

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
January 26, 2023
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 Thursday, January 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. Present were Patrick J. Liska District #2, David L. Pierce 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 Martin J. O'Connor District #1. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

County Clerk Fischer 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 Wausa Gazette 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 January 12, 2023 meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., 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 Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$181,272.59 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Discussion was held on finding a person to represent Knox County as a "spirited citizen" on the North Central District Health Department Board. The search will continue.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of January 10 – 24, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to approve a Contract Agreement between the County of Knox and Elizabeth Doerr as Zoning Advisor which shall involve training and assisting the new Zoning Administrator. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Certification and Verification of Information and data for the Semi-Annual Reuse Loan report for period ending December 31, 2022. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

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

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:16 a.m. with all members present except Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the 2022 Noxious Weed reports and to place the reports on file. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Highway Superintendent Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Safety inspections were conducted on the County Sheds and Yards on January 23, 2023. The Board reviewed the inspection list; 2. Discussion was held on recent snow storms. Good comments were received on removing snow from the County roads.

Senior Office Clerk Surface met with the Board on Building and Grounds matters. Discussion was held on the following: 1. Prisoners parking their cars in areas near the Courthouse that hinders moving snow; 2. The old Supervisors' meeting table was moved to the Center County Shed recently and will be moved to the garage; 3. Selling salvage building materials such as doors, windows and benches removed from the Courthouse. The materials have been stored in the garage and the storage building and need to be moved as the current storage building will be torn down and replaced. Notices will be placed in the local papers as well as on the Knox County Courthouse Facebook Page for the sale of surplus and salvage building materials; 4. Discussed plans for the new storage building.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to appoint Emergency Manager Kelsy Jelinek as the primary representative and Knox County Clerk Joann Fischer as the secondary representative to the Emergency Management Regional group known as the NORTHEAST REGION to fulfill all duties as required by the regional group. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was District #1. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on possibly replacing the Emergency Command Trailer. No action was taken and Emergency Manager Jelinek, who was attending a FEMA meeting, will be directed to research the matter.

The Board discussed introduced legislative bills and will invite Senator Barry DeKay to attend a meeting to review proposed legislation.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to go into executive session at 10:53 a.m. for job evaluations of the Road employees. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Absent was

District #1. Motion carried. Chairman Mackeprang reiterated the executive session will be held for job evaluations of the Road employees. The Board recessed from executive session at 12:24 p.m.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 12:24 p.m. for lunch.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:00 p.m. with all members present except Supervisor Martin J. O'Connor District #1.

The Board went back into executive session at 1:00 p.m. to continue job evaluations of Road employees.

Supervisor Borgmann left the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

The Board came out of executive session at 4:10 p.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to close at 4:10 p.m. the executive session held on job evaluations of Road employees. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #2, #3, #4, #5, and #6. Nays none. Absent were Districts #1 and #7. Motion carried.

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

GENERAL FUND. Bomgaars, office supplies, 118.97; CenturyLink, long distance, 65.09; Creighton FCCLA, table fee, 40.00; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 456.92; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; David A. Arens, meeting/mileage, 70.85; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 50.55; Dollar General, jail supplies, 47.00; F&M State Bank, safe deposit box, 30.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals; 4,455.70; Grafix Shoppe, decals, 377.99; Hagge Glass, door closers, 318.00; Heartland Fire Protection, kitchen vent, 205.73; Holiday Inn Kearney, lodging, 129.95; Jeannoutot Plumbing, jail drain, 75.00; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 12,216.20; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 45.96; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; KV Electric LLC, jail light, 148.68; Loffler, contract, 310.48; Lois Kumm, jail food, 69.00; MOCIC, dues, 100.00; Moody Motor Company Inc., repairs, 1,832.67; Neil Clausen, meeting/mileage, 61.68; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 15.09; Postmaster, postage, 4.90; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 210.35; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/battery, 423.32; Robert Larsen, meeting/mileage, 36.79; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 39.41; UNL Eastern Nebraska & Extension Center, salary, 11,755.47; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 220.87.

ROAD FUND. Avera Medical Group, drug test, 19.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 208.88; Bomgaars, shop supplies, 555.57; Burns Lumber Co. LLC, shop supplies, 4.47; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 290.00; C-Mart LLC, gas, 353.34; First National Bank Omaha, lodging, 72.78; Hagge Glass, repairs, 220.00; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 11,060.52; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 362.56; Nebraska Association of County Engineers, Highway Superintendents & Surveyors, dues, 160.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 268.58; NMC Inc., repairs, 215.35; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs, 2,159.19; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 6,775.25; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/supplies, 5,783.65; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 2,475.33.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.07.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. CenturyLink, long distance, 4.07; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 44.00.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 31.96; First National Bank Omaha, battery, 169.93.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. CenturyLink, phone, 367.54.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND. Motorola Solutions Inc., equipment hardware, 35,424.36.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$114,242.19
Road Fund	30,984.47
Child Support Fund	4.07
C&C Development Fund	48.07
911 Emergency Fund	201.89
911 Wireless Service Fund	367.54
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>35,424.36</u>
Total	\$181,272.59

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 4:11 p.m. on January 26, 2023, until Thursday, February 9, 2023 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
