

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
December 8, 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 December 8, 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. Borgmann 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 November 23, 2022 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang with the correction that the meeting adjourned at 11:56 a.m.

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 \$826,049.13 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve the National Functional Classification map with updated census data as it relates to Federal-Aid Urban Area boundaries. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve Renewal Affidavits #2023 – 1 through #2023 – 15 of other coverage to opt out of Knox County Health Insurance for 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of November 22 – December 6, 2022. 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 10:09 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Updates on the Weigand bridge, Ash Fall bridge, Bailey bridge, and Center West bridge; 2. A Webex meeting will be held with NCRS and the Corps of Engineers regarding Lazy River Acres; 3. Repairs needed on John Deere 310K Backhoe; 4. Update on the new employees at the Verdigre, Center and Crofton Sheds; 5. Motorgrader tires purchased; 6. Discussion was held on slick conditions and traffic on the hill street going west out of Verdigre Village. The hill in question is in the Village limits.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to reappoint Highway Superintendent Kevin R. Barta, License #S-1109, Class A, employee of Knox County, with a beginning date of January 1, 2023 and to adopt **Resolution #2022 – 48** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent Form For Determining Incentive Payment in Calendar Year 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION  
SIGNING OF THE  
YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT  
2022**

**Resolution No. 2022 – 48**

**Whereas:** State of Nebraska Statutes, sections 39-2302, and 39-2501 through 39-2505 detail the requirements that must be met in order for a county to qualify for an annual Incentive Payment; and

**Whereas:** The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) requires that each county must annually certify (by December 31<sup>st</sup> of each year) the appointment(s) of the County Highway Superintendent(s) to the NDOT using the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form; and

**Whereas:** The NDOT requires that such certification shall also include a copy of the documentation of the county highway superintendent's appointment, i.e., meeting minutes showing the appointment of the County Highway Superintendent by their name as it appears on their License (if applicable), their License Number (if applicable) and Class of License (if applicable), the type of appointment, i.e., employed or under contract (consultant, or interlocal agreement with another county and/or incorporated municipality), and the beginning date of the appointment; and

**Whereas:** The NDOT also requires that such Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include a copy of a resolution of the County Board authorizing the signing of the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form by the County Board Chairperson.

**Be it resolved** that the County Board Chairperson of Knox County is hereby authorized to sign the attached Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent form(s).

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2022 at Center, Nebraska.

County Board Members

Kevin Mackeprang /s/  
James Sokol, Jr. /s/

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
James J. Borgmann /s/  
Danny R. Schlote /s/

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Patrick J. Liska /s/

County Board Member Supr.

O'Connor

Moved the adoption of said resolution  
Member Supr. Liska Seconded the Motion  
Roll Call: 7 Yes 0 No 0 Abstained 0 Absent  
Resolution adopted, signed and billed as adopted.

Attest: (Seal)

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
(Signature of Clerk)

Public comment on agenda items was given by Ed Burkhardt who asked about the John Deere 310K backhoe and repairs. He said that each expenditure needs to be scrutinized to see if it is saving money fixing equipment or replacing it. Public comment on non-agenda items was given by County Assessor McManigal who said she had been contacted by AMI Consulting who is requesting her files for the area near the Weigand Marina area that is under the Star Wars project.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0200 Beth Rudloff on a zoning boundary adjustment of three tracts in the NW1/4 of Section 3, T30N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve Administrative Plat Application #P0199 Carmen Reid for a zoning boundary adjustment on the West 200 feet of the East 800 feet of the South 544.50 feet of the W1/2SW1/4 of Section 14, T29N, R6W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the November Permit Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to reappoint Greg Kuhlman, Keith Nielsen, and David Arens to another three-year term on the Planning Commission. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5. Michael Mattison was present regarding a request for an easement to install a new drain field on the public use area immediately adjacent to his property in Walker's Valley View. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve an easement to Michael and Raejean Mattison to place a drain field on a portion of the public use area in Walker's Valley View adjacent to the South Half of Lot 10, Block 2, Walker's Valley View. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Jensen and the Board discussed the Purchase of Service Contract for transportation services between Cedar County Transit and the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to approve the Purchase of Service Contract for transportation services between Cedar County Transit and the Knox County Board of Supervisors with a correction of a date to be January 20, 2024 under Section F (5) for deadline to request a refund of excess payments, the contract to be from January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023, and the estimated cost to Knox County to be \$24,000 for the 2023 year of service with monthly payments of \$2,000 to be paid to Cedar County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 11:00 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 will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing personnel. The Board came out of executive session at 11:26 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to close at 11:26 a.m. the executive session held on personnel. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

The Board announced that Emergency Manager Laura Hintz and Zoning Administrator Doerr will be retiring effective December 31, 2022. After advertising to fill the positions with possible added duties, the Board hired Kelsy Jelinek of Verdigre as the full-time Emergency Manager who will also handle zoning duties.

Officials' update was given by Sheriff Henery who said the new patrol pickup is here and the equipment will be added. A used Chevy patrol pickup will be turned over to the Road Department.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 192,769.88; Applied Connective Technologies, monthly programming, 3,187.51; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 24.63; Blue360 Media, law books, 177.94; Bonnie R. Cash, prior service, 9.00; Cathleen Sue Stark, prior service, 12.00; CenturyLink, long distance, 63.32; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rent, 44.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 36.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 14,918.14; Connie J. Janecek, prior service, 15.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 31,110.00; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 21.70; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 9.43; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance,

teletype, 448.00; Diane L. Eckert, prior service, 36.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement/paper/supplies, 736.38; Ecowater, bottled water, 331.50; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/postage, 4,647.79; Gary D. Marshall, prior service, 12.00; GiGi Larsen, election help/mileage, 312.75; Gragert's, jail food/supplies, 1,437.90; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 1,979.10; Hartington Tree LLC, maple tree, 1,000.00; Jacquelyn E. Meier, prior service, 21.00; James F. Janecek, prior service, 21.00; Jane Davidson, election help, 156.00; Jane Wilmes, election help/mileage, 428.75; Jo Ann Eisenbeiss, prior service, 45.00; Julie K. Rayer, prior service, 12.00; Karen K. Riesberg; prior service, 21.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 253.52; Kristine Kumm, food, 5.60; Landmark Surveying, survey fees, 1,945.90; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 287.86; Liz Doerr, mileage/postage, 53.75; Lois Colwell, prior service, 27.00; Lois Kumm, jail food, 50.00; Loren Hintz, election help, 42.00; Madison County Sheriff, return service, 67.28; Marvin Planning Consultants, zoning regulations update, 500.00; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/meals, 258.22; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; N&B Gas Company, propane, 1,091.90; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary application, 30.00; Nebraska Sheriff's Association, conference, 40.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,031.02; Pitzer Digital LLC, subscription, 40.00; Postmaster, postage, 176.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,196.18; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 1,326.58; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filters, 108.46; 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, 13,171.34; Security Shredding Services, shredding, 105.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 191.44; US Cellular, cell phones, 322.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 25.69; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 341.00; Virginia Buerman, prior service, 27.00.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 69,204.34; Avera Medical Group, drug test, 50.00; B's Enterprises Inc., grader blades, 33,920.00; Bauer Built LLC, tires, 5,191.13; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 190.37; Bloomfield Medical Clinic, drug test, 100.00; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 501.62; Bomgaars, shop supplies/tools/ice melt, 2,183.13; Bruce Hagge, prior service, 24.00; Bruce Peters, prior service, 24.00; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 118.17; City of Bloomfield, water, 25.00; C-Mart, gas, 274.05; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,205.52; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,677.26; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 12,810.00; Crane Sales & Service, repairs, 13,790.92; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 531.75; Crofton Lumber, shop supplies, 187.98; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane, 4,990.76; First national Bank Omaha, license/motel, 222.11; Gragert's Grocery, shop supplies, 20.98; Great Plains Communications, phone, 539.66; Grossenburg Impl. Inc., repairs, 3,338.95; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 6,819.59; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 68.94; Kayton International, def/batteries, 418.96; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 107.28; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 11.87; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 17,618.09; Marc Mastalir, prior service, 21.00; Medical Enterprises Inc., drug test, 180.00; N&B Gas Co., propane, 2,398.60; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 58.32; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 362.69; Powerplan, repairs, 3,445.56; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/filters/repairs, 1,225.10; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 4,528.20; Rose Equipment Inc., repairs, 819.68; Sucha Repair, wipers/tires, 1,070.94; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 390.21; Vakoc Excavating LLC, gravel/haul, 23,612.78; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.38; Village of Stuart, equipment rental, 900.00; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 85.04; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 8,118.13.

**HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND.** JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 573.75.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 1,491.25; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineering fee, 160.00; Motacek & Sons LLC, concrete/equipment rental, 6,300.18.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 3.96; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 2,882.55; First National Bank Omaha, advertising, 365.00.

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

**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, 3,198.15; Applied Connective Technologies, BOS room TV, 3,270.00.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND.** NENEDD, admin fees, 37.50.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,813.33; CenturyLink, long distance, 3.96; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 283.67; First National Bank Omaha, gas/ supplies/leadership/meals, 1,235.66; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.52; 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; Stacy Miller, promo, 35.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 161.90.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Joseph M. Smith, special prosecutor, 104.50; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 41,233.65; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Theisen Construction, bridge contract, 238,882.71.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 6.10; 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	\$ 288,745.87
Road Fund	228,204.00
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	573.75
Flowage Easement Road Fund	7,951.43
Child Support Fund	136.48
Visitor's Promo Fund	3,247.55
Visitor's Improvement Fund	183.90
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
County Insurance Fund	250.00
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	6,468.15
Economic Development Fund	37.50
C&C Development Fund	5,869.26
Inheritance Fund	282,304.19
911 Emergency Fund	129.63
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>935.45</u>
Total	\$ 826,049.13

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:31 a.m. on December 8, 2022 until Thursday, December 29, 2022 at 9:00 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

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