

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
April 12, 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 Wednesday, April 12, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. 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.

Supr. O'Connor 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 Niobrara Tribune 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 March 30, 2023, meeting were read and approved by Chairman Mackeprang.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1). Email regarding the Lazy River Acres/Ponca Creek dredging project; 2). Updated information regarding the proposed federal-aid project involving the historic Verdigre North bridge.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1). A thank you note was received from Carol Besse and Pam Spaulding of Louisville KY expressing their appreciation for the kindness Officer Will Blevins extended when he changed their flat tire in Niobrara when all repair shops were closed; 2). Sheriff Henery submitted a nomination of Head Jailer/Dispatcher Donna Hays for the Excellence in Corrections Award that is given to only one individual in the entire state annually by the Nebraska Correctional Administrators and Managers Association. Word was received that nominee Head Jailer/Dispatcher Hays was selected to receive the award that will be presented at an April 20, 2023 banquet. The Board congratulated Ms. Hays on receiving the award and for her dedication to Knox County; 3). Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve an Interlocal Agreement for County Law Enforcement between Knox County and the Village of Niobrara with the interlocal agreement to be from May 1, 2023 continuing in effect from year to year thereafter through June 30, 2026. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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 \$758,303.06 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

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

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

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1). The advertised asphaltic bid opening was held at 10:25 a.m. The Knox County Board of Supervisors reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids and further reserves the right to accept bids which are in the County's best interests. Bid received was from **Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA** – MC70 price per gallon - \$4.48; MC250 per gallon - \$4.14; MC3000 price per gallon - \$3.86; CRS-2 price per gallon (estimated gallons 7,500+) delivered to Creighton - \$3.38; Demurrage charge \$160 per hour after one and a half hours, \$100 cancellation fee; \$100 pumping fee each time County requests a pump during placement of orders; returned loads subject to \$400 return fee. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Pierce to accept the oil bid from **Jebro Inc., Sioux City IA** as submitted. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2). Discussion ensued on the State Contract quote for a new Western Star 47X dump/plow truck. It would be a 2025 truck built in 2024. The matter was tabled for further research; 3). Discussed was constructing a building in the Center County Yard. Contractors will be contacted for plans and projected costs.

Librarians from Bloomfield, Creighton, Niobrara, Verdigre and Wausa met with the Board with annual reports of activities and what the County funds were used for at their libraries. The Board expressed their gratitude for the work the librarians have done for their communities and Knox County. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. O'Connor to approve a cost-sharing of \$5,000 to each of the six Knox County libraries with the funds to be paid from the Inheritance Fund. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 4). Deputy County Attorney Jensen informed the Board that several parties associated with the beginning process to possibly reopen a one-mile portion of Hill Twp. Road #893 (Platted Road #719) between Sections 2, 3, 10 and 11, T32N, R4W (Hill Township) were unable to attend this meeting, therefore they requested that the Board reschedule the discussion. The Board took no action and tabled the matter until the April 27, 2023, meeting; 5). Interviews will begin for filling the open positions at the Bloomfield, Wausa and Crofton County Sheds; 6). Bridge project updates; 7). A safety meeting will be held April 14, 2023 in the Basement Conference Room; 8). Motorgrader operator training update.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of March 29 through April 10, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected between January 1 and March 31, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 04** declaring mobile equipment as surplus property and for the sale of the surplus property. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 04
RESOLUTION TO DECLARE
MOBILE EQUIPMENT AS SURPLUS PROPERTY
AND FOR THE SALE OF SURPLUS PROPERTY

WHEREAS, Knox County owns mobile equipment which has a value of five thousand dollars or more which is not usable by the County and/or obsolete; and

WHEREAS, said mobile equipment consists of the following property:

1. 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup
2. 1971 International Hydro 1066 Tractor
3. 2006 Jayco 26 Ft. Travel Trailer
4. 2008 Husqvarna Zero Turn Mower

WHEREAS, Knox County intends to dispose of said property as surplus pursuant to Nebraska Revised Statute 23-3115 through competitive bidding on the pickup and mower at the Annual Spring Machinery Consignment Auction in Hartington on April 24, 2023, on the travel trailer by advertising on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook page with written offers to be submitted to the Knox County Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 11, 2023 with the highest offer to be considered, and on the mower by advertising on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook page with written offers to be submitted to the Knox County Clerk's Office by 4:30 p.m. on April 26, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the surplus property listed is being sold "as is" without any warranties, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the mobile equipment listed is unusable by Knox County and/or obsolete and is therefore declared surplus property.

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Highway Superintendent and the Knox County Clerk be directed to coordinate disposal of said property in accordance with the laws of the State of Nebraska.

DATED this 12th day of April 2023.

ATTEST: (Seal)

COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Joann M. Fischer /s/ _____
Knox County Clerk

By: Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/ _____
Chairman

Advertising for the sale of the 2006 Jayco 26 ft. travel trailer that was used as the Emergency Manager Command Trailer declared surplus property was done on the Knox County Nebraska Courthouse Facebook page. Bids received were reviewed. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to accept the bid from Tom Rempp of Crawford NE in the amount of \$3,275 for the surplus property 2006 Jayco 26 ft. travel trailer noting the surplus property is listed as being sold "as is" without any warranty. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Deputy County Attorney Jensen informed the Board that after extensive review of the contracts between the County and the State on the Rec Road and other records, County Attorney Thomas and Deputy County Attorney Jensen said that in their opinions, the County does not have the responsibility to maintain the portion of 546 Avenue known as the Kohles Acres Entrance and it is a township road. The Board took no action as the Kohles Acres Entrance is a township road.

County Clerk Fischer updated the Board on the National Opioid Settlement to entities. Knox County has received two settlement payments so far and Knox County and the State of Nebraska are now filed in the settlements with Allergan, CVS, Tera, Walgreens, and Walmart. No action was taken at this time on how the funds will be used.

Discussion was held on beginning the process to determine the 2023 rural fire district final levy allocation. More discussion will be held at a future meeting.

Legislative update was given by County Clerk Fischer.

Officials' updates were given as follows: 1). Deputy County Attorney Jensen gave an update of a County Attorney "bootcamp" she attended recently; 2). Chairman Mackeprang said he had been contacted about a Cedar Knox Rural Water meeting that will be held on April 13.

Emergency Manager Jelinek discussed with the Board a service agreement with PowerTech LLC for the maintenance of emergency stand-by generating sets and associated equipment. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to approve a two-year service agreement from January 2023 through December 2025 with PowerTech LLC of Council Bluffs IA for maintenance of the County's emergency stand-by generating sets and associated equipment. 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, 202,438.71; Applied Connective Technologies, IT contract, 4,563.63; Carhart Lumber Company, window for extension office, 1,459.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 15,217.05; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 39,611.37; Eakes Office Solutions, janitor supplies/copier agreement/paper, 690.54; Ecowater, bottled water, 292.50; Elizabeth Doerr, contract hours, 710.00; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarm inspection, 600.00; Gragert's, jail food, 1,070.59; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,381.29; Hanna LK Jensen, mileage, 241.04; Heartland Heating & Air Conditioning Inc., quarterly billing, 1,428.00; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 21.99; Knox County Sheriff, service fees, 34.88; Kristine Kumm, mileage/meal, 27.03; K/V Electric LLC, install outlets, 806.72; Landmark Surveying, survey fees, 401.60; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 295.91; Megan Hanefeldt, mileage/meal, 122.68; Microfilm Imaging Systems, scanner rent, 40.50; Midwest Radar & Equipment, radar updates, 160.00; MIPS, computer program, 683.65; N&B Gas Co., propane, 1,183.20; NACO, registration, 250.00; NACT, registration/NADA title book, 415.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 2,120.77; One Office Solution, postcards, 288.51; O'Neill Shopper, publishing, 50.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 159.57; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 18.66; Postmaster, postage, 630.00; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 2,241.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 272.63; R&K Motor Parts, oil/filter, 102.40; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 13,650.30; Schumacher Elevator Co., elevator contract, 2,704.32; Steve Svoboda, install cabinets, 750.00; The Emblem Authority, patches/badges, 266.50; US Cellular, cell phones, 195.46; US Cellular, cell phones, 355.10; Verdigre Collision Repair, pickup repair, 42.43; Verdigre Eagle, publishing/statements, 563.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 257.51; Verizon Wireless, hot spot, 40.01.

ROAD FUND. Salaries, 79,894.75; American Textile Mills, shop supplies, 809.74; Art's Garbage, garbage, 34.32; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 167.92; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 793.96; C-Mart, gas, 348.56; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 5,852.78; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 1,066.13; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 16,805.32; Dan Vakoc, rental, 500.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 8,040.84; Great Plains Communications, phone, 538.18; Hefner Hardware, shop supplies, 3.39; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 2,630.34; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 80.29; Kayton International, shop supplies, 120.69; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lawson Products, shop supplies, 267.30; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 101.32; Marlene Moeller, rental, 500.00; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 1,024.23; N&B Gas Co., propane, 3,656.17; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 91.10; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 436.11; Orin Pospisil, rental, 500.00; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 247.02; Powerplan, repairs, 1,183.06; Principal Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 761.94; R&K Motor Parts, repairs/filters, 1,603.73; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 5,284.89; Riverside Hydraulics Inc., repairs, 422.00; State of Nebraska Motor Fuel Division, diesel tax, 1,792.00; Sucha Repair, repairs/welder, 4,898.60; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 413.93; Verdigre Collision Repair, repairs, 812.13; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/tordon/seed/repairs, 5,011.76; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 44.56; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 77.39.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineer fee, 851.25.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fee, 1,425.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, courtroom upgrade, 1,186.44; Gayle Krohn, supplies, 40.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.53; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 160.38; Matthew R. Fischer, supplies, 47.88; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 81.00.

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 2,994.75.

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

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Murphy Tractor Equipment Co. Inc., motor grader, 289,101.00.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FUND. NENEDD, admin fees, 93.75.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 3,833.33; Bloomfield Community Club Bucks, Bloomfield bucks, 200.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 285.20; Creighton Chamber of Commerce, Creighton Bucks, 190.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 51.53; Kelly Hanvey, meal, 30.00; 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; University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Institute of Excellence, 250.00; US Cellular, cell phone, 122.22; Verdigre Improvement Club, Verdigre bucks, 80.00.

INHERITANCE FUND. Cedar County Transit, public transit interlocal agreement, 2,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.33; Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, Buettner & Stover P.C. LLO, court appointed attorney, 4,270.76.

911 EMERGENCY FUND. Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 105.83; 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. OPTK Networks, regionalization network, 761.48.

TOTALS	
General Fund	\$299,855.05
Road Fund	146,837.45
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	851.25
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,425.00
Child Support Fund	1,567.23
Visitor's Promo Fund	2,994.75
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	274.06
Covid American Rescue Plan Act Fund	289,101.00
Economic Development Fund	93.75
C&C Development Fund	5,326.50
Inheritance Fund	8,354.09
911 Emergency Fund	123.54
911 Wireless Service Fund	737.91
911 Wireless Service Holding Fund	761.48
Total	\$758,303.06

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:20 p.m. on April 12, 2023 until 9:30 a.m. Thursday, April 27, 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
