Motor Parts, cushion/reservoir, 112.07; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 12,978.52; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 280.00; Software Unlimited Corp., software, 3,832.80; Superior Turf Management LLC, lawn service, 395.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.80; US Cellular, cell phones, 322.84; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 74,825.53; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 213.06; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 994.16; Brian Dather, CDL renewal, 60.00; City of Bloomfield, water, 28.00; C-Mart, gas, 250.48; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,633.49; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 13,725.00; Dollar General, shop supplies, 36.65; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 7,922.32; Great Plains Communications, phone, 543.54; Grossenberg Implement Inc., def/oil/filters, 226.38; Herbert feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,800.81; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 11,475.00; J&K Auto, tire repair/gas, 72.50; Jedlica's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 46.42; Josh Bourn, safety vest, 13.99; Key Sanitation, garbage, 60.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance county pays, 113.24; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 20.17; Moody Motor Co., repairs, 73.45; N&B Gas Co., propane, 2,156.95; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 38.30; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 305.66; Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door repairs, 176.50; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 28.00; Powerplan, repairs, 4,672.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 806.76; R&K Motor Parts, repairs /filters, 504.41; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,909.98; Roger's Auto Repair, shop supplies, 44.00; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 2,437.65; Russ Crosley, garbage, 92.00; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,646.00; Straight-line Striping Inc., centerline striping, 21,302.20; Sucha Repair, oxygen/acetylene, 458.79; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 414.59; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 1,036.25.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Matthew R. Fischer, reimburse office supplies, 127.52; Maximus Inc., cost allocation, 1,000.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,879.25.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,958.88.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,813.33; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 5.96; Pitzer Digital, subscription, 40.00; 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.

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

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.09; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.82; 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, 173.97; OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$280,834.06
Road Fund	159,272.27
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,036.25
Child Support Fund	1,420.42
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,879.25
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,958.88
C&C Development Fund	4,634.88
Inheritance Fund	2,083.33
911 Emergency Fund	129.62
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>935.45</u>
Total	<u>\$458,196.38</u>

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:16 p.m. on October 13, 2022 until Thursday, October 27, 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
