

PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Center, Nebraska  
January 11, 2018  
9:30 a.m.

A reorganizational 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 January 11, 2018 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 Sokol, Jr. presiding.

Supr. Miller led the Board in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. 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 Bloomfield Monitor 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 December 28, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the December 28, 2017 meeting minutes as read.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that all claims, except Claim #18010091 payable to Schreier Lumber, 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.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Borgmann that Claim #18010091 payable to Schreier Lumber in the amount of \$7.96, audited and approved for payment by the Claims Committee be allowed subject to delinquent personal taxes. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #3. Motion carried.

Claims totaling \$349,440.82 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Knox County Board of Supervisors recess at 9:57 a.m. on January 11, 2018.

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

By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

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The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 9:57 a.m., as provided by Sec. 23-272, 23-274 Revised Statutes of Nebraska 1943 (Reissue of 2012).

Chairman Sokol, Jr. appointed County Clerk Fischer as Temporary Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors due to the reorganization process.

Temporary Chairman/Co. Clk. Fischer called for nominations three times from the floor for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Miller nominated Supervisor Sokol, Jr.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Sokol, Jr. for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2018. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. Abstain District #4. Motion carried. Supervisor Sokol, Jr. assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2018.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. called for nominations three times from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors. Supr. Schlote nominated Supr. Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Mackeprang for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Supervisors for 2018. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. announced the 2018 Committees as follows: **FINANCING, BANKING & INSURANCE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Martin O'Connor and Jim Borgmann; **CLAIMS** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Danny Schlote and Kevin Mackeprang; **ROAD & BRIDGE** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Jim Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta.; **PRINTING** – Supervisors Jim Sokol, Jr., Jim Borgmann and Patrick Liska; **PURCHASING** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Jim Borgmann and Kevin Mackeprang; **COURTHOUSE & GROUNDS** – Supervisors Virgil Miller, Martin O'Connor, Jim Sokol, Jr., Co. Clerk Joann M. Fischer, Deputy Co. Clerk Rhonda Surface and Custodian Brandon Peters; **COURTHOUSE SECURITY** – Sheriff Don Henery, County Attorney John Thomas and Emergency Manager Laura Hintz; **COUNTY MACHINERY CARE** – Supervisors Martin O'Connor, Jim Sokol, Jr., Patrick Liska and Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta; **COUNTY GENERAL ASSISTANCE** - Supervisors in Respective Districts; **COURTHOUSE SUPPLY APPROVAL OFFICER** – County Clerk Joann Fischer; **SAFETY COORDINATORS** – Emergency Manager Laura Hintz and County Clerk Joann M. Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY SAFETY COMMITTEE** - Supervisors Danny Schlote and Patrick Liska, Emergency Manager Laura Hintz, Co. Clerk Joann Fischer, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta, Sheriff Don Henery, Custodian Brandon Peters, Road employees Mike Beckmann, David Huigens and Mike Jelinek, and Hwy. Supt. Office Manager Katie Fritz as secretary; **AMERICAN WITH DISABILITIES COMMITTEE** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang, Hwy. Supt. Kevin Barta and Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **BLOOMFIELD AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **CREIGHTON AIRPORT JOINT ZONING BOARD** – Supervisor Jim Borgmann; **GOLDENROD HILLS (HOUSING)** – Supervisor Jim Sokol, Jr.; **HEALTH INSURANCE PORTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY ACT (HIPAA) COORDINATOR** – Co. Clerk Joann Fischer; **KNOX COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY** - Supervisors Danny Schlote and Patrick Liska; **KNOX COUNTY VISITORS' COMMITTEE** – Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **MISSOURI SEDIMENTATION ACTION COALITION BOARD** – Mark Simpson; **NEBRASKA REGIONAL INTEROPERABILITY NETWORK** – Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **911 EMERGENCY SERVICE BOARD** - Supervisors Virgil Miller, Jim Sokol, Jr. and Danny Schlote; **NORTH CENTRAL DISTRICT HEALTH DEPARTMENT BOARD** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA AREA AGENCY ON AGING** - Supervisor Virgil Miller; **NORTHEAST NEBRASKA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT (NENEDD) BOARD** - Supervisor Jim Borgmann; **NORTHSTAR SERVICES BOARD** - Supervisor Danny Schlote; **RECREATION RIVER COOPERATING AGENCY** - Supervisor Martin O'Connor; **REGION IV MENTAL HEALTH & SUBSTANCE ABUSE SERVICE DISTRICT** - Supervisor Kevin Mackeprang.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to retain Kevin R. Barta as County Highway Superintendent for the ensuing year. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to authorize Co. Treasurer Stark to invest all funds of the County for the calendar year 2018. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Miller to set the current salary for Veterans' Service Officer Gary Jones at \$20.24 per hour. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Schlote to designate the publishing and posting requirements of 2018 Notices of Meeting as follows: All 2018 Notices of Meeting to be posted on the Knox County Website being [www.co.knox.ne.us](http://www.co.knox.ne.us); the Notice of Meeting for the first regular meeting of each month be published in the Bloomfield Monitor, the Notice of Meeting for the second regular meeting of each month be published in the Verdigre Eagle; and special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:16 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:35 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Schlote to adopt **Resolution #2018 - 01** directing Hwy. Supt. Barta to conduct a study for the vacation and abandonment of portions of former Highway 13 being a 20 ft. x 421 ft. tract in the SE1/4SW1/4 of Section 27 and a 20 ft. x 421 ft. tract in the NE1/4NW1/4 of Section 34, all in Valley Township. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

### **RESOLUTION #2018 - 01**

WHEREAS the Valley Township Board has requested to vacate and abandon portions of former Highway 13:

1. Beginning at the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter of Section 27, T30N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska; thence north 20 feet along the west line of the Southeast Quarter of the Southwest Quarter; thence east 421 feet; thence south 20 feet to the section line; thence west 421 feet along the section line to the place of beginning;
2. Beginning at the Northwest corner of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 34, T30N, R5W of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M., Knox County, Nebraska; thence south 20 feet along the west line of the Northeast Quarter of the Northwest Quarter; thence east 421 feet; thence north 20 feet to the section line; thence west 421 feet along the section line to the place of beginning, being 0.19 acres; and

WHEREAS the Highway Superintendent must conduct a study of vacating and abandoning such roads, and,

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, the Knox County Board of Supervisors hereby directs Hwy. Supt. Kevin R. Barta to conduct a study of vacating and abandoning portions of former Highway 13 in Valley Township as described above.

Passed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2018.

#### BOARD OF SUPERVISORS KNOX COUNTY, NEBRASKA

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

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

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

Virgil H. Miller /s/  
Virgil H. Miller, District #3

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

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

ATTEST: (Seal) James J. Borgmann /s/  
James J. Borgmann, District #7

Joann M. Fischer /s/  
Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

Hwy. Supt. Barta continued with the following: 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Liska to set the date of County Shed Safety Inspections for Friday, January 19, 2018 starting at the Center County Shed at 8:00 a.m. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Knox County did not receive approval in the second round of Federal bridge project funding in the County Bridge Match Program; 4. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to go into executive session at 10:48 a.m. so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held so as to protect the reputation of an individual when discussing HIPAA issues. The Board came out of executive session at 10:52 a.m.; 5. Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to close the executive session at 10:52 that was held on HIPAA issues. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 6. Discussion was held on holding road employee job evaluations. The consensus of the Board was to hold them every other year so the next evaluations will be held in 2019; 7. NIRMA will be conducting a safety workshop for road employees in the basement conference room on February 23, 2018; 8. Discussion was held on options for the road north of Center.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Schlote to place on file the Clerk of District Court December 2017 Fee Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Borgmann to place on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Fee Report of Fees Collected Between October 1 and December 31, 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to approve the IRS 2018 mileage rate of 54.5 cents per mile and 57.5 cents per mile to the Sheriff's Office for paper service. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to place on file the County Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report of Summary of Collections, Disbursements and Balances For Six Months Ending December 31, 2017 and that there were no unpaid claims against Knox County as of December 15, 2017. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska that the receipts totaling \$220,456.15 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#18935 – Knox County Sheriff, work release for Jonathan Starr, 50.00; #18936 – State of Nebraska, funding for 911 service, 4,772.55; #18937 – Linda Hamilton, inheritance tax-Marceline F. Witt Estate, 674.50; #18938 – State of Nebraska, motor vehicle prorated, 12,475.64; #18939 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 1,105.24; #18940 – Knox County Treasurer, interest, 144.41; #18941 – State of Nebraska, January 2018 rent, 2,205.00; #18942 – Clerk of District Court, December 2017 collections, 674.25; #18943 – Farmers & Merchants State Bank, interest, 10,683.37; #18944 – William Witt, inheritance tax-Marceline F. Witt Estate, 674.51; #18945 – Knox County Clerk, plats, misc. fees, c.c. marriage licenses & copies, 136.95; #18946 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 97.70; #18947 – Vakoc Excavating, culvert, 250.00; #18948 – Knox County Sheriff, auto inspections, finger printing fees & handgun permits, 780.00; #18949 – Commercial State Bank, interest, 289.86; #18950 – Knox County Court, fines, court costs & lab test fees, 2,918.00; #18951 – Knox County Clerk, imprest interest, 11.45; #18952 – Tony Kauth, candidate filing fee for Peoria Township Board, 6.00; #18953 – Register of Deeds, recording fees & documentary stamp tax, 5,551.83; #18954 – Knox County Zoning, building permits, 507.00; #18955 – Knox County Sheriff, 4<sup>th</sup> quarter fees, 1,435.00; #18956 – Encartel, reimburse jail phone usage, 70.37; #18957 – Verdigre Township, culvert, 240.00; #18958 – State of Nebraska, highway allocation, 174,662.52; #18959 – Knox County Attorney, check filing fees, 20.00; #18960 – Melvin H. Barger, candidate filing fee for Hill Township Board, 20.00.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the December Zoning Permit Report, the Yearly Permits Report for 2017 and the Permits Yearly Summary Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. A position on the Planning Commission will be filled at the next meeting.

The Board took a ten-minute break at 11:20 a.m.

The Board returned to the meeting at 11:30 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Miller, seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the request by Ryan Zerbe/Bohemian One Stop, Verdigre NE 68783 to increase the area of his original liquor licensed area to 50 feet x 70 feet due to rebuilding the business building larger after a fire destroyed the original licensed area. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Mike Kellar met with the Board on the transfer of his father's estate property in Knox County to him. The transfer was handled by Attorney Dennis Collins as per the request of the Personal Representatives of the Kenneth Kellar Estate and deeds dated October 9, 2014 were recorded in the Knox County Register of Deeds' Office on February 24, 2015. Mike Kellar said that Form 521 Real Estate Transfer Statements that were presented along with the deeds for recording in the Register of Deeds' Office were signed by Attorney Collins when he felt they should have been signed by himself because he as grantee hadn't given Mr. Collins authorization. Mr. Kellar offered to have the matter resolved by signing new Forms 521, rerecording the deeds, taking possession of the property as of 2018 and have the back taxes paid by someone other than him. No action was taken and the Board suggested he contact the attorneys involved.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

**GENERAL FUND.** Salaries, 147,939.03; Antelope County Court, supplies, 10.51; Blue360 Media, law book, 132.37; CenturyLink, long distance, 88.38; Classic Carpet Care, mop/towel rental, 41.00; CNA Surety, notary bond, 40.00; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 11,291.84; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 23,870.00; County of Knox Employee Benefit Account HealthCare Solutions Group Inc., ACA fee, 1,000.00; Creighton News, publishing, 180.00; Donald Jiracek, prior service, 25.00; Eakes Office Solutions, copier agreement, 101.14; Ecowater Systems, bottled water/salt, 292.00; Elaine's Tavern & Café, prisoner board, 4,977.00; Fire Protection Services LLC, fire alarms, 5,400.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 2,336.05; Health Plan Services Inc., insurance County pays, 1,883.12; Hefner Hardware, supplies, 5.59; Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 152.36; Jo Ann P. Knori, prior service, 20.00; Key Sanitation LLC, garbage, 104.00; Knox County Court, court costs, 118.00; Knox County Sheriff, paper fees, 238.38; The Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 79.88; Liz Doerr, mileage, 64.80; Marvin Planning Consultants Inc., consultation, 800.00; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 40.50; MIPS, computer program/tax forms, 890.54; M.O.C.I.C., dues, 100.00; My Local County News, publishing, 84.00; Nebraska Secretary of State, notary, 30.00; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 3,422.02; Northeast Nebraska News Company, publishing, 192.88; Office Systems Co., agreement, 184.00; Postmaster, postage, 1,413.00; Quality Printing & Office Supply, postcards, 203.53; Quill Corporation, office supplies/paper, 352.24; Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 9,891.24; Roger Schieffer, witness fees/mileage, 36.05; Ruth Vonderohe, travel expense, 171.20; Telebeep, pager, 51.33; The Farner Company Inc., utensils, 208.19; Thomson Reuters West, law books, 412.00; Cellular, cell phones, 122.40; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 340.82; Verdigre Eagle, publishing, 94.26; Viewu, body cameras, 125.00; Village of Center, water/sewer/garbage, 342.50; Yankton County Sheriff, paper fees, 52.50.

**ROAD FUND.** Salaries, 53,589.39; Backus Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 1,397.86; Big Red Mini Mart, gas, 88.02; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 62.00; CHS Wausa, diesel/gas, 1,791.03; City of Bloomfield, water, 21.75; City of Creighton, water/sewer/garbage, 153.60; C-Mart, gas/diesel, 555.81; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 4,050.52; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 10,500.00; Don McElhose Trucking & Construction, equipment rental/clay rock/ haul, 4,200.00; Farmer's Pride, diesel/propane/oil, 3,815.85; Great Plains Communications, phone, 473.79; Grossenburg Implement Inc., repairs, 1,884.24; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 754.12; Herbert Feed & Grain Co., diesel, 4,361.14; J&K Auto, gas, 165.65; Jedlicka's Hardware Hank, shop supplies/repairs, 137.81; Key Sanitation, garbage, 116.00; Larry Pilar, prior service, 21.00; Lincoln National Life Ins. Co., insurance County pays, 32.30; N & B Gas Co., heating fuel/filters, 1,099.26; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 59.82; North Central Public Power District, electricity, 419.97; Peitz GMC Service Inc., repairs, 74.42; People's Grocery, shop supplies, 3.90; Powerplan, repairs, 3,704.35; Plumbing & Electric Services, Inc., equipment rental, 11,748.00; R & K Motor Parts, shop supplies, 477.48; RDO Truck Centers, repairs, 11.66; Reinke's Farm & City Service Inc., repairs, 66.85; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, ret. Co. pays, 3,507.97; Schreier Lumber, shop supplies, 7.96; State of Nebraska Motor Fuels Division, diesel tax, 404.00; U.S. Cellular, cell phones, 468.75; Village of Center, water/sewer, 32.50; Village of Niobrara, water/sewer, 38.75; Village of Verdigre, water/sewer/garbage, 74.15; West Hodson Lumber & Concrete Co., shop supplies, 52.52; Willow Creek Sand & Gravel, gravel/haul, 1,238.29.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** CenturyLink, long distance, 5.53; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.34; Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 46.00; Nebraska Clerks of District Court Association, dues, 50.00; Postmaster, postage, 891.50.

**VISITOR'S PROMO FUND.** Salaries, 528.00.

**VISITOR'S IMPROVEMENT FUND.** Great Plains Communications Inc., kiosk internet, 108.65.

**ROD PRESERVATION/MODERNIZATION FUND.** Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc., scanner rent, 55.00; MIPS, computer program, 244.34.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 46.60; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 84.13; Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** Salaries, 3,125.83; CenturyLink, long distance, 5.53; Collector of Internal Revenue, Social Security County pays, 231.52; County of Knox Employee Benefit Acct. c/o Healthcare Solutions Group Inc., insurance County pays, 700.00; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 52.34; Health Plan Services, insurance County pays, 44.36; Lincoln National Life Insurance Co., insurance County pays, 1.83; Retirement Plans Div. of Ameritas, retirement County pays, 210.99; U.S. Cellular, cell phone, 35.65.

**INHERITANCE FUND.** Northeast Community College Foundation, 9<sup>th</sup> pledge payment, 5,000.00; Rodney W. Smith, public defender contract, 2,083.37; Verlyn Luebbe, special county attorney, 292.97..

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 5.04; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 219.12; Three River Telco, phone, 42.07.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** Salaries, 2,184.69; Great Plains Communications, phone/internet, 693.35; Three River Telco, phone, 179.34.

**SHERIFF COMMISSARY FUND.** Bob's Candy Service, inmate commissary, 107.60.

TOTALS	
General Fund	219,950.65
Road Fund	111,662.48
Child Support Fund	1,045.37
Visitor's Promo Fund	528.00
Visitor's Improvement Fund	108.65
ROD Pres./Mod. Fund	299.34
County Insurance Fund	630.73
C&C Development Fund	4,408.05
Inheritance Fund	7,376.34
911 Emergency Fund	266.23
911 Wireless Service Fund	3,057.38
Sheriff Commissary Fund	107.60
Total	\$349,440.82

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 11:50 a.m., January 11, 2018 until Thursday, January 25, 2018 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  
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By \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

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A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of January 11, 2018 at 10:16 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 Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote announced to the public that a copy of the Public Open Meeting Act was posted in the Boardroom.

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The minutes of the December 28, 2017 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the December 28, 2017 minutes as read with the correction that County Assessor McManigal was inquiring into the services of Joe Wilson with Tax Valuation, Inc. for appraisal of the larger commercial businesses.

Chairman Schlote appointed County Clerk Fischer as Temporary Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization due to the reorganization process.

Temporary Chairman/Co. Clk. Fischer called for nominations from the floor for Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. Supervisor Miller nominated Supervisor Schlote.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Borgmann that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Schlote as Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2018. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Supervisor Schlote assumed the duties of the Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2018.

Chairman Schlote called for nominations from the floor for Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization. Supervisor Miller nominated Supervisor Borgmann.

Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Mackeprang that nominations cease, rules be suspended and to cast a unanimous ballot for Supervisor Borgmann as Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2018. By roll call vote. Ayes Districts #1, #2, #3, #4, #5, #6 and #7. Nays none. ~~Abstain District #5~~ (corrected 1-25-2018). Motion carried. Supervisor Borgmann assumed the duties of the Vice-Chairman of the Knox County Board of Equalization for 2018.

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special meeting/quorum meeting notices be published in both the Bloomfield Monitor and Verdigre Eagle. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Co. Assessor McManigal met with the Board on the following: 1. Work is being done in the office to get properties valued; 2. Discussion was held on an error of a legal description on a deed and needed corrections.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:35 a.m. on January 11, 2018 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, January 25, 2018 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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The minutes of the January 11, 2018 meeting were read. Chairman Sokol, Jr. approved the January 11, 2018 meeting minutes as read.

Correspondence reviewed was: 1. Information from the Nebraska Department of Transportation concerning a proposed federal-aid project involving a historic bridge on County Road 885 north of Verdigre; 2. Extension invitation to "meet and greet" Ben Beckman, the new Extension Educator and Regional Expert in Beef Systems; 3. Copy of letter from NIRMA announcing the awarding of a NIRMA ASSIST contribution in the amount of \$1,540.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote 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 \$80,821.50 are listed at the end of these proceedings.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Miller to place on file Weed Supt. Banks' Annual Report. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote that the receipts totaling \$206,341.53 be accepted and placed on file. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

#18961 – Eastern Township, signs/post, 285.00; #18962 – Cedar County Treasurer, December 2017 collections, 27,520.80; #18963 – Village of Verdigre, law enforcement service, 100.00; #18964 – Midwest Bank, interest, 1,260.28; #18965 – Kenneth A. Sukup, filing fee, 236.92; #18966 – Knox County Sheriff, inmate commissary, 90.60; #18967 – Z's Lindy Country Club, tobacco license, 10.00; #18968 – Estate of Dennis D. Von Seggern, inheritance tax, 9,891.22; #18969 – Frontier Communications, 911 surcharges, 3.96; #18970 – State of Nebraska, tobacco license, 10.00; #18971 – Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District, January 2018 business loan payments, 5,743.04; #18972 – Level 3 Communications LLC, 911 surcharges, 51.00; #18973 – State of Nebraska, fines collected by State of Nebraska, 208.59; #18974 – Knox County BIA, BIA reimbursement for housing inmates in December 2017, 6,664.00; 18975 – NIRMA, NIRMA assist grant, 1,540.00; #18976 – Kevin R. Cook, inheritance tax-Richard E. Cook estate, 5,081.62; #18977 – Three River, 911 surcharges, 323.00; #18978 – North Central Public Power District, 5% gross tax, 97,907.44; #18979 – Peoria Township, reimbursement for electricity and propane, 304.86; #18980 – SID #1, Cedar Knox Rural Water refund overpayment, 152.33; #18981 – Vonage, 911 surcharges, 6.00; #18982 – State of Nebraska, corner tieouts and remonumenting section corner, 1,100.00; #18983 – Arlen R. Poppe, filing fee – Addison Twp. Bd., 5.00; #18984 – State of Nebraska, lodging tax, 2,845.87; #18985 – State of Nebraska, bridge match program-Creighton north, 45,000.00.

Chairman Sokol, Jr. moves the Board recess at 10:00 a.m. for Board of Equalization.

The Knox County Board of Supervisors reconvened at 10:31 a.m. with all members present.

Hwy. Supt. Barta met with the Board on the following: 1. The small skid loader arrived and was used to clear snow on the sidewalks at the Courthouse; 2. Knox County received \$45,000 for CBMP on the Creighton North bridge project; 3. Discussion was held on replacing the oil crew pickup and prices from the State Bid, choices of add-ons and whether to purchase a diesel or gas pickup. Motion by Supr. Borgmann, seconded by Supr. Liska to purchase a 2018 Dodge 3/4 Ton diesel pickup with an eight-foot box, backup camera and tailgate step for \$40,053.00. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 4. Results of the shed safety inspections were reviewed; 5. Repairs to Kenworth truck.

Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. O'Connor to go into executive session at 10:50 a.m. to discuss pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried. Chairman Sokol, Jr. reiterated that the executive session will be held on pending litigation. The Board came out of executive session at 11:10 a.m.

Motion by Supr. Liska, seconded by Supr. Miller to close the executive session at 11:10 a.m. that was held on pending litigation. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Zoning Administrator Doerr met with the Board on the following: 1. Discussion was held on filling a position on the Planning Commission. Dale Riesberg who has been on the Planning Commission since the 1980's has requested to not be reappointed. Doug DeShazer of Crofton expressed interest in the position and comes highly recommended.

Motion by Supr. O'Connor, seconded by Supr. Schlote to appoint Doug DeShazer to the Planning Commission for a three-year term and the Board commends and expresses appreciation to Dale Riesberg for the many years of service to Knox County. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 2. Motion by Supr. Schlote, seconded by Supr. Mackeprang to place on file the November 14, 2017 Planning Commission meeting minutes. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried; 3. Discussed Base Flood Elevation in Lazy River Acres. Zoning Administrator and Chairman Sokol, Jr. recently attended a meeting with the Corps of Engineers and FEMA regarding flood regulations, the County setting flood elevations for building permits, approval by FEMA of the County-set flood elevations, and siltation problems; 4. Discussion ensued on in-depth soil mapping in the lake area including the Devils Nest area. Consultant Keith Marvin would help with the project if the Planning Commission and the Board are interested.

Sheriff Henery met with the Board on the following: 1. The new patrol pickup arrived and radios will be installed. The old pickup will be used at the District 2 Shed; 2. 911 process. Also present was Head Jailor Donna Hays. Discussion was held on the process of handling 911 calls, responsibilities of the dispatchers/jailors and funding costs if hiring additional staff. One dispatcher is leaving but the position is being filled and there is a need for an additional jailor. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve the hiring of a full-time jailor with starting wage of \$15 per hour and a 75-cent per hour increase after the new hire attends jailor training. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

There was no comment on non-agenda items.

There was no comment on agenda items.

The Board made a quarterly visit to the County jail as per Nebraska Revised Statute 47-109.

**GENERAL FUND.** Classic Rentals, mop/towel rental, 47.50; Crofton Journal/Niobrara Tribune, publishing, 205.90; DAS State Accounting Central Finance, backup, 121.88; Dean Wilken, meeting/mileage, 28.04; Dollar General, supplies, 202.95; Dugan Printing & Promotions, postage, 39.00; First National Bank Omaha, gas/supplies/hot spot, 699.94; Greg Kuhlman, meeting/mileage, 51.16; Jim Kotrous, meeting/mileage, 42.44; John Thomas, fax/copy charges, 53.50; Ken Foner, meeting/mileage, 38.08; NACT, dues, 50.00; Nebraska Weed Control Association, dues/registration, 320.00; Pitney Bowes, meter lease, 203.67; Postmaster, postal permit fee, 225.00; Quill Corporation, office supplies, 78.54; Robert Ganz, meeting/mileage, 36.99; Verdigre Farm Service, gas, 125.69; Wholesale Supply Company, supplies, 401.85.

**ROAD FUND.** Black Hills Energy, heating fuel, 86.39; Bloomfield Auto Parts, repairs/shop supplies/grease/filters, 160.75; Bloomfield Tire & Oil LLC, gas, 67.26; Cedar Knox PPD, electricity, 179.85; C-Mart LLC, gas, 51.96; Cornhusker International Trucks Inc., repairs, 223.17; Creighton 59 LLC, gas/diesel, 64.25; Hefner Hardware, shop tools, 29.99; Kimball Midwest, shop supplies, 111.19; Main Street Grocery, shop supplies, 9.94; Nebraska Public Power District, electricity, 188.84; NMC Exchange LLC, repair, 125.46; K&S Door Co. Inc. dba Overhead Door Co. of Norfolk, door repairs, 300.90; Pomp's Tire Service Inc., tires, 7,587.60; Russ Crosley, garbage, 46.00; Theisen Construction Co., county bridge match, 63,146.15; Verdigre Farm Service, diesel/gas/shop supplies/oil, 3,318.86; Vic's Service LLC, gas/shop supplies, 272.18; Village of Wausa, water/sewer/garbage, 140.85.

**CHILD SUPPORT FUND.** Hometown Leasing, copier lease, 125.93.

**COUNTY INSURANCE FUND.** Name Redacted, reimburse deductible, 250.00.

**C&C DEVELOPMENT FUND.** First National Bank Omaha, registration fee, 24.04; Northeast Nebraska RC&D, marketing, 100.00.

**911 EMERGENCY FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 79.24; First National Bank Omaha, supplies, 820.78.

**911 WIRELESS SERVICE FUND.** CenturyLink, phone, 337.79.

TOTALS	
General Fund	2,972.13
Road Fund	76,111.59
Child Support Fund	125.93
County Insurance Fund	250.00
C&C Development Fund	124.04
911 Emergency Fund	900.02
911 Wireless Service Fund	337.79
Total	\$ 80,821.50

Chairman Sokol, Jr. adjourned the Knox County Board of Supervisors at 12:25 a.m. on January 25, 2018 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018 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 \_\_\_\_\_  
James Sokol, Jr., Chairman

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**PROCEEDINGS OF THE KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION**

January 25, 2018  
Center, Nebraska  
10:00 a.m.

A regular meeting of the Knox County Board of Equalization was held at the Knox County Courthouse in Center, Nebraska on the date of January 25, 2018 at 10:00 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 Schlote presiding.

Chairman Schlote 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 Verdigre Eagle 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 11, 2018 meeting were read. Chairman Schlote approved the January 11, 2018 minutes as read with the correction that the roll call vote Supervisor Borgmann as the 2018 Vice-Chairman was "Ayes all Districts" and that Supervisor Mackeprang did not abstain.

At 10:04 a.m., Chairman Schlote opened the advertised hearing for Exemption Applications and Continued Exemption Applications for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations.

At 10:04 a.m., Chairman Schlote opened the public hearing on Exemption Form 457 for Good Samaritan Society-Bloomfield on five vehicles.

The Board reviewed their respective District's Qualifying Organization Exemption Applications.

Chairman Schlote closed the open public hearing on Exemption Applications and Continued Exemption Applications for Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations at 10:13 a.m. There was no one present in opposition. Motion by Supr. Sokol, Jr., seconded by Supr. Liska to approve the Exemption Applications and Continued Exemption Applications filed for 2018 Tax Exemption on Real and Personal Property by Qualifying Organizations. By roll call vote. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote closed the open public hearing at 10:13 a.m. on Exemption Form 457 for Good Samaritan Society-Bloomfield. Motion by Supr. Mackeprang, seconded by Supr. Miller to approve Exemption Form 457 for Good Samaritan Society-Bloomfield on a 2006 bus, a 2007 Ford Sport van, a 2008 Chevrolet 4-door sedan, a 2010 Chevrolet pickup and a 2017 Dodge passenger van. Ayes all Districts. Nays none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schlote appointed Supr. O'Connor, Supr. Mackeprang and Supr. Liska to the 2018 Tax Claims Committee.

There was no public comment on agenda items.

There was no public comment on non-agenda items.

Discussion was held on the pie chart that Co. Assessor McManigal had presented to the Board at a previous meeting. Also reviewed was information of the levies and valuations from 1983 through 2017.

Co. Assessor McManigal updated the Board on the progress of the valuation changes for 2018.

Chairman Schlote adjourned the Knox County Board of Equalization at 10:31 a.m. on January 25, 2018 until 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 8, 2018 for a regular meeting.

I, Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk, do hereby certify that the County Board of Equalization minutes are correct to the best of my knowledge.

ATTEST:

KNOX COUNTY BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

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Joann M. Fischer, Knox County Clerk

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Danny R. Schlote, Chairman

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