

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
November 10, 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 November 10, 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 October 27, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann 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 \$696,626.80 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of October 25 – November 8, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Audit Report of Knox County from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 which audit was conducted by the Nebraska Auditor of Public Accounts and to place on file publisher affidavits from the Crofton Journal and Creighton News/Knox County News giving notice the audit report was completed and is on file in the Knox County Clerk's Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the recent Operation Green Light program.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:25 a.m. with all members present.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the public hearing at 10:27 A.M. that was opened at the October 27, 2022 meeting for vacation and abandonment of three portions of Cottonwood Drive in Lazy River Acres, a platted subdivision located in Section 16, T33N, R7W of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. No one was present in opposition. It was then moved by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska that the publisher's affidavit of publishing notice herein, be filed with these minutes and as part of this record. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2022 - 44** to vacate and abandon three portions of Cottonwood Drive located in Lazy River Acres, a platted 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 - 44

WHEREAS, upon the public hearing duly held, after proper notice given, it appears that it would be in the public interest to require the vacation and abandonment of the following portions of Cottonwood Drive in the Lazy River Acres subdivision located in Raymond Township, Knox County, Nebraska 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 Carolyne Maas 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.

BE IT, FURTHER, RESOLVED, that the County Clerk mail a copy of this Resolution to each member of the Township Board of Raymond Township in Knox County, by certified mail, filing her receipts therefore as part of this record.

Passed and approved this 10th day of November 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA
By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following; 1. Discussed repairs needed for the 2015 John Deere backhoe purchased used in 2019; 2. Updates on the Weigand bridge and removal of the detour road; Ash Fall bridge; Center West bridge; Verdigre North bridge; and Hwy. 121 bridge; 3. Chris Adelman with Husker Steel and the Board reviewed proposed plans for replacement of the Creighton North bridge and the "Burkhardt" bridge southwest of Verdigre. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the quotes from Husker Steel for steel products in the amount of \$228,804 for the Creighton North steel beam bridge with concrete deck and \$123,796 for the "Burkhardt" inverset bridge southwest of Verdigre. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Supr. Sokol, Jr. told the Board he had received a call that a bucket of nails was left in the middle of a County road and he drove to inspect the site. Some of the nails were picked up by the caller however others had been moved on the road after the road had been bladed. The patrol operator brought a magnet to the site to pick up the rest of the nails; 5. A request to backslope an area that had been worked on many years ago was received and there has been an issue with planting in the right of way in that area.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 10:53 a.m. to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated that 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 11:05 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to close at 11:05 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Emergency Manager Hintz handed out news releases regarding the SBA Working Capital Loans Due to Drought and Winter Weather Preparedness Day is November 10.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:08 a.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 was being held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:34 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 11:34 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Insurance agent Jeff Hammer met with the Board regarding the addition of spouse coverage on the 90 Degree Benefits health insurance. After a discussion, motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to set the premium for eligible employees at \$970 per month County pay; spouse coverage at \$500 per month employee pay; child(ren) coverage at \$500 per month employee pay; family (spouse and child(ren)) coverage at \$750 per month employee pay; County paying the balance of the spouse, child(ren), or family premium; and the opt out taxable stipend to be \$375 per month. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the following Resolution, due to the failure of Frankfort Township to petition against vacating and abandoning a portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) described in the following Resolution and the Knox County Board of Supervisors directs the Knox County Highway Superintendent to enter the Resolution in the County Road Plat Records and the same be recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2022 – 45

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE AND ABANDON:

A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 19, the 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

TO PROVIDE FOR VESTING OF THE TITLE THEREOF, TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KNOX, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. VACATION AND ABANDONMENT OF: A 1.1-mile portion of 547 Avenue (Platted Road #835 and Platted Road #257) between the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 19, the 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 and that no damage will be sustained by the citizens of said County or the owners of property, therein, which matter has been ascertained by the Board of Supervisors.

Section 2. VESTING OF TITLE: That all title to said vacation and abandonment shall revert to the owners of the abutting real estate, one-half on each side thereof, and become part of such property, as provided by law.

Section 3. WHEN OPERATIVE: The Resolution shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Knox, Nebraska this 10th of November 2022.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Chairman

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to go into executive session at 12:04 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 was being held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 12:17 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to close at 12:17 p.m. the executive session held on personnel. 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, 194,641.75; Applied Connective Technologies, monthly programming, 3,193.08; Bob Barker Company, flip flops, 48.24; Bomgaars, weed supplies, 149.82; CNA Surety, notary bond, 40.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,120.83; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 30,195.00; Crowne Plaza Kearney, lodging, 479.80; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 329.43; Election Systems & Software, print ballots, 5,302.80; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., janitor supplies, 367.78; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,790.20; Kristine Kumm, mileage, 110.02; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 275.94; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 25.45; Lois Kumm, jail food, 16.00; Madison County Sheriff, mental health board, 29.14; Madison County District Court, mental health board, 50.00; Marvin Planning Consultants, zoning regulations update, 500.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage, 67.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; NACO, dues, 2,102.01; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 1,843.40; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 808.36; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 35.50; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,106.54; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 419.59; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters, 185.76; R.S. Technologies Inc., server hosting, 500.00; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,348.02; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.44; US Cellular, cell phones, 322.00; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/log books, 612.25; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 66,617.71; B's Enterprises Inc., signs, 720.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 100.84; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 217.49; CHS Wausa, diesel, 361.20; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 154.86; Clark's Rentals LLC, equipment rental, 440.00; C-Mart, gas, 483.58; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,007.65; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 8,971.85; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 8,487.21; Great Plains Communications, phone, 542.43; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Linn Post & Pipe Inc., shop supplies, 36.72; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 4,277.31; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 37.86; Norfolk Construction Co. Inc., equipment rental, 10,000.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 287.21; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 17.00; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 19.50; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, shop supplies/filters, 1,343.80; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,358.34; Schreier Lumber Co., concrete, 3,685.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.51; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 8,631.10; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Husker Steel, bridge steel, 89,857.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 900.00; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., bridge contract, 21,968.26.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fee, 2,861.25.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00; Postmaster, postage, 1,060.80.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,772.00.

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

COUNTY INSURANCE FUND. Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Salaries, 3,990.50.

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; Lizzie Swalley, leadership meals, 65.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 44.82; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 233.44; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.90.

INHERITANCE FUND. Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 10,735.04; Mark D. Albin, mental health board, 199.50; NIRMA, case deductible, 3,597.76; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Theisen Construction, bridge contract, 133,497.45.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 6.46; 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	\$ 276,931.31
Road Fund	139,053.03
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	112,725.26
Flowage Easement Road Fund	2,861.25
Child Support Fund	1,193.32
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,772.00
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	3,990.50
C&C Development Fund	4,659.64
Inheritance Fund	150,113.08
911 Emergency Fund	129.99
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>935.45</u>
Total	\$ 696,626.80

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:17 p.m. on November 10, 2022 until Wednesday, November 23, 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
