

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
February 23, 2023  
1:00 p.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, February 23, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. The meeting was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m., however, due to inclement weather, the meeting starting time was delayed. Present were Supervisors Martin J. O'Connor District #1, 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 none. Chairman Mackeprang presiding.

Sheriff Henery 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 February 9, 2023, meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

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 District. Nays none. Motion carried. Claims totaling \$188,573.18 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the bonds for the Clerks and Treasurers of the following townships: Addison, Bohemia, Central, Cleveland, Columbia, Creighton, Dolphin, Dowling, Eastern, Frankfort, Harrison, Herrick, Hill, Jefferson, Lincoln, Logan, Miller, Morton, Niobrara, North Frankfort, Peoria, Raymond, Spade, Sparta, Union, Valley, Verdigre, Walnut Grove, and Western. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Officials' updates were given by the following: 1. Supr. Pierce updated the Board on the recent Northeast Nebraska Area Agency on Aging meeting; 2. Supr. O'Connor informed the Board that Lewis & Clark NRD/Cedar Knox Rural Water will hold a public hearing in Hartington on March 8 regarding a new distribution plant. Also, Supervisors O'Connor and Liska gave information on a recent visit with the Yankton water superintendent about the feasibility of supplying water from Yankton to the northeastern part of Knox County; 3. Sheriff Henery said the new pickup is getting outfitted and will be delivered soon. The Chevy pickup will go to the Road Department.

Chairman Mackeprang recessed the Board at 1:38 p.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 1:52 p.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 - 01** for the submission of documents to the State of Nebraska on the One and Six Year Road Hearing that was held on February 9, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2023 - 01**

In pursuant with Section 10 of LB 1302, Knox County did hold its Public Road Hearing on February 9, 2023. Enclosed under separate cover is a One Year Map and Six Year Map with current project listings and future listings, also proof of publication. The Knox County Board of Supervisors wishes to adopt these construction plans as compiled by Knox County Highway Superintendent, Kevin R. Barta, at this time.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Martin J. O'Connor /s/  
Martin O'Connor, District #1

Patrick J. Liska /s/  
Patrick Liska, District #2

David L. Pierce /s/  
David Pierce, District #3

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

Kevin Mackeprang /s/  
Kevin Mackeprang, District #5

Danny Schlote /s/  
Danny Schlote, District #6

Jim Borgmann /s/  
Jim Borgmann, District #7

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Discussion was held on use of County/Township Allocation funds as several township boards questioned if they could use their portion of the allocation towards the cost of snow removal. Discussion continued on the creation of the County/Township Allocation which had been based on mail route miles and the primary use is for gravel; culverts have been allowed but couldn't be used on minimum maintenance roads; and not using the County/Township Allocation funds in place of using their general budget funds. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to allow the townships to use 25% of their allotted portion of the County/Township Allocation funds towards the costs of emergency snow removal, culverts or tree removal. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5 and #7. Nays District #6. Motion carried; 3. Discussed was assessment rates to mow road right-of ways. Currently the rate is \$200 per one-half mile per side of the road while Holt County charges \$400 per one-half mile per side of the road. No action was taken; 4. The new motor grader for District 2 is nearing delivery; 5. The gravel bid opening will be held at the March 30, 2023 meeting; 6. The oil bid opening will be held at the April 12, 2023 meeting; 7. Discussed purchasing a used loader.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve Administrative Plat Application #P2306 Krista Demmel and Jenny Eggers for a boundary adjustment of a 6.65-acre tract in the S1/2NE1/4 of Section 24, T32N, R7W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve for Knox County Partnership the following Administrative Plat Applications: #P2302 5.57 acre tract in the NW1/4SW1/4 of Section 4; #P2303 5.01 acre tract in the NW1/4NW1/4 of Section 9; #P2304 5.00 acre tract in the SE1/4SE1/4 of Section 5; and #P2305 an affidavit for a 1.82 acre tract in the SW1/4NW1/4 of Section 4, all in T30N, R4W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. A Planning Commission meeting will be held March 14, 2023; 4. Updates on Emergency Management.

Economic Development Director Hanvey met with the Board on the following: 1. Update on the Rural Fellowship Program where the student that will be paid for by Knox County will be considered a contract worker and there will be no advance payment towards travel or food; 2. A letter of support is encouraged for LB454 that was introduced by Senator Barry DeKay that would require the Department of Transportation to plan, design and purchase right-of-ways for expansion of U.S. Highway 81 into a four-lane divided highway between Norfolk and the South Dakota border.

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

**GENERAL FUND.** Applied Connective Technologies, IT work, 857.16; CenturyLink, long distance, 72.88; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 17.86; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, radios/backup, 282.88; Dollar General, jail supplies, 194.95; Election Systems & Software, layout, 2,905.08; Empower Annuity Ins. Co. of America, deferred amendment fee, 300.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/meals/postage; 965.86; Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply Co., supplies, 455.04; JEO Consulting Group Inc., hazard mitigation, 10,369.85; Kayton International Inc., bobcat rent, 1,500.00; Knox County Register of Deeds, deed reprints, 30.00; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 265.04; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 80,026.68; Landmark Surveying, survey fee, 1,061.25; MIPS, shipping/forms, 74.90; Nebraska Association of County Clerks & Register of Deeds, dues, 50.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, registration, 150.00; NIRMA, CPR manuals, 357.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 229.50; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 528.29; R&K Motor Parts, wiper blades/oil/filter, 210.48; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 1,289.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 210.61; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 686.00.

**ROAD FUND.** B's Enterprises Inc., boards/scarifier teeth, 4,150.00; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 355.70; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs, 253.05; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 293.17; CHS Wausa, diesel/propane, 3,748.17; C-Mart LLC, gas, 73.05; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 383.58; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 6.81; Farmer's Pride, propane/diesel, 3,713.26; First National Bank Omaha, lodging/gas, 211.50; Hrbek Construction, equipment rental, 594.00; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 106.45; Kayton International Inc., shop supplies, 177.80; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 16,472.50; Medical Enterprises Inc., forms, 6.25; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 224.39; NMC Inc., repairs, 1,733.76; Pitzer Digital LLC, publishing, 8.46; R&K Motor Parts, shop tools/repairs/oil filters, 1,505.39; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Schaefer Grain & Feed Co., road salt, 4,616.60; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/supplies/repairs, 8,703.33; Village of Center, water/sewer, 76.00; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 15,131.01.

**FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND.** Knox County Register of Deeds, recording, 248.00.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.56; First National Bank Omaha, labels, 73.82; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 4.56; Dollar General, supplies, 20.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 88.00; Whitetail River Lodge, leadership, 103.35.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Brogan Lamml P.C., special court appointed attorney, 741.62; Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc., engineer fees, 21,345.00.

**KENO FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, postage, 8.76.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE HOLDING FUND.** City of Norfolk, regional host network, 173.97.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$103,090.31
Road Fund	62,590.23
Flowage Easement Road Fund	248.00
Child Support Fund	159.38
C&C Development Fund	215.91
Inheritance Fund	22,086.62
Keno Fund	8.76
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	<u>173.97</u>
Total	\$188,573.18

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 2:33 p.m. on February 23, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, March 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

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman

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