

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska
September 20, 2023
9:00 a.m.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors met in the Boardroom at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of Wednesday, September 20, 2023 at 9:00 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.

Deputy County Clerk Nix 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.

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised Budget Hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the 2023/2024 Knox County proposed budget.

At 9:03 a.m., Chairman Mackeprang opened the advertised special public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the Final 2023 Tax Request.

Discussion was held on the 2023/2024 proposed Knox County budget and the proposed 2023 tax request.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open budget hearing at 9:32 a.m. Present during the hearing were the Board, County Clerk Fischer, Deputy County Clerk Nix, Deputy County Attorney Jensen, County Sheriff Henery, County Assessor McManigal and Hwy. Supt. Barta.

Chairman Mackeprang closed the open special hearing on the Final 2023 Tax Request at 9:33 a.m. Present during the hearing were the Board, County Clerk Fischer, Deputy County Clerk Nix, Deputy County Attorney Jensen, County Sheriff Henery, County Assessor McManigal and Hwy. Supt. Barta.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Supervisors followed the 2023/2024 Budget Hearing and the Final 2023 Tax Request Hearing.

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.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023- 21** for the Adoption and Appropriations of the 2023/2024 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

**KNOX COUNTY
RESOLUTION OF ADOPTION AND APPROPRIATIONS**

RESOLUTION #2023 – 21

WHEREAS, a proposed County Budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, prepared by the Budget Making Authority, was transmitted to the County Board on the 18th day of August with revisions completed on the 23rd day of August 2023, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of SUPERVISORS of Knox County, Nebraska as follows:

SECTION 1. That the budget for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024, as categorically evidenced by the Budget Document be, and the same hereby is, adopted as the Budget for Knox County for said fiscal year.

SECTION 2. That the offices, departments, activities, and institutions herein named are hereby authorized to expend the amounts herein appropriated to them during the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 and ending June 30, 2024.

SECTION 3. That the income necessary to finance the appropriations made and expenditures authorized shall be provided out of the unencumbered cash balance in each fund, revenues other than taxation to be collected during the fiscal year in each fund, and tax levy requirements for each fund.

DATED AND PASSED THIS 20th DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2023.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

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

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

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 22** setting the 2023 property tax request at \$3,942,875.36 with a levy of 0.161271 per \$100 of valuation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 22

RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of Knox County passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of Knox County, resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at \$3,942,875.36.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 9.042%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.147899 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Knox County proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.161271 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the operating budget of Knox County will be \$23,093,840.71 (does not include \$1,300,000 for cash reserve in the General Fund), which exceeds last fiscal year's operating budget by 8.847%.
6. The cash reserve for the General Fund will remain at \$1,300,000.00.
7. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the Knox County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
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Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
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James Sokol, Jr. /s/
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Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Budget Message of the adopted 2023/2024 Knox County Budget. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to adopt **Resolution #2023 - 23** to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund for the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 - 23

WHEREAS, due to Section 39-1904 of the Nebraska Revised Statutes, the 2023-2024 Knox County Road budget does not include a property tax dollar request, and

WHEREAS, the 2023-2024 Knox County budget was balanced by a fund transfer of \$1,599,572.59 from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, transfers through the claims process were needed from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund until the 2023-2024 budget was adopted to cover incurred expenses for July and August, 2023, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted Resolution #2023-10 directing the Knox County Clerk to transfer through the claims process \$80,026.68 in July, 2023 and \$80,026.68 in August, 2023, from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to cover the incurred expenses for July and August, and

WHEREAS, a remainder of \$1,439,519.23 needs to be transferred from September 2023 through June 2024 from the General Fund to the Road Fund, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Knox County Board of Supervisors that the 2023/2024 Knox County budget has now been adopted, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Knox County Clerk is hereby directed to make monthly transfers through the claims process from the Knox County General Fund to the Knox County Road Fund to be as follows: **\$143,951.95 for September 2023, and \$143,951.92 for October, November and December of 2023, and January, February, March, April, May and June of 2024.**

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

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Patrick J. Liska, District #2

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

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2023 - 24** to transfer through the claims process \$303,240.92 as tax relief which will be the third loan repayment for the Bloomfield North road project. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 24

WHEREAS, due to unfunded mandates, escalating prices, valuation increases, and loss of revenues, a transfer of funds from the Inheritance Fund would create a tax relief to the taxpayers of Knox County for the fiscal year 2023-2024, and

WHEREAS, transferring \$303,240.92 from the Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund would then be transferred to the Flowage Easement for the Bloomfield North project and create that needed tax relief, and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$303,240.92 through the claims process from the Knox County Inheritance Fund to the Knox County General Fund during the 2023/2024 fiscal year as tax relief.**

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

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David L. Pierce, District #3

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr. to adopt **Resolution #2023 - 25** to transfer through the claims process \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Fund to be used as the third loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project with the transfer to be made during the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Absent was none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 25

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approved at their February 13, 2020 meeting, a road project named “Bloomfield North” project where the County would oil 7.4 miles between Hwy. 84 and Hwy. 12 on 543 Ave. North of Bloomfield would be milled, graded and oiled with hot mix by Western Engineering Co., Inc., Harlan, IA, in the amount of approximately \$3.03 million, and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board approved at their August 26, 2021 meeting to pay for the Bloomfield North project from the Flowage Easement Road Fund, as a loan to be repaid over 10 years or earlier and the repayment to be made by taxation, or if needed sometime during the repayment period, to use some funds from the Inheritance Fund, and

WHEREAS, the Flowage Easement Road Fund was created when the County of Knox sued the U.S. Corps of Engineers and received \$10,049,868 from the Court settlement to cover the expenses associated with rebuilding bridges and roads damaged by the Missouri River and its’ tributaries due to sedimentation, and

WHEREAS, the funds to repay the loan to the Flowage Easement Road Fund will be collected in the General Fund and then transferred to the Flowage Easement Road Fund, and

WHEREAS, the project was completed in the 2020/2021 fiscal year with the final cost of the project being \$3,032,409.17 making a total of \$303,240.92 due each year for 10 years, and

WHEREAS, the first loan repayment in the amount of \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund was made in the 2021/2022 Knox County Budget and

WHEREAS, the second loan repayment was in the amount of \$303,240.92 with a transfer from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund during the 2022/2023 fiscal year, and

NOW, BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that the Knox County Board of Supervisors adopted the 2023/2024 Knox County budget, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the **transfer of \$303,240.92 from the General Fund to the Flowage Easement Road Fund through the claims process during the 2023/2024 Fiscal Year** to be used as a partial loan repayment for the Bloomfield North Road project.

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
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David L. Pierce, District #3

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 26** to transfer through the claims process \$37,200 from the Knox County General Fund to the C & C Development Fund for the 2023/2024 Budget Year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 26

WHEREAS, Knox County entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Act Agreement with other entities in Knox County and Great Plains Communications, Inc. for the creation of the Knox County Development Agency, and
WHEREAS, the Knox County Development Agency hires an executive director to operate the program so as to educate and organize promotion, encouragement, development, research, increased knowledge, appreciation and practice of economic development and to help to preserve and enhance the Knox County community's economic growth, and
WHEREAS, Knox County contributes \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary plus benefits that includes a \$375 health insurance stipend, a County-paid single dental/vision insurance policy, a County-paid \$15,000 single life insurance policy, the County-paid retirement rate and the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security) along with an office space, and
WHEREAS, the taxes to pay Knox County's share of the Interlocal Agreement is collected in the General Fund and is to be transferred to the C & C Development Fund, and
WHEREAS, the 2023/2024 Knox County budget is approved, and
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors approves the transfer of \$37,200 during the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 through the claims process from the General Fund to the C & C Development Fund to pay the following budgeted amount for the Executive Director: \$25,000 towards the Executive Director's salary, \$5,242 for the health insurance stipend, \$550 for the payment of the premiums of a County-paid single dental/vision policy, \$72 for the payment of the premium of a County-paid \$15,000 single life insurance for the Executive Director, \$2,970 for the County-paid retirement rate and \$3,366 for the County's share of FICA/MEDICARE (Social Security).

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Chairman Mackeprang approved the minutes of the September 6, 2023 meeting as read.

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 \$590,343.58 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Mackeprang moves the Board recess at 10:03 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:17 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1.) Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Sokol, Jr., to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 27** authorizing Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Project Program Agreement between Knox County and Nebraska Department of Transportation for funding of the Statewide Upgrading Existing STOP Sign Location of Rural Roads Program. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION

SIGNING OF THE PROJECT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Knox County
Resolution No. 2023 – 27

Whereas: Knox County is proposing a transportation project for which it would like to obtain Federal funds; and
Whereas: Knox County understands that it must strictly follow all Federal, State, and local laws, rules, regulations, policies, and guidelines applicable to the funding of the Federal-aid project; and
Whereas: Knox County and Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) wish to enter into a new Project Program Agreement setting out the various duties and funding responsibilities for the Federal-aid project.
Be It Resolved: by the Board of Supervisors of Knox County that:
The Chair of the Knox County Board of Supervisors is hereby authorized to sign the attached Project Program Agreement between Knox County and NDOT.
Knox County is committed to providing local funds for the project as required by the Project Program Agreement.

NDOT Project Number: HSIP-STWD(203)
NDOT Control Number: 01063
NDOT Project Name: Statewide Stop Sign Program

Adopted this 20th day of September, 2023 at Center, Nebraska.

The Board of Supervisors of Knox County
Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
James J. Borgmann /s/
Martin J. O'Connor /s/

David L. Pierce /s/
Danny R. Schlote /s/
James Sokol, Jr. /s/
Patrick J. Liska /s/

Board/Council Member Supr. Borgmann

Moved the adoption of said resolution
Member Supr. Sokol, Jr. 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 County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2.) Discussed roadside mowing. Hwy. Supt. Barta encouraged the Board members to drive their roads and see if the landowners are mowing the County roads, and if not, they should contact the landowners because Nebraska Revised Statute 39-1811 says landowners shall mow roadsides sometime in July and sometime in September. Bohemia Township Board Chairman Wendell Rohrer was present and said they have one absentee landowner who has not mowed. In the past, Bohemia Township has had the township road mowed if a landowner does not mow and then the Township Board will place a special assessment against the landowner's taxes. Discussion continued on mowing school land roadside; 3.) Bridge Crew update; 4.) Oil Crew update; 5.) Discussed a proposed satellite Crofton Fire District shed to be placed at the lake area; 6.) Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Pierce to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign the Certification of Roads Classifications and Standards of the Road Budget, Expenditure Report, Equipment Costs and District Inventory Reports. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 7.) A landowner in the lake area reported that two campers were parked along a platted road and were hooked up to the water supply at CJ's At the Lake and that one trailer was plugged into someone's electrical pedestal at CJ's. Sheriff Henery reported all involved were cooperative and the campers were moved out. Also, someone cut a large cedar tree and left it in the middle of the road in that area as well as someone dumped two satellite dishes; 8.) Bridge inspections have begun; 9.) The new pickup is now in Fremont; 10.) Engineer Jeff Wagner was concerned about the east approach to the Weigand Bridge and a bump will need to be fixed by the contractor. Also, Engineer Wagner will be giving an update on the Rec Road.

The Board had no comments to the Nebraska Department of Transportation on the Santee South Bridge Project #STP-54D(104), Control Number 32278.

Discussion was held with Extension Educator Hanefeldt about the use of personal vehicles and mileage. The Knox County Employee Handbook was updated and added to the Handbook was the provision that if an employee used their personal vehicle for County business but a County vehicle was available, the mileage rate reimbursed to the employee would be 22 cents per mile and not the IRS set mileage rate of 65.5 cents per mile this year. Extension Educator Hanefeldt said that occasionally it is not feasible or there is not time to drive a long distance to pick up a County vehicle and then must drive back across the County. The Board said they County would pay the IRS's set mileage rate on those occasional trips and will monitor it through the claims process.

Wendell Rohrer met with the Board to discuss access to his property. A new adjoining landowner is surveying his property and is not giving Mr. Rohrer access across his property any longer. Mr. Rohrer traveled an area that is not a platted road along a section line. Deputy County Attorney Jensen advised Mr. Rohrer to talk to his attorney and attempt to get an easement from the new landowner.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Receipts Revenue List of September 5 – 18, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Pierce to place on file the Treasurer's Report of List of All Real Property advertised having Delinquent Taxes in February 2023 and not sold and to direct the County Treasurer to proceed with issuance of County tax sale certificates on property ID numbers 540005890, 540003568, 540002539, 540003251, 540003460, 540003477 and 540000976. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Liska to adopt **Resolution #2023 – 28** designating Knox County as a Green Light for Veterans County, declaring October 1, 2023 through Veterans Day November 11, 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service, and to encourage the Knox County citizens to recognize the importance of honoring those who made immeasurable sacrifices by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6 through November 12, 2023. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Resolution #2023 – 28

Supporting Operation Green Light for Veterans

WHEREAS, the residents of Knox County have great respect, admiration, and the utmost gratitude for all the men and women who have selflessly served our country and this community in the Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, the contributions and sacrifices of those who served in the Armed Forces have been vital in maintaining the freedoms and way of life enjoyed by our citizens; and

WHEREAS, Knox County seeks to honor individuals who have made countless sacrifices for freedom by placing themselves in harm's way for the good of all; and

WHEREAS, veterans continue to serve our community in the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, religious groups, civil service, and by functioning as County Veterans Service Officers in 29 states to help fellow former service members access more than \$52 billion in federal health, disability and compensation benefits each year; and

WHEREAS, approximately 200,000 service members transition to civilian communities annually; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 20 percent increase of service members will transition to civilian life in the near future; and

WHEREAS, studies indicate that 44-72 percent of service members experience high levels of stress during transition from military to civilian life; and

WHEREAS, active military service members transitioning from military service are at a high risk for suicide during their first year after military service; and

WHEREAS, the National Association of Counties encourages all counties, parishes and boroughs to recognize Operation Green Light for Veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Board of Supervisors appreciates the sacrifices of our United States military personnel and believes specific recognition should be granted; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with designation as a Green Light for Veterans County, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby declares from October 1, 2023 through Veterans Day, November 11th 2023 a time to salute and honor the service and sacrifices of our men and women in uniform transitioning from active service; and

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that in observance of Operation Green Light, the Knox County Board of Supervisors encourages the Knox County citizens in patriotic tradition to recognize the importance of honoring all those who made immeasurable sacrifices to preserve freedom by displaying green lights in a window of their place of business or residence from November 6th through the 12th, 2023.

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James Sokol, Jr., District #4

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Motion by Supr. Pierce, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to authorize Chairman Mackeprang to sign a Security Interest Subordination Agreement on Reuse Loan #6872423. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

As Economic Development Director Hanvey and Visit Knox County Director Miller were attending an event, Chairman Mackeprang presented to the Board the revised Niobrara State Park Visitors Improvement Grant application for \$10,000 for concrete and concrete supplies for the construction of two Yurts at the Niobrara State Park. Discussion ensued on why the State was asking for the funds and what the lease fee for the Yurts would be. The Board tabled action on the application for more research.

The Board discussed the Joint Public Hearing that will be held this evening on September 20, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. at The Barn at God's Country.

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek met with the Board on the following: 1.) An additional layer showing subdivisions was added to the gWorks program at no cost; 2.) Maps for the fire departments will be less in cost than expected, however, the larger map for the dispatchers will be more expensive. Costs will be paid from the KENO Fund; 3.) The Board had approved Conditional Use Permit #CU0015D to amend Conditional Use Permit #CU0015, #CU0015B and #CU0015C on Toy Shed Storage LLC for an additional storage unit at the September 6, 2023 meeting but a resolution was not presented at that time for the approval. **Resolution #2023 – 29** was reviewed and signed by the Board.

RESOLUTION #2023 – 29

WHEREAS, Toy Shed Storage LLC has applied for Conditional Use Permit #CU0015D to amend Conditional Use Permit #CU0015, #CU0015B and #CU0015C to construct an additional self-storage building on the following described real estate:

The North ½ of the North ½ of the Northeast ¼ of Section Twenty-three (23), Township Thirty-three (33) North, Range Two (2) West of the 6th P.M., Knox County, Nebraska, **LESS** the following tracts:

Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-three (23), thence S 89° 58' 05" W along the north section line a distance of 708.65 feet; thence on an assumed bearing of S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 54.82 feet to a point of beginning on the south right-of-way line of Knox County Highway 54C; thence continuing S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 605.18 feet; thence S 89° 58' 05" W a distance of 784.08 feet; thence N 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 619.10 feet back to said south right-of-way line; thence N 88° 53' 54" E along said south right-of-way line a distance of 170.76 feet; thence S 88° 26' 06" E continuing along said south right-of-way line a distance of 613.58 feet to the point of beginning; **AND** Commencing at the Northeast corner of said Section Twenty-three (23), thence S 89° 58' 05" W along the north section line a distance of 708.65 feet; thence on an assumed bearing of S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 54.82 feet to a point of beginning on the south right-of-way line of Knox County Highway 54C; thence continuing S 00° 00' 00" E a distance of 605.18 feet; thence S 89° 58' 05" W a distance of 670.04 feet to the West right-of-way line of Nebraska Highway 121; thence N 00° 32' 26" E along said Nebraska Highway 121 West right-of-way a distance of 594.79 feet back to said Knox County Highway South right-of-way line; thence N 89° 15' 06" W along said South right-of-way line a distance of 589.81 feet; thence N 88° 26' 06" W continuing along said South right-of-way line a distance of 85.92 feet to the point of beginning; **AND** Also excepting that property deeded to the State of Nebraska for highway purposes in Deed Book 86 at Page 401 and in Deed Book 86 at Page 412 of records of the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office.

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has given public notice and held a public hearing on August 8, 2023, and September 6, 2023 and

WHEREAS, the Knox County Planning Commission has found that the application complies with the Knox County Zoning Regulations, and hereby makes a recommendation to approve the permit with the following conditions:

1. No outside storage is allowed.
2. The structure shall be of similar color to the original structures.
3. Under the soffit lighting shall be included.

4. Permanent diversion of water shall be installed during construction and in the future to control the runoff.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the Toy Shed Storage LLC Conditional Use Permit #CU0015D be approved.

Dated this 20th day of September 2023.

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Kevin D. Mackeprang /s/
Kevin D. Mackeprang, Chairman, District #5

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

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

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

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

Danny R. Schlote /s/
Danny R. Schlote, District #6

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

James J. Borgmann /s/
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek continued with the following: 4.) Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the August Zoning Permits Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 5.) Russ Wilcox with Riverpoint Bay, LLC called the NDEE and they were not aware of additional leach fields in the area. Emergency Manager/Zoning Administrator Jelinek will contact NDEE for more information.

Officials' update was given by Chairman Mackeprang regarding answering the usual audit questions to complete the 2022/2023 annual audit. Also, the North Central District Health Department did not approve their budget yet as they did not have enough Board members present at the meeting.

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

GENERAL FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 95,653.40; Antelope County Sheriff, service fees, 18.69; Applied Connective Technologies, IT/Phone, 4,554.01; Center Garage, tire repair, 25.00; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 45.00; Clerk of District Court, filing fees, 65.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 7,490.35; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, subscriptions, 90.00; D&L Tire LLC., tires, 1,555.94; DAS State Accounting-Central Finance, backup, 472.00; Dollar General, jail supplies, 24.35; Ecowater, bottled water, 503.50; Elizabeth Doerr, contracted labor, 210.00; Fairfield by Marriott, lodging, 167.00; Farmers & Merchants State Bank, annual ach fee, 240.00; Gragert's, jail food, 1,208.82; Great Plains Communications, internet at Lindy tower/phone/cable, 1,197.35; Independent Pest Management, pest control, 15.00; Jane Wilmes, election help/mileage, 107.88; Joyce Bertschinger, election help/mileage, 105.26; Knox County Treasurer, transfer from General Fund to Road Fund, 143,951.95; Kora Pavlik, witness fees, 20.00; Melissa Smith, witness fees/mileage, 69.78; Moody Motor Company, repairs, 2,566.94; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,526.50; Northeast Nebraska News Co., publishing, 334.53; NSA/POAN, dues, 130.00; Platte Valley Communications, Lindy tower, 755.93; Postmaster, postal permit fee, 310.00; Quill Corporation, supplies, 242.96; R&K Motor Parts, wiper blades/oil/filter, 62.19; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 6,792.31; Schumacher Elevator Co., elevator repair, 668.25; Thomsen Reuters, law book, 615.00; US Cellular, cell phones, 183.53; US Cellular, cell phones, 459.42; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 28.00; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 86.49; Verizon, hot spot, 40.01; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 1,096.00.

ROAD FUND. Adjusted Salaries, 35,357.55; Art's Garbage, garbage, 18.00; B's Enterprises Inc., patch material, 4,188.00; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 98.11; Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 75.57; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/shop supplies, 409.77; Bohemian One Stop, gas, 856.25; Cedar-Knox Public Power District, electricity, 101.80; CHS Wausa, diesel/gas, 2,094.98; City of Creighton, water/sewer, 127.54; C-Mart, gas, 358.69; C-Mart LLC, gas, 73.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 2,715.42; Creighton 59 LLC, gas, 555.47; Dixon Construction CO., bridge project, 108,059.94; Farmer's Pride, diesel, 4,347.55; Herbert Feed & Grain, diesel, 3,579.34; J&J Sanitation, garbage, 49.00; Jebro Inc., mc3000/demurrage, 23,103.84; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies, 86.72; LTL Holdings Inc., gas, 433.13; McCormick Tree Trimming, equipment rental, 2,498.00; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 268.41; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 37.08; Pitzer Digital, publishing, 54.00; R&K Motor Parts, repairs, 1,695.17; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 2,430.94; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Santee Utility Commission, garbage, 65.00; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 13.13; Sucha Repair, repairs, 222.51; Truck Center Companies, repairs, 655.68; US Cellular, cell phones, 280.09; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 42.00; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/supplies/tires/oil filter, 5,476.76; Vic's Service LLC, gas/tires/shop supplies, 1,102.55; Village of Center, water/sewer, 34.00; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 43.25; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 84.99; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 23,793.26.

HIGHWAY BRIDGE BUYBACK FUND. Dison Construction Co., bridge project, 12,396.09; JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fees, 11,952.50.

FLOWAGE EASEMENT ROAD FUND. JEO Consulting Group Inc., engineering fees, 1,140.00.

CHILD SUPPORT FUND. Quill Corp., supplies, 511.03

VISITOR'S PROMO FUND. Salaries, 1,625.30.

COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT FUND. Applied Connective Technologies, phone system, 9,374.10; Gary Macke, concrete, 25,592.49.

C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND. Salaries, 1,786.77; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 138.85; Creative Revolution, email/subscription, 870.41; Rita Pitzer, meals, 280.00; Stacy Miller, office supplies, 134.20; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 113.41; US Cellular, cell phones, 122.02; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 21.21.

911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND. Knox County Treasurer, transfer to 911 Wireless Service Holding Fund, 22,998.37.

SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND. Cornhusker Industries, pillows, 66.00.

TOTALS

General Fund	\$275,688.34
Road Fund	225,532.49
Highway Bridge Buyback Fund	24,348.59
Flowage Easement Road Fund	1,140.00
Child Support Fund	511.03
Visitor's Promo Fund	1,625.30
Covid ARPA Fund	34,966.59
C & C Development Fund	3,466.87
911 Wireless Service Fund	22,998.37
Sheriff Commissary Fund	66.00
Total	\$590,343.58

Chairman Mackeprang adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:05 p.m. on September 20, 2023 until Wednesday, October 4, 2023 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
