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BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Madison, Nebraska

August 17, 2021

The Board of Equalization of Madison County, Nebraska met at 8:30 A.M.

Advance notice of meeting was published in the Thursday, August 12, 2021, edition of The Norfolk Daily News and posted on the Madison County website. A copy of said notice was mailed to each Board member. An affidavit of acknowledgment of receipt of notice of meeting as published was executed. Chairman Ron Schmidt called the meeting to order and notified the public of the location of the information regarding the Open Meeting Act posted in the meeting room.

Present: Commissioners Eric Stinson, Ron Schmidt, and Troy Uhlir, County Clerk Anne Pruss, County Assessor Jeff Hackerott and County Treasurer Donna Primrose.

Motion made by Uhlir and seconded by Stinson to approve the agenda for the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Motion made by Uhlir and seconded by Stinson to approve the minutes of the June 22, July 7, July 9, July 15, and July 22, 2021 meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Chairman Schmidt opened a public hearing at 9:01 A.M. to receive testimony regarding the following motor vehicle exemption applications:

Community Concerns of Norfolk, Inc., 222 N. 4th St., Norfolk

(2) 2021 Ford Bus and 2017 Dodge Caravan

Faith Regional Health Services, 1500 Koenigstein Ave., Norfolk

2017 Dodge Plup, 2019 Dodge Caravan, (2) 2008 Chevy Malibu, (3) 2012 Chevy Malibu, 2015 Jeep Latitude, 2018 Chevy Equinox, 2012 Chrysler Town & Country, (2) 2010 Dodge Caravan, 2013 Dodge Durango, 2019 GMC Acadia, 2013 Chevy Silverado, 2001 Chevy Silverado, 2001 Dodge Neon, 2014 F-250 Super, 2012 Utility Trailer, 2004 Chevy Silverado, 2006 Circle D Trailer, 2013 Doolittle Trailer, 1998 Dodge Caravan, 2016 Ford Edge, 2007 Chevy Uplander, 2016 Dodge Caravan, 2017 Nissan Murano, (2) 2020 Ford Edge, 2012 Chrysler 200 Touring, 2007 Chevy Malibu, 2018 Champ Bus, 2003 Chevy Venture, 2016 ISUZU Straight Truck, and 2020 Ford Transit

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Lutheran High School Association of Northeast Nebraska
2010 N. 37th St., Norfolk

2009 Dodge Caravan, 2008 Ford Econoline, 2017 Ford Transit, 2016 Ford Transit, 2006 Honda Accord, 2015 Honda Accord, and 2004 Blue Bird Bus

Mosaic, 105 E. Norfolk Ave. Suite 200, Norfolk

2015 Chevy Malibu, 2016 Chevy Impala, 2019 Chevy Malibu, 2004 Chevy Astro Van, 2008 Chevy Express, 2014 Chevy Express, (2) 2016 Dodge Caravan, 2011 Dodge Caravan, 2010 Chevy Express, 2012 Toyota Prius, 2018 Dodge Promaster, 2005 Dodge Caravan, (3) 2010 Chevy Express, (2) 2011 Toyota Sienna, 2015 Dodge Caravan, 2010 Gold Impala, 2010 Toyota Sienna, 2011 Chevy Cruze, 2016 Toyota Prius, 2008 Chevy G3500, 2015 Chevy Cruze, 2007 Chevy Express G3500, 2007 Chevy Van, 2015 Dodge Caravan

Northern Heights Baptist Church, P.O Box 1311, Norfolk

2009 Dodge Caravan, 2008 Ford Econoline, 2017 Ford Transit, 2016 Ford Transit

County Treasurer Donna Primrose reported that the vehicle exemption applications are for renewals. No public comments were received during the hearing. Chairman Schmidt closed the hearing at 9:02 A.M.

Motion was made by Stinson and seconded by Uhlir to approve the motor vehicle exemption applications as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

County Assessor Jeff Hackerott reported that letters were received from the following people who requested extensions of the homestead exemption filing deadline:

- Donald M. Bartee
- Phyllis A. and Joseph B. Dusel

He reported that all letters requesting extension of the filing deadline were received in the Clerk's office prior to the statutory deadline of June 30th as established in §77-3512 Nebraska Revised Statutes, except the letters submitted by Donald M. Bartee which was received on July 2, 2021 and Phyllis A. and Joseph B. Dusel was received on July 20, 2021. He explained that none of the applicants filed a request for extension in the prior year. In addition, he stated that all applications have valuations below the homestead exemption maximum. Mr. Hackerott reported that some of the applicants own farms; but, the only valuation considered for the homestead exemption is the house and one acre of land.

After discussion, a motion was made by Uhlir and seconded by Schmidt to approve extension of the homestead exemption filing deadline for Donald M. Bartee and Phyllis A. and Joseph B. Dusel. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

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County Assessor Jeff Hackerott submitted the following tax list corrections:

- #3702: Jerry W. & Judy A. Allvin, 701 East Walnut Circle, Norfolk
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$393.16 for 30% approval to the 2018 Homestead Exemption.
- #3703: Gerald L. Schwede, 1220 Elm Avenue, Norfolk
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$970.10 for 0% approval to the 2018 Homestead Exemption.
- #3704: Diane M. Wolf 511 East Braasch Avenue, Norfolk
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$332.04 for 100% approval to the 2019 Homestead Exemption.
- #3696: City of Norfolk Airport Authority, P.O. Box 1343 Norfolk
Deduction to the tax rolls in the amount of \$805.88 due to termination of lease on May 31, 2020.

After discussion, a motion was made by Uhlir and seconded by Stinson to approve the foregoing tax list corrections as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes, Stinson, Schmidt, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:10 A.M to Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

ATTEST:

County Clerk Anne M. Pruss

Ronald Schmidt, Chairman
County Board of Equalization

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

August 17, 2021

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Nebraska met in regular session at 9:30 A.M.

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County website. A copy of said notice was provided to each Board member. An affidavit of acknowledgment of receipt of notice of meeting as published was executed.

Following a moment of Silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Chairman Troy Uhlir called the meeting to order and notified the public of the copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room.

Present: Commissioners Eric Stinson, Ron Schmidt, and Troy Uhlir, County Clerk Anne Pruss, and County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson. Norfolk Daily News reporter Jerry Guenther and WJAG reporter Cody Ronnfeldt were present until 10:43 A.M.

Commissioner Schmidt read the following consent agenda items into the record:

- 1) Approval of minutes of August 3, 2021 meeting
- 2) Approval of 2021 inventory statements
- 3) Set public hearing date for September 17, 2021 at 1:00 P.M. to receive input regarding, 2021-2022 fiscal year budget and adoption of property tax at an amount different than prior fiscal year
- 4)

RESOLUTION #2021-31
SIGNING OF THE YEAR-END CERTIFICATION OF
COUNTY HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
2021 MADISON COUNTY

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statues, sections 39-2115, 39-2119,39-2120, and 39-2501(2), requires an annual certification of program compliance to the Nebraska Board of Public Records Classifications and Standards; and

Whereas: State of Nebraska Statue, section 39-2120 also requires that the annual certification of program compliance by each county shall be signed by the County Board Chairperson and shall include the resolution of the governing body of the county authorizing the signing of the certification.

Be it resolved that the County Board Chairperson of Madison County is hereby authorized to sign the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance.

Motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Stinson to approve the consent agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

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Motion was made by Stinson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the regular agenda. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Donna Herrick and Jeremy Kirby from Divots Brewery in Norfolk were present to explain their new addition of a brew house. Ms. Herrick stated that their brewery now has a 20 barrel system. She explained that having the bigger brewing system they are able to start canning their beers. Divots Brewery has moved into the distribution market and had been doing this with their kegs but they would like to start distributing the canned beers. Mr. Kirby stated that they now have a tap room which is where customers can come in and taste the different kinds of beers that have been brewed. This tap room can fit up to about 60 customers. Ms. Herrick explained that they will also have a beer garden on the east side of the building.

Motion was made by Stinson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the liquor license application filed by Herrick Farms, Inc. for an addition to the licensed premise of Divots. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none.

Fran Pinkelman from Priority Communications stated the County's license for the voicemail system is coming to an end and he is trying to work with the company to get a permanent license in place. Mr. Pinkelman explained that so far he has not been able to accomplish this but there may be another solution until the County has their new phone system installed. There is an In-Skin Voicemail that could be put into the County's current phone system however, it is not as robust as the current voicemail system. There are a lot of features the County's voicemail has that are not being used therefore, not having such an in depth system will be fine for what the County needs to use it for. Mr. Pinkelman stated that the In-Skin system costs about \$2,000 plus the cost of labor for installing the system. Mr. Pinkelman stated that there is a brand new system that could be used as well. This newer system would cost about \$3,800 plus the cost of labor for installing the system.

Mr. Pinkelman reported that the server license will be shutting down on October 31st but the system bills out every 28 days to verify the license. He explained that because of this billing cycle the server could still be available for 21 days after October 31st but the County will need to find a replacement for the voicemail system. Mr. Pinkelman advised that the County should look at doing the refurbished voicemail system because it will last until the County can replace the whole phone system. The refurbished system will work indefinitely and there is no license needed for it. The only issue with having a permanent license server is that once the phone system is replaced that server will go away and the County will then have to find a new system once again. Commissioner Ron Schmidt asked why the current voicemail system is being terminated. Mr. Pinkelman stated that the system is very old and is becoming more difficult to make repairs when issues come about. He explained that he has been looking for a refurbished phone system but has been unable to find one and if he doesn't find one before the current one is no longer the County's last resort will be to purchase the new system.

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Motion was made by Stinson and seconded by Schmidt to follow Fran Pinkelman's recommendation of pursuing a refurbished voicemail system with a permanent license but if a refurbished system cannot be found, Mr. Pinkelman may pursue with a new voicemail system. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none.

Madison County Historical Society Treasurer Marilyn Moyer stated that they have been researching how they could use a part time employee in order to provide stable hours for the Madison County Museum. She explained that this employee will work three hours a day and that the gift shop could accommodate the space that's needed for the employee to work. This area could also work in cooperation with the library and be used as a research room for people who want to come and research the files and materials within the museum. Mrs. Moyer reported that they are ready to get started with this employer on September 1, 2021. She stated that the historical society is working on a job description that will be consistent with the skills of the person that would be involved in this type of work.

Mrs. Moyer notified the board that she plans to meet with Traci Jeffrey from the Norfolk Visitors Bureau in order to receive information on what kind of advertisement will work for the museum with funding that the historical society has. This week Mrs. Moyer also plans to meet with the Nebraska State Historical Society to receive guidance and possible costs on what displays cost. Mrs. Moyer explained that the historical society would like to improve some of their displays in the museum and they have received donations from families that have been designated towards certain improvements within the museum. The board has asked the historical society for a budget outline of what they have spent their funds on in the previous year and what they would like to do with the funds this fiscal year. Mrs. Moyer stated that she is new with this budgeting process and will be working with County Clerk Anne Pruss to create a budget that will satisfy what the board is looking for.

Attorney Mark Fitzgerald representing the historical society stated that there has been some controversy with the Railroad Club that has a display located in the museum. The train display is privately owned and the County is questioning whether it necessarily reflects the County's history and if the funds they are providing the historical should be spent on it. The historical society has been helping with some of the costs on the repairs to the railroad display. Mr. Fitzgerald explained that the historical society believes that the train display creates animation and movement and is a very fine piece of the museum. Mr. Fitzgerald stated the material that he has reviewed it shows that the train display is a major draw for people to come to the museum. The historical society board wants to keep this display in the museum because of the people that it brings into the museum for tours and research. Mr. Fitzgerald notified County Attorney Joseph Smith that if the historical can't keep the train display a part of the museum the Railroad Club will remove their displays within a year.

Commissioner Ron Schmidt stated that the county does not have a say on whether the display should stay in the museum or not. However, Commissioner Schmidt explained that they can designate how their funds that they provide to the historical society are spent. In the years past the County has contributed \$15,000 to the historical society to help with some of their costs. Due to the Railroad Club being a separate entity and the trains privately own they necessarily don't fall in with the historical society. He said that if the Railroad Club wants to continue to be in the museum they can do so but they would need find their owning funding. The County would like to see that the funds are being used for things that have historical value to them and the railroad display does not have that. Chairman Troy Uhlir explained that the board has never wanted to tell the historical society how they should run their business but some of the receipts that were brought to the board for what the funds were being spent on weren't necessarily historical. He stated that if the historical society finds that the railroad display is a draw to bring people to the museum it should

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be the historical society's responsibility to take care of. Chairman Uhlir further explained that the board isn't saying that the trains have to leave but the board is not going to pay for the rent on that side of the building where the train display is located or for any repairs to the trains. The County and the City of Madison want to see the historical society and the museum succeed and want to help them to do so. Chairman Uhlir stated that there should be an interlocal agreement made for the City of Madison, Madison County, and the historical society. Madison City Mayor Al Brandl stated that a committee should also be formed to represent the historical society. Commissioner Schmidt stated that he would be willing to be the County's representative on this committee once it's been created.

No action was taken.

Doug Wagner from d.w.b, Inc. was present at the meeting to provide an update on the progress of the communication room inside the courthouse. Mr. Wagner stated that they are currently in the process of in having natural gas lines installed in the courthouse. By doing this it will support the new generator and it will fix the leak that was in the boiler flue. Black Hills Energy is the company that will be supplying the natural gas lines. Currently the data room is being painted and the static resistant flooring goes in on this Thursday and Friday. Any time after the floor has been installed Applied Technologies is able to start installing their trays and racks that will be needed for the equipment that is needed in the communication room. Mr. Wagner stated that they are up to the point now that they cannot go any farther with the project until the equipment comes in. He explained that the courthouse was supposed to close down for 2 weeks in July to have the rewiring performed but they did not have everything in order to get started. Mr. Wagner explained that this was mainly due to the COVID-19 Pandemic and the availability of receiving equipment in on time. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson had previously suggested that the project should be put on hold until all of the equipment that is needed has arrived in order to avoid the courthouse having to close for longer than 2 weeks. Mr. Wagner stated that after the project couldn't get starting in July he was notified that the electrical components excluding the generator would be here in September. To allow enough time to verify that all the electrical components have arrived the courthouse closure could be put off until November or December.

Mr. Wagner explained that even if the electrical components arrive they still do not have a generator and that is a crucial part of this project. It is predicted that the generator will arrive sometime in January 2022. Mike Heithoff, Model Electric suggested that the rewiring project get pushed back until after winter is over. Mr. Heithoff is afraid that the since the current and the new generators are not built to have enough power to keep the heat on they could run into issues with the pipes freezing. Commissioner Schmidt stated that the courthouse should have a generator that's similar to the jail that will support the heating and air if the power were to go out. Unfortunately this is a much larger generator and more expensive. Due to the inmates in the jail it is more necessary to have a generator that supports the air flow along when the power goes out. Mr. Heithoff explained that because the project isn't under construction yet and the board decided that a larger generator is needed to be installed they could do so. Commissioner Eric Stinson asked if a generator could be rented to support the heating and cooling system. Mr. Jones, Model Electric reported that it is possible however the courthouse is not wired for this purpose and it would take some reconfiguration to be able to support this type of one. Mr. Jones suggested that now is the time to make a decision on whether the board thought the courthouse needed a larger generator. He explained that they have to redo the switch gear to begin with and it would be beneficial to know ahead of time of any changes instead of having to go back in and change the switch gear again. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson stated for one when was the last time that the power was out for a

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week, and secondly if the power did go out for a week there would be much larger problems occurring in the area. Mr. Jones explained that the City of Madison has their own generator that helps support the town if the power goes out therefore, the courthouse wouldn't be out of heating and air for long.

County Clerk Anne Pruss stated that if the courthouse closes and employees need to move to a remote location during the rewiring process in December, she is unable to find a facility that will offer the employees space to work. The Madison County Fairgrounds is doing a complete remodel in the commercial building but they should be completed by the end of December. Mrs. Pruss explained that she has tentatively reserved March 21 to April 9, 2022 at the fairgrounds for the courthouse closure. She stated that with the upcoming primary election she is able to do most of the work remotely. However, in order to avoid confusion with a different location for voters who would like to vote in office she would like to have the courthouse be back open to the public by April 11th. Mrs. Pruss stated that she had been working with Precision IT and they will be able to assist her with the transition of the courthouse departments to a remote location in order keep the services available to the public. Mr. Jones stated that by March they should have the pad poured for the generator to sit on and the weather shouldn't be an issue so he agreed that this would be a good time to close the courthouse down. He also suggested having the generator installed up on the roof of the courthouse where the previous generator was to free up space in the communication room. Mr. Jones stated that the communication room is close to being finished with preparation that this would just cut down the time without having to add in more equipment to the room. The crew that is going to be working on the rewiring, plans to have two different crew to work 24 hours in order to get this project done as soon as possible.

No action was taken.

Angie Stenger, executive director for Growing Together, and Tracey Jeffrey, executive director for the Norfolk Visitors Bureau, stated that the North Fork Development Project is going to help the entire county and the City of Norfolk. The overall project will cost approximately \$11 million. Ms. Stenger explained that the City of Norfolk will be funding for 42% of the cost and there are some grants that can be used for 35% of the cost. The remaining costs for the project is estimated to be at \$2.5 million. There has been many businesses with verbal commitments for about \$900,000 just within the last month. Ms. Stenger and Ms. Jeffrey have come to the board to ask for \$250,000 to go towards this project. Ms. Stenger explained that one of the naming rights costs \$250,000 so this is where they have come up with this amount. The naming project that she has in mind is for the beach area near the river which potentially could be named the Madison County Beach. Ms. Stenger stated that right now people are able to float down the river from the north end of Norfolk to the bridge on 1st street which takes about an hour and a half to float. Once the whole project is done the floating will be extended from the north end of town to the south end of town which will make about a three hour float.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if there was a possibility that they would come back requesting more funds for the project. Ms. Stenger stated that it is possible because currently they are working on developing the east end of the City of Norfolk and there is potential for a project to occur on the west end of town. For now, the \$250,000 would be divided out into 3 years with the first installment needed by December 31, 2021. Commissioner Schmidt questioned that by funding for this amount of money would it have any effect to the levy. Mrs. Pruss stated that with the final budget for the 2021-2022 fiscal not approved yet it is unsure if this would affect the levy or not. It was asked if the funds from the American Rescue Act would be able to be used towards this project. Unfortunately, the guidelines for how these funds can be used have not come out yet but it is unlikely. Once the board has approved the budget they will know what they can do to help fund for this project.

No action was taken.

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The budget committee which consists of Troy Uhlir, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, County Clerk Anne Pruss, Deputy County Clerk Nancy Scheer, and County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson met and presented and explained the following documents pertaining to the Madison County budget of fiscal year 2021-2022.

- Capital Acquisitions

Chairman Troy Uhlir stated that last year the board budgeted \$498,000 for capital acquisitions and only \$177,000 was spent. He explained that for the 2021-2022 fiscal year the capital acquisitions budget could increase up to \$1.5 million. The increase in this budget is because the courthouse has some big projects to occur this fiscal year. Some of these bigger projects include the communication room update and wiring, new HVAC system, new phone system, intercom and radio system, and replacing the tile in front of the vending machines. Chairman Uhlir explained that they have also budgeted for the courthouse parking lot repairs, repainting of windows and doors in the jail, sewer connection in the Planning & Zoning office, a new breaker for the jail, any maintenance that the storage shed may need, and a fire suppression system for the storage shed also. Sheriff Todd Volk reported that putting an automatic switch for the generator in the jail with a breaker that will pull from the City of Madison's supply will cost about \$95,000.

- Miscellaneous General

The County Court is asking for an additional \$27,000 to purchase new desks due to the visibility issue of not being able to see people at the front counter who need to be waited on. Chairman Uhlir stated that he hasn't assessed the desk or talked to County Court about this situation yet but it does need to be looked into. He explained that if they purchase new desks they will be losing a lot of storage as they will no longer have the cupboards that sit above their current desks. Commissioner Eric Stinson questioned if the cupboards could just be removed to help with the visibility issue or if even installing a mirror or camera system in order to save some money. County Clerk Anne Pruss suggested that the county board talk with the treasurer's office and see how their camera system helped with seeing customers at the window. Chairman Uhlir stated that he would much rather see something like this happen instead of trying to tear apart the desks.

Commissioner Ron Schmidt questioned what the additional \$42,000 in the Miscellaneous General Fund for payroll services was going to be spent on due to there not being a budget set for the previous fiscal year. Mrs. Pruss explained that this is going to be used to hire a Human Resources company that can assist with situations such as job descriptions, updating the handbook, Family and Medical Leave, pay raises, and much more. The County will be adding on a Clerk's and Road's tab through gWorks so \$25,450 has been budgeted for these services. Chairman Uhlir explained that the Clerk's tab will be very helpful during the redistricting process. The Clerk's tab can be used to designate precincts with the correct amount of voters and help eliminate the split precincts which will save money in the long run with not having to purchase additional ballots for each split. The Road's tab will be used to help document information that is needed to be submitted to Federal Emergency Management Agency, FEMA, for road damages that were caused by things such as flooding.

Mrs. Pruss stated that she needs to have the board's approval on the Barracuda System to have more space for computer backups. Also, she stated that Precision IT is recommending the hours of in-house services be reduced due to there not being as much of a need for services as planned. By reducing the hours this will save the county about \$7,000 a year. CASA had previously asked if they would be able to carryover the remaining balance of \$6,880 to use in this next fiscal year's budget in order to purchase new equipment and furniture. The board has decided to not allow this to

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happen so this amount will come off of the total budget. The total miscellaneous general fund is expected to increase by about 1.86% for this fiscal year.

- Road Bridge

Commissioner Schmidt suggested that the budget set for the gravel and borrow should be increased because it was previously under budgeted. He explained that there's room other places to be able to save money that could be put towards this fund. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson stated that last year the board had budgeted \$468,000 for gravel but also budgeted another \$150,000 in a different fund for gravel and this ended up not being used. Chairman Uhlir reported that in the Road Bridge fund the total expenditures were about \$3 million under budget. The roads departments is in need of some new pieces of equipment. Therefore, the board has potentially budgeted \$250,000 for new trucks, \$500,000 for motor graders and loaders, and \$200,000 for other equipment such as trailers.

- Road Projects

Chairman Uhlir stated that the Old Hadar Road concrete project has about \$130,000 left to be paid on. The Battle Creek North project will be starting after Labor Day this year. Chairman Uhlir reported that this project is long overdue, as a flood occurred about 11 years ago and left the road with a lot of damages. He explained that the County's share of the Battle Creek North project for this fiscal years is about \$430,000. The Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization in Tilden project has not begun yet but fortunately the water did not rise high enough this year to cause an issue. There are 4 small bridges throughout the County that need to be replaced and it is estimated to cost about \$195,000. Chairman Uhlir reported that the board is hopeful to get about 15 miles of bituminous surfacing to roads completed this fiscal year. This is estimated to cost about \$4.5 million. Currently, the North Main Street in the City of Madison is being constructed. The County's share of this cost is \$300,000. There is a bridge located on 838th road that needs work and it is estimated to cost approximately \$1 million. Chairman Uhlir stated that he is hopeful that there will be some funds that come from FEMA to help this project. There are a few culvert projects that are being budgeted for this fiscal year. These culvert projects are estimated to cost about \$201,000. The armor coating projects throughout the County are budgeted at \$600,000 for this fiscal year.

Chairman Uhlir reported that last year's levy was set at 0.36996. The budget committee needs guidance from the board to determine if the levy can go higher or lower, with the certified values that County Assessor Jeff Hackerott presented, the property valuation increased \$127 million. Commissioner Schmidt stated that the total estimated property tax and levy is at 0.412322 and he asked the board what can they do to lower this down to last year's levy amount. He stated that in order to drop the levy there needs to be more than a 3% increase in the valuation or \$2 million needs to come out of the Inheritance Tax. Commissioner Stinson asked if there was a minimum amount that needs to be maintained in the Inheritance Fund. Mr. Johnson stated that there isn't however, in the years past they've tried to keep around \$2 million in the fund in case of an emergency.

Commissioner Schmidt suggested that the board should consider bonding for some of the road projects because of the record low interest rates that are occurring right now. Mr. Johnson reported that about \$1 million in bonding can get the county an additional 3 miles of asphalt completed. Unfortunately borrowing funds now could reduce what the County can spend in the future because they pay the bonds back over a 10 year time span. Commissioner Schmidt stated that he is concerned that inflation is going to affect the County and by getting a bond with a very low interest rate they are able to protect what projects need to be done in the future. The board discussed that the projects for the Boone County line road (3.5 miles), one-fourth miles of South Airport Road, the one-half mile of 824th road, and about one-half mile of Andy's Lake Road may need to be delayed in order to keep the levy where it was last year. There are two roads that were severely damaged due to the flooding in 2019 that the county will receive funds from FEMA to repair the roads. These roads consist of 536th Road from Highway 275 to 844th Road and Kaneb Road were damaged severely by the flooding in 2019. Mr. Johnson stated that a solution will need to be made in order to finalize the budget and that the budget committee will need to meet again to come up with that solution.

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No action was taken.

Chairman Uhlir stated that the board would also have to give consideration for a 1% increase in restricted fund. He also advised that the County Assessor has provided a preliminary estimate of the county's property taxes and a public hearing will be held on September 14, 2021 to adopt the 2021-2022 Fiscal Year's Budget.

The following resolution was introduced for consideration:

RESOLUTION #2021-32

WHEREAS, Section 13-519 Nebraska Revised Statutes provides that a governmental unit may adopt a budget which exceeds the statutory limit of restricted funds for the fiscal year by an additional one percent upon the affirmative vote of at least 75% of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners has received the preliminary budget reports prepared by the budget committee; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners finds that an additional 1% of restricted funds authority is necessary to provide funding for anticipated expenditures for the 2021-2022 fiscal year;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the restricted funds for the 2021-2022 fiscal year be increased by an additional one percent as provided by law.

Motion was made by Stinson and seconded by Schmidt to approve Resolution #2021-39. Chairman Uhlir clarified that this resolution is to increase by 1%, not necessarily spending the 1%, stating it is important that this be available to prevent a lid being placed on the budget that would inhibit the County's ability to expand it Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, and Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The following written reports and correspondence were reviewed:

- 1) Fund balance report
- 2) County Clerk's July fee report, 2021
- 3) County Sheriff's July fee report, 2021
- 4) District Court July fee report, 2021
- 5) Register of Deeds July fee report, 2021
- 6) 3rd quarter Economic Development report, 2021

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- 7) 2020-2021 Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District Annual report
- 8) Notices of public hearing of City of Norfolk of intent to annex property contiguous to city limits

The following claims were audited:

GENERAL FUND		
Total Net Payroll		158,074.83
Advanced Correctional Healthcare	Health Costs, County Jail	15,530.35
Mark Albin	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	409.93
American Family Life Assurance Company	Insurance Premiums	1,112.78
Appeara	Rug Service, Supplies, Public Defender	33.02
Appeara	Towel and Mop Service, County Jail	76.30
ARL Credit Services	Garnish of Wages	412.88
Associated Psychologists & Counselors LLC	Professional Services, Public Defender	1,500.00
Kathy J Baker	Professional Services, Community Based Grant	122.00
Lucinda K Bauer	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	1,892.28
BI Inc.	Electronic Monitoring , Community Based Grant	209.25
Big Red Printing	Supplies, County Jail	932.53
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service, Courthouse	65.15
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service, County Jail	120.88
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	5,176.03
Brady & Amy's Inc.	Fuel, Courthouse	124.95
Brady & Amy's Inc.	Fuel, County Sheriff	2,246.56
Brady & Amy's Inc.	Fuel, Noxious Weed Department	395.65
Brogan & Stafford, P.C.	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	2,853.13
Carney Law PC	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	2,229.90
Century Link	Telephone Service, Probation Office	719.39
Charm-Tex	Supplies, County Jail	93.33
Maria Izabel Chavez	Interpreting Services, Public Defender	130.00
Cheyenne County Sheriff	Mileage, Subpoena Costs, County Court	6.00
City of Madison	Utilities, Public Defender	187.04
City of Madison	Utilities, Courthouse	3,804.87
City of Madison	Utilities, County Jail	4,931.30

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City of Norfolk	Utilities, Probation Office	291.78
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance Company	Insurance Premiums	284.46
Companion Animal Clinic	Veterinarian Services, County Sheriff	269.00
Complete Pest Elimination Inc.	Pest Control Services, County Jail	125.00
Copple, Rockey, Schlecht & Mason PC LLO	Legal Services, County Court	627.04
COR Therapeutic Services LLC	Professional Services, Community Based Grant	244.00
Courtesy Ford	Vehicle Repairs, County Sheriff	84.78
Credit Management	Garnish of Wages	256.17
Cubby's	Fuel, Zoning Department	105.76
Cubby's	Fuel, Extension Office	62.07
Cubby's	Fuel, Noxious Weed Department	523.18
Culligan	Supplies, Juvenile Accountability	25.00
DAS State Accounting	Network Connection, County Clerk	41.60
DAS State Accounting	Network Connection, County Treasurer	96.16
Dent Specialists LLC	Vehicle Repairs, County Sheriff	1,210.99
DWB Inc.	Contract Fees, Courthouse	26,748.90
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, Zoning Department	159.02
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, Courthouse	315.14
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, Extension Office	73.96
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, County Jail	61.20
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, Probation Office	272.93
Egan Supply Company	Supplies, Courthouse	349.64
Egan Supply Company	Supplies, County Jail	904.96
Ewalt Law Office PC, LLO	Contracted Legal Services, County & District Court	12,500.00
Farmers Pride	Fuel, Courthouse	35.58
Farmers Pride	Fuel, County Sheriff	609.19
Farris Engineering	Engineering Fees, Courthouse	4,100.00
Field's Hardware	Supplies, Courthouse	36.40
First Concord Benefits Group LLC	Flex Plan, Administration Fees	6,557.06
Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell & Henderson	Legal Services, County Court	864.58
Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply	Supplies, County Jail	644.53

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Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply	Supplies, Probation Office	385.37
Galls Inc.	Uniforms, County Jail	305.23
Gregg County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, District Court	160.00
Guaranteed Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance, Extension Office	123.00
Guaranteed Lawn Care	Lawn Maintenance, Veteran Office	82.00
Naomi Hemphill	Cleaning Services, Public Defender	80.00
Hilliges & Associates LLC	Professional Services, Public Defender	250.00
Holiday Inn Express	Lodging, County Attorney	192.00
Hollman Media	Website Hosting, Courthouse	50.00
Hometown Leasing	Copier Lease, Probation Office	544.02
Interstate All Battery Center	Supplies, County Sheriff	71.10
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Uniforms, County Sheriff	304.79
John's Disposal Inc.	Waste Removal Services, Probation Office	140.00
Lynette Kasik	Cellphone Reimbursement, County Sheriff	50.00
Lancaster County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, District Court	19.77
Love Signs Inc.	Supplies, Courthouse	440.00
Madison County Attorney	Supplies, County Attorney	10.00
Madison County Clerk	Payroll Taxes, Retirement	84,056.87
Madison County Clerk of District Court	Filing Fees, District Court	864.00
Madison County Court	Court Costs, County Court	2,058.60
Madison County Sheriff Inmate Fund	Telephone Service, Supplies, County Jail	168.65
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, County Court	873.65
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, District Court	602.91
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, Mental Health	99.11
Madison County Treasurer	Title & Tire Fee, County Sheriff	15.00
Madison County Treasurer	Cash-in-Lieu and Insurance Reimbursement	119.05
Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc.	Insurance Premiums	277.52
Major Refrigeration Co Inc.	Equipment Repair, County Jail	658.25
Menards	Supplies, Zoning Department	14.17
Menards	Supplies, Noxious Weeds	14.17

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Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc.	Equipment Rent, Clerk of District Court	12.00
MIPS, Inc.	Data Processing Costs, County Clerk	640.48
MIPS, Inc.	Data Processing Costs, County Treasurer	1,416.24
MIPS, Inc.	Data Processing Costs, Equipment Lease, Register of Deeds	540.00
Motorola Solutions Credit Co LLC	Equipment Lease, County Sheriff	34,753.00
Jacob Mrsny	Mileage, Community Based Grant	85.12
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	1,230.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	257.08
Nebraska Law Enforcement Training	Registration, County Sheriff	135.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric Service, Probation Office	567.90
Nebraska.gov	Record Searches, County Attorney	8.50
Norfolk Area Shopper	Advertising Costs, Noxious Weed Department	190.00
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs, County Offices	197.34
Norfolk GM Auto Center	Vehicle Repairs, County Sheriff	247.96
Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Inc.	Boarding Juveniles, Juvenile Detention	4,748.75
Mike O'Brien	Mileage, Community Based Grant	39.76
Valorie Olson	Supplies, District Judge	39.99
One Office Solution	Copier Contract, County Assessor	384.68
One Office Solution	Supplies, District Court	12.12
One Office Solution	Supplies, Public Defender	122.02
One Office Solution	Repairs, Supplies, County Sheriff	384.77
One Office Solution	Supplies, County Attorney	195.00
One Office Solution	Supplies, Copier Contract, Veteran Office	12.38
Paul Davis Restoration	Repairs, Extension Office	843.99
Paul Davis Restoration	Repairs, Veteran Office	562.66
Michael Petersen	Contractual Services, Community Based Grant	110.00
Platte County Sheriff	County Court Costs, County Court	6.59
Sarah Polacek	Mileage, Extension Office	190.40
Precision IT	Equipment, Public Defender	396.00
Precision IT	Data Processing Costs, Probation Office	193.75
Precision IT	Data Processing Costs, Courthouse	6,085.50

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PT Holdings LLC	Rent, Juvenile Accountability	2,150.00
Relx Inc. dba Lexis Nexis	Record Searches, County Attorney	609.00
Renner Wraps & Graphics	Supplies, County Sheriff	610.00
Mary Rohrich	Cleaning Services, Probation Office	217.50
Carla Schumacher	Supplies, County Court	9.99
Security Shredding	Equipment Rental, Public Defender	35.00
Short Stop	Fuel, County Sheriff	477.49
Sparklight	Fax Line Services, Public Defender	66.62
Stealth Broadband	Internet, Telephone Services, Courthouse	2,479.60
Summit Food Service LLC	Inmate Meals, County Jail	7,947.20
Teeco	Supplies, Zoning Department	7.85
Teeco	Supplies, Noxious Weed Department	7.85
Thompson Reuters-West	Subscription, Public Defender	384.41
Tilly's	Fuel, County Sheriff	255.70
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Fuel, Supplies, Uniforms, County Sheriff	1,737.29
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Uniform, County Jail	49.95
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Supplies, Meals, Community Based Grant	119.91
Daisy Valle	Cleaning Services, Probation Office	72.50
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, Extension Office	451.00
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, Community Based Grant	169.48
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, Noxious Weed Department	49.20
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, County Attorney	40.01
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, County Sheriff	1,478.57
Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premiums	490.47
Waste Connections	Waste Removal Services, Extension Office	19.19
Waste Connections	Waste Removal Services, Veterans Service Office	12.80
Wex Bank	Fuel, Reappraisal	127.60
Wex Bank	Fuel, County Sheriff	2,725.84
Whitey's Sprinklers	Lawn care Services, Courthouse	1,100.00
Yard Restoration LLC	Sprinkler Repairs, Extension Office	34.20

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Yard Restoration LLC	Sprinkler Repairs, Veteran Office	22.80
Zodiac Properties LLC	Rent, Probation Office	<u>12,309.61</u>
	Total General Claims with Payroll	445,777.25

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Total Net Payroll		36,076.56
Advance Auto Parts	Parts	5,115.47
Akrs Equipment	Parts	252.50
American Broadband	Telephone Service	53.96
American Family Life Assurance Company	Insurance Premiums	640.55
Appeara	Towel and Uniform Service	576.30
Asphalt Concrete Materials	Asphaltic Materials	4,348.47
B's Enterprises Inc.	Culverts	2,442.25
Barco Municipal Products Inc.	Traffic Control	546.84
Bauer Built Tire	Tire Repairs	994.10
Lillian Bierman	Borrow	3,165.00
Big Country Auto	parts	41.90
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service	173.18
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	1,132.29
Brady and Amy's Inc.	Fuel	655.93
City of Newman Grove	Utilities	61.00
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance Company	Insurance Premiums	249.36
Constellation Newenergy	Gas Service	27.04
Cubby's Inc.	Fuel	336.16
D & M Machinery	Parts	35.81
Dale R. Johnson Ent. Inc.	Gravel	48,988.25
Dent Specialists LLC	Tire Repairs	26.69
Farmers Pride	Oil, Supplies	84.96
Field's Hardware	Supplies	158.04
Filter Care of Nebraska Ltd.	Repair Service	44.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Flex Plan, Administration Fees	1,905.68

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Island Supply Welding Company	Shop Supplies	55.34
Joe Sackville Trucking LLC	Gravel	4,679.72
Kelly Supply Company	Parts	440.38
Lawson Products	Parts, Supplies, Tire Repair	650.22
Madison County Clerk	Payroll Taxes, Retirement	18,393.37
Madison National Life Insurance Company Inc.	Insurance Premiums	43.76
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Supplies	59.76
Matteo Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	Gravel	1,434.00
Mead Lumber Co	Supplies	31.50
Meisinger Oil Company	Fuel	7,751.16
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	1,175.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	287.55
Nextlink Internet	Internet	15.00
NMC Exchange LLC	Parts	187.04
Norfolk Auto Supply	Parts	21.24
Norfolk GM Auto Center	Parts, Repairs	538.47
Pioneer Telephone Company	Telephone Service	29.57
Quick Serve Oil Co Inc.	Tire Repairs	35.00
Reigle Implement Co., Inc.	Parts	5.65
Rockmount Research & Alloys Inc.	Supplies	615.74
Sapp Bros Norfolk	Oil	1,255.50
Sioux City Truck Sales Inc.	Parts	19.29
Stealth Broadband	Internet	716.39
Teeco Inc.	Supplies	60.95
Theo's Corner	Fuel	141.95
Toofast Supply	Supplies	141.99
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service	160.94
Vic's Engine Service Inc.	Parts	45.00
Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premiums	144.67
Weldon Parts, Inc.	Parts	71.61
Adam Wright/AW Trucking	Gravel	747.20

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Z & Z Sales LLC	Supplies	109.20
Zee Medical	Medical Supplies	286.25
Zoubek Oil Company, Inc.	Fuel	<u>9,660.63</u>
	Total Road/Bridge Claims with Payroll	158,143.33

VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau	Administration Fees	<u>6,300.69</u>
	Total Visitors Promotion Fund	6,300.69

VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau	Administration Fees	<u>6,089.24</u>
	Total Visitors Improvement Fund	6,089.24

REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND

MIPS Inc.	Data Processing Costs, Register of Deeds	<u>568.24</u>
	Total ROD Preservation & Modernization Fund	568.24

911 EMERGENCY FUND

American Broadband	Telephone Service	127.88
Das State Accounting	Telephone Service	1,806.00
Electronic Engineering	Communication Equipment	280.70
Frontier	Telephone Service	164.10
Generation Consulting LLC	Program Subscription	89.97
Motorola Solution	Call Works Contract	5,231.59
Stealth Broadband	Telephone & Internet Services	<u>280.00</u>
	Total 911 Emergency Fund	7,980.24

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING FUND

Charm-Tex	Supplies	319.86
Madison County Sheriff Inmate Fund	Cable TV Services	<u>146.15</u>
	Total Law Enforcement Operating Fund	466.01

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Motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Stinson to approve the claims as audited and authorize the County Clerk to issue checks for payment of said claims. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 12:51 P.M. to Tuesday, August 31, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

County Clerk Anne M. Pruss

Troy Uhlir, Chairman
County Board of Commissioners