

# Commissioner's Record No. 25

MADISON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

## BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Madison, Nebraska

March 6, 2018

The Board of Equalization of Madison County, Nebraska met at 9:00 A.M.

Advance notice of meeting was published in the Thursday, March 1, 2018 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. Vice-Chairman Christian Ohl 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 Christian Ohl and Jim Prauner, Deputy County Clerk Anne Pruss, and County Assessor Jeff Hackerott. County Treasurer Donna Primrose was present until 9:08 A.M. Absent: Commissioner Ron Schmidt

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

Motion made by Prauner and seconded by Ohl to approve the minutes of the February 6, 2018 meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, and Prauner. Nays, none. Absent, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Vice-Chairman Ohl opened a public hearing at 9:03 A.M. to receive testimony regarding the following motor vehicle exemption applications:

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| Countryside Home, 703 North Main Street, Madison                | 2006 Dodge Van                                   |
| Norfolk Rescue Mission, Inc., 111 North 9th Street, Norfolk     | 2006 Ford Van                                    |
| The Link, Inc., 1001 West Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk               | 2016 Ford Van                                    |
| Women's Empowering Life Line, Inc., 910 West Park Ave., Norfolk | 2010 Ford Bus, 2015 Ford Fusion, 2014 GMC Acadia |

County Treasurer Donna Primrose reported that all vehicles for the organizations were previously approved for tax exemption. No public comments were received during the hearing. Vice-Chairman Ohl closed the hearing at 9:06 A.M.

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

County Assessor Jeff Hackerott submitted the following tax list corrections:

- #3317: Weldon Industries Inc., 1901 South 11th Street, Norfolk  
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$202.40 for correction of 2017 personal property taxes after submission of asset list reflecting 2016 purchases which weren't taxed in 2017
- #3318: Sundance Investments, Fred Schellpeper, 100 North 34th Street, Suite F, Norfolk  
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$216.08 for correction to the 2017 personal property taxes due to items purchased in 2016 which weren't taxed in 2017 due to a fiscal year filing for taxes
- #3319: Life Partners Inc., Martin Gratopp, 3201 Golf View Drive, Norfolk  
Deduction from the tax rolls in the amount of \$185.00 for correction of 2017 personal property taxes due to equipment being double taxed in 2017
- #3320: Pretzelmaker, c/o Norfolk Pretzels Inc., 1700 Market Lane, Norfolk  
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$301.90 for correction to the 2015 personal property taxes after reviewing the 2017 depreciation worksheet
- #3321: Pretzelmaker, c/o Norfolk Pretzels Inc., 1700 Market Lane, Norfolk  
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$221.56 for correction to the 2016 personal property taxes after reviewing the 2017 depreciation worksheet
- #3322: Pretzelmaker, c/o Norfolk Pretzels Inc., 1700 Market Lane, Norfolk  
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$316.90 for correction to the 2017 personal property taxes after reviewing the 2017 depreciation worksheet
- #3323: USTC LLC, Dave Unger P.O. Box 544, Madison  
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$49.36 for acceleration of 2018 personal property taxes due to sale of the business in February, 2018.
- #3324: Renegade Western, Troy Weyhrich, 1700 Market Lane, Suite 390, Norfolk  
Deduction from the tax rolls in the amount of \$1,530.66 for correction to the personal property taxes due to equipment being reported in the wrong state when a store opened in Sioux Falls, South Dakota
- #3325: Tielke Sandwiches, Inc., Mike Tielke, 1700 Square Turn Blvd., Norfolk  
Addition from the tax rolls in the amount of \$226.72 for correction to the 2017 personal property taxes after reviewing the 2017 depreciation worksheet
- #3326: BD Ag Enterprises Inc., Bryan Dunlap, P.O. Box 391, Newman Grove  
Deduction from the tax rolls in the amount of \$153.66 for correction to the 2017 personal property taxes due to clerical error of double taxing an ATV

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

Vice-Chairman Ohl adjourned the meeting at 9:13 A.M.

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Anne M. Pruss  
Madison County Deputy Clerk

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Christian Ohl, Vice-Chairman  
County Board of Equalization

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## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

March 6, 2018

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

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

Present: Commissioners Christian Ohl and Jim Prauner, and Deputy County Clerk Anne M. Pruss. Absent: Commissioner Ron Schmidt. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson was present until 11:05 A.M. District #2 Road Foreman Jeff Schroeder was present until 10:51 A.M. Norfolk Daily News reporter Jerry Guenther and WJAG reporter Cody Ronnfeldt were present until 10:55 A.M.

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

- 1) Approval of minutes of the February 21, 2018 meeting
- 2) Authorization for County Board Chairman to execute an agreement with Elisabeth Krantz for renewal of lease of office space located in the Centrum located at 123 North 4th Street in Norfolk for use by the Juvenile Accountability Unit

Motion made by Ohl and seconded by Prauner to approve the consent agenda for the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl and Prauner. Nays, none. Absent, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ohl and seconded by Prauner to approve the regular agenda for the meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl and Prauner. Nays, none. Absent, Schmidt. Motion carried.

Pursuant to published legal notice in the February 15, 2018, February 22, 2018, and March 1, 2018 editions of the Norfolk Daily News, Chairman Prauner announced that a public hearing would be held to receive citizens' comments regarding the vacation of the platted streets of Janet Avenue, Miller Street, Lane Street, and the North/South Alley in Block 2, all in the unincorporated area of Enola. Jim Becker, Tom Becker, Sara Abler, and Kevin Kortje were in attendance during the hearing.

County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson reported that Jim Becker contacted him and requested that the above listed streets and alley in Enola be vacated. He explained that, as required by law, the Commissioners directed him to complete a study of the use of these streets. He reported that during inspection he noted that there are no roads and if there were ever any roads, it was a long time ago. Mr. Johnson stated that state law requires a public hearing and also specifies that the Board can't take any action at today's meeting. He said that the Board has the right to either vacate everything, vacate nothing, or make another decision. He stated that Enola is an unincorporated area and there is no type of governing body; so, the County has jurisdiction of the streets and subsequently the right to vacate them. Mr. Johnson reported that as required by State law, the notice of the public hearing was published in the Norfolk Daily News for three consecutive weeks and certified public notices were mailed to adjoining property owners.

Chairman Prauner asked if the streets were off the tax rolls. Mr. Johnson responded that public streets aren't listed on the tax rolls. He said that the original town of Enola was platted in 1906 and he presented a plat of the original town reflecting that Main Street goes North/South and ties into the Enola Road. He reported that they are considering vacation of Janet Avenue from the east right-a-way of Main Street to the end of town, all of Miller Street which is a North/South street, and Lane Street going back to the east right-a-way of Main Street, and also the North/South alley in Block 2, none of which appear to be used at this time.

Chairman Prauner asked what the width of the streets were and Mr. Johnson responded that the streets are 66 foot wide and the alley is 16 feet wide. Mr. Johnson explained that the law allows the County Board to make a decision on the right-of-way, which could be to revert the right-of-way to the adjoining land owners, or the County could keep it, or the County could do nothing which would allow the County to keep the right-of-way for 10 years and if nothing is done, the right-of-way goes away. Chairman Prauner asked who has taken care of the streets and Mr. Johnson responded that the land owners have been taking care of the streets, but the County maintains the streets, probably to the extent of snow removal and adding gravel occasionally. He explained that, in his opinion, when the County vacates streets, they go back to the land that it came from, except for the alley which would be split with 8 feet going to property owners on either side.

Commissioner Prauner opened the public hearing at 9:40 A.M.

Jim Becker testified in favor of closing the streets and said that he has lived in Enola his entire life and to his knowledge these streets were platted, but never used. He reported that many of the streets are overgrown with trees and have two-foot diameter stumps on them. He questioned who would be responsible for clearing this area and making the street useable if the County decides not to vacate these streets. He said that he started this process with Mr. Johnson in December, 2017 and that he and his brother Tom Becker purchased lots 5 and 6 from the previous owner because they were trying to add to their existing grain facility and didn't have enough room to put up a grain bin to meet the existing setbacks. He said that they were unaware that there were streets in Enola until they applied for a building permit. He said that he would like to see the streets closed and cleaned up. Chairman Prauner asked who is taking care of these areas and Mr. Becker advised that these areas don't get mowed or taken care of by anyone.

Sara Abler testified in opposition to vacating the streets. She stated that they currently own lots 7 through 16 which are zoned commercial. She said that the area is overgrown and she has been using the northern portion of her property along Lane Street to clear things up. She stated that when she eventually puts buildings on the lots she would like Lane Street and the alley open, and ideally Janet Avenue so she can go all the way through. She said that if these streets are cut off, it devalues her property when she decides to sell. She said that she was in the process of buying the lots that were purchased by the Becker family and she understood that she had first right of refusal. Ms. Abler explained that the previous owner offered the property for sale; but, she thought that since there was a lot of work to be done and trees to clear, the sale price was more than she wanted to pay. She said that since it would be very costly to clean up the property, she hoped they could compromise on the purchase price. She stated that she was disappointed when she was told that the property sold. She explained that she would like a through street from the alley to Janet Avenue and Lane Street; but, if Becker's want to close Janet Avenue she would like to keep the alley open from Lane Street south to the north end of Lot 7. Ms. Abler stated that there are a lot of trees and a fence, but she has been using the alley. She said that she uses a Bobcat and 4-wheeler to get to the areas she needs to access. She explained that there is a lot of equipment that blocks her from Lane Street. She said that there is much cleaning up to do and they had a gentlemen's agreement with the Leitzke family to use a lot for a garden and bee hives. She said that the Leitzke family are distant relatives and they had a verbal agreement for many years that when the Leitzke family was ready to sell, she would have first right of refusal. She pointed out the location of a former store and bank which are zoned as residential lots and other lots which are zoned commercial, making it important for her to have access. Ms. Abler said that she doesn't plan to change the commercial zoning because if she puts up a building she wants to put a door on each end. Chairman Prauner requested clarification on which property the Abler family owns. Ms. Abler responded that they own Lots 5, 6, and 7 West of Main Street and also have a Quonset, and there is no room on either side of the Quonset. She reported that she is renting storage elsewhere, so she is planning to put up a warehouse since it would be more efficient. She advised that the utility company should be able to have access through the alley to get to existing electrical lines; but, if she puts up another building an additional power pole would need to be put up to carry the power over to that building.

Jim Becker disputed the statement made by Ms. Abler that she has access and is using Lane Street because she is accessing this street from her property. He said that there are trees which prevent access from either street. He said that there is a big shelterbelt along the north side of Lane Street and he didn't know if Ms. Abler is aware of where the north boundary line of her property is located, but she is currently using 30 feet of Lane Street where equipment is parked in the street separated by a tree row going down the middle on Lane Street. He said that if Ms. Abler is going to argue for keeping Lane Street open she will need to remove her possessions off the street. He stated that he assumes the County would need to clear out all the trees off the street. Mr. Becker said that since Enola is unincorporated, he believes there aren't zoning restrictions. He pointed out the location of their grain system and where they need additional land to meet the setback requirements since they own land on both sides.

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Mr. Becker said that if the County wants to keep some of the streets open so there is access, the Abler family has never had access to the back of the property since they were the owners. He said that they would be willing to allow Lane Street and the alley up to the end of Lot 7 to remain open so the Ablers would access to their property. He said that the Ablers need to understand that when the streets are open it would make their property smaller and their setbacks smaller for the building they are proposing to build; so, it would probably be to their advantage to close the streets so they could gain 66 feet on the north side of their property and 8 foot from the alley.

Ms. Abler stated that they are currently paying commercial taxes on the property and that they have never had access because it is blocked by a tree line and farm equipment. She said that it would be great to have access from the north since she has been trying to clean it up for years. She reported that the property and her Quonset has always been zoned commercial. She said that she doesn't know what Becker is proposing with the grain bins; but, if they have an alley, it would be nice to go all the way through the alley because she would need to use part of her property if the entire alley wasn't kept open. She said that the issue is a little complicated.

County Highway Superintendent Johnson stated that Madison County's policy has been that if someone wants the road open, the road would need to be built to County standards and then the County would take it over, so this would also apply to the alley. He explained that whoever wants to use the street would incur the expense of removing the trees. He reported that the County currently has the right-of-way; but, there isn't anything that could be mistaken for a road. He explained that the County policy has been that the roads be paved; but, the other streets in Enola aren't paved.

Chairman Prauner closed the public hearing at 9:55 A.M. He announced that a decision regarding vacation of the streets would be scheduled at a future meeting.

Heather Drahota, Health and Safety Program Manager for Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department, presented an update of health department activities. She announced that the health department received full accreditation from the Public Health Accreditation Board in November, 2017. She announced that the health department has a new Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator for the Drug Free Community Grant who began her responsibilities on January 16, 2018 and will be housed out of Tekamah. She reported that the health department is distributing colon cancer kits. Chairman Prauner asked how many kits have been distributed. Ms. Drahota responded that distribution just started since March is Colon Cancer Awareness month and that kits are available to individuals between the ages of 50 and 74 and kits may be obtained from all of the department's offices and at pharmacies.

Ms. Drahota announced that Elkhorn Logan Valley Public Health Department has a new dental program that expanded services from fluoride treatments to sealants and cleanings in the school systems. She said that the dental program involves Newman Grove and Battle Creek schools and some cleanings have also been completed in the long term care centers including the facility in Madison. She advised that the fluoride program has been well received in the day care facilities and schools. She explained that the health department has expanded the Stepping on Fall Prevention curriculum series to Battle Creek which will begin in April. She reported that the immunizations report indicated that since the program started in 2014, the program has expanded and immunizations have increased from 445 individuals in 2014 to 1,251 in 2017. She explained that having a nurse full time in the Norfolk location every day has helped this program. Chairman Prauner asked if the nurse needs to be associated with a practicing physician. Ms. Drahota responded that the nurse can administer vaccinations without being associated with a doctor. She reported that radon kits are now available at all their offices on a year round basis; but, generally people test for radon during the winter months. She stated that 160 radon kits were distributed to date this year. Commissioner Ohl asked if people are required to make a change if the radon test results are above a certain level. Ms. Drahota responded that the home owner is advised to mitigate the radon and the health department will provide names of mitigation companies in the area.

No action was taken by the Board.

Brock Pohlmeier and Mike Samuelson, representatives from the law firm of Reynolds, Korth & Samuelson, P.C. LLO from Ogallala Nebraska, gave a presentation on the opium crisis. County Attorney Joseph Smith and Public Defender Matthew Headley were intermittently present during the presentation.

Mr. Pohlmeier stated that they would like to discuss an opportunity for Madison County to join their firm in litigation that is ongoing against the culprits of the opioid epidemic. He said that every day there is some story of parents overdosing with children nearby or babies addicted to opioids. He said that the root cause of this epidemic was the marketing done by opioid manufacturers and distributors to increase their bottom lines knowing full well the horrible effect of these drugs. He reported that typical opioids are OxyContin, Percocet, Vicodin, and Hydrocodone and Oxycodone which are generic formulations. He said that these opioids are proven to provide effective treatment for short term post-surgical pain, trauma related pain, and for end of life care for cancer pain. Mr. Pohlmeier stated that the problem is that these drugs are extremely addictive and cause tolerance, which means that the longer that the drugs are used, the more they are needed to get the same effect. He reported that in 2016 over 60,000 deaths occurred in the United States, and to put this into context, there were 59,000 American soldiers killed in the 19 years of the Vietnam War. He said that the projected number of deaths in 2017 is 70,000 and the rate of opioid overdose death is increasing by 21%, which projects 500,000 or more deaths between 2017 and 2022, which is greater than the entire casualty loss of World War II. He stated that today's is a war that he hopes the County will join against the opioid manufacturers and distributors. He explained that the big pharmaceutical company responsible for manufacturing OxyContin is Purdue Pharmaceutical of Stamford, Connecticut which is owned by the Sackler family, and the three opioid distributors are AmerisourceBergen, McKesson, and Cardinal Health. Mr. Pohlmeier stated that opioid use is intended for short term use of less than 60 days and there have been no studies demonstrating a safety net for long term use. He reported that there is a risk in pregnant women called neonatal abstinence syndrome which is when babies are born that are addicted to opioids. He said that from 2000 to 2014 there was a 383% increase in the neonatal abstinence syndrome and statistically 80% of these individuals are on Medicaid or can't pay; so, this demonstrates the effect that this crisis is having on society. He reported that there is an anomaly associated with opioid use that enhances the pain receptors and makes a person more susceptible to normal pain. He said that there is a risk of abuse disorder of 30% which is when people are not using the drugs as intended, such as taking too many or mixing with other drugs or alcohol.

Mr. Pohlmeier explained that there are multiple causes of the opioid epidemic and the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Health Organizations made a push in the 1990s to say that pain is the fifth vital sign and there was a perceptible that doctors had a disconnect with their patients and that the patients' pain was higher than the doctors perceived; so, now doctors ask what a patient's pain level is on a scale of 0 to 10. He reported that there is limited education in medical schools regarding safe prescribing methods for opioid. He said that there is a surge in America for self-medication for euphoric well-being and the problem with opioids is that they not only get rid of pain; but, they make people feel good. He stated that a 2011 Veterans' Administration study showed that veterans are more likely to suffer accident fatal opioid overdoses than non-veteran civilians. He said that major U.S. recess and joblessness put strain on society and pharmaceutical companies capitalized on this. He reported that 86% of the market for opioid use were individuals who didn't have cancer pain and pharmaceutical companies had to find a way to tap into this market. He said that the market became very aggressive and companies could look through prescription databases and find doctors who were most likely to prescribe these drugs and they recruited these individuals to fully paid continuing medical education conferences at resorts, providing well respected key opinion leaders to tell these doctors that if they aren't prescribing opioids then they are not providing the best care for their patients. Mr. Pohlmeier said that they were promoting ideas that Purdue Pharmaceuticals funded, so they were using controlled settings and hospitals to suggest that opioids were effective for every day pain that Americans experience. He stated that aggressive pharmaceutical sales representatives were meeting with individual doctors and Purdue Pharmaceuticals spent \$200 million on advertising and \$40 million in bonuses to their sales representatives. He reported that in 2016 there was \$11 billion in revenue from opioids for drug companies and 35% of that money went to Purdue Pharmaceuticals. He explained that sales increased from \$40 million in 1996 to \$3.4 billion in 2016 which shows the huge effect of their marketing blitz.

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Mr. Pohlmeier said that the company has been heavily fined on the federal level; but, this hasn't stopped them. He reported that OxyContin constitutes 30% of the entire market for prescription pain killers and on May 8, 2007, Purdue Pharmaceuticals paid the U.S. Department of Justice a \$643.5 million fine for deceptive marketing. He said that the top three executives faced 12 months of imprisonment on the same charges; but, money cures everything so they paid \$34.5 million to avoid jail time. He reported that on May 19, 2007 an affiliate of Purdue Pharmaceuticals entered a plea of guilty to the felony charges of misbranding of OxyContin with the intent of fraud and this is the basis of this litigation. He explained that there was true deception and the company faced penalties for it; but, unfortunately this is just a cost of doing business for Purdue Pharmaceuticals. He said that the company has an annual revenue of \$3.4 billion with an estimated gross margin of 50% and it has been able to pay out of criminal charges to avoid jail, plus federal and state fines have not deterred the company.

Mr. Pohlmeier explained that Purdue Pharmaceuticals amplified the marketing. He said that opioids are too addictive and debilitating for long term use for chronic non-cancer pain lasting 3 months or longer. He reported that, with prolonged use the effectiveness of opioids waned, which required increases in doses to achieve pain relieve and marginally increased the risk of significant side effects and addiction. He said that Purdue Pharmaceuticals knew that there was no science to prove that opioids were good for anything in excess of 60 days, yet they marketed them for everyday use. He explained that Purdue Pharmaceuticals knew that as the doses increased, the incidents of addiction increased 3 or 4 times. He said that during the medical conferences, doctors were told that if patients were indicating symptoms of addiction to opioid, it was pseudo addition and a result of underlying pain that they were suffering from; so, the answer was to provide the patient with more OxyContin. He stated that Purdue Pharmaceuticals also marketed that opioids were abuse resistant and this was the crux of the criminal charges that were brought against the company. Mr. Pohlmeier said that they were representing to doctors and pharmacists that the OxyContin had less than 1% rate of addition, which they knew to be completely untrue. He stated that the societal impact of the marketing campaign success has been devastating and that from 2000 to 2014, 500,000 people have died from opioid overdoses, and in 2016, 145 Americans died every day from opioid overdoses and that is expected to double by 2021. He reported that on August 20, 2017, President Trump declared the opioid epidemic a national emergency. Mr. Pohlmeier presented a regional map of the State of Nebraska showing by location the opioid overdose deaths per 100,000 people. He said that from 2008 to 2015, Nebraska opioid deaths increased by 100%. He reported that when opioid prescriptions run out, people switch to the street varieties because they are addicted. Mr. Pohlmeier explained that a newspaper article in October, 2017 reported that a fentanyl bust at an Omaha train station was the biggest bust in the history of the State of Nebraska and also one of the nation's largest. He said that Lt. Jason Scott predicted that opioid overdoses are quickly passing motor vehicle deaths in the State of Nebraska. He reported that Nebraska is not seeing the effects as bad as the State of West Virginia or Ohio; but, it is coming. He stated that in 2015, 149 Nebraskans died of drug overdoses and at least 54 were opioid related. He said that the impact locally is a substantial increase in health care costs when people are being treated and unable to pay and there is an increase in social problems. He reported that their firm represented a client who broke into over 100 homes stealing OxyContin and other pills, and this problem taxes the police, courts, court appointed attorneys, overcrowding in jails, poverty, homelessness, and break up of families. He said that children are being born addicted to these drugs and parents are losing their children due to this addiction which is a result of the marketing fraud by the pharmaceutical companies.

Mr. Pohlmeier stated that this opioid problem has affected Madison County. He estimated that the cost to Madison County in 2016 was \$18,379 for each individual who is addicted to opioids based on a study by the American Society of Addiction. He reported that the same study estimated that 2 million individuals in the United States self-reported that they were addicted or abused opioids. He estimated that based upon national statistics and the population of Madison County there are an estimated 217 individuals that are effected. He explained that in 2016 the estimated cost to Madison County is approximately \$4 million and if national trends are studied, Nebraska is in the 3 deaths per 100,000 average and the statistics will say that anything over 15 deaths is extremely high, so the range in damages in 2016 is about \$800,000 for Madison County. He stated that this litigation plans recovery for a 10 year period, so they would be looking at an \$8 to \$40 million claim.

Mr. Samuelson explained that this presentation was given to another county who thought that the numbers seemed very high; but, if the County simply looks at the average cost per person at \$18,379, the total adds up quickly. Chairman Prauner asked how the law firm arrived at the \$18,379 cost per person. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that this number was determined through a study completed by the American Society of Addition considering increases in health care costs, burden on law enforcement, courts, and attorneys' fees were all included to arrive at this number. He explained that Nebraska has taken a proactive approach and Governor Ricketts has recognized that the opioid epidemic is taking hold across the country and they have the opportunity to be pro-active and prevent it from reaching crisis level in Nebraska. He reported that in 2017, HHS was awarded a \$2 million grant in response to the opioid epidemic which is expected to be renewed in 2018. Mr. Pohlmeier reported that the Nebraska Attorney General has formed a Nebraska Coalition to Prevent Opioids Use and also joined a group of other Attorney Generals to gather more information and to determine whether the State of Nebraska will join 13 other states that have already filed a lawsuit against the pharmaceutical companies. He said that recently there was a bill working its way through the Unicameral that received unanimous consent and moved forward, so Nebraska could be the first state to have a better recording system for all prescriptions where you would need to be a certain age to buy opioids, a person would need an identification document, and it will be heavily monitored. He explained that the root of this bill was a State Senator whose sister died of an opioid overdose, which shows that no social economic class is immune to this addiction. He said that his hope is that Madison County will join their firm and be a part of the pro-active solution. Mr. Pohlmeier explained that litigation could recover funds which would be discretionary for the County to put into the General Fund to be used for the benefit of Madison County citizens. He stated that these funds could be used for law enforcement, EMS, prevention programs, court systems, guardians ad litem, child protective services, rehabilitation, diversion, and public education prevention.

Mr. Pohlmeier said that methadone is used to ween people off of opioids. He explained that to stop the opioid epidemic, it is necessary to join in lawsuits with Nebraska counties, with Madison County as a leader, thereby threatening big pharmaceutical companies with potential bankruptcy. He reiterated that the fines that the pharmaceutical companies have been subjected to haven't stopped them; but, they have seen that this litigation is changing their behavior because three weeks ago Purdue Pharmaceuticals laid off every OxyContin sales representatives in response to the litigation. He said that change is happening and they want Madison County to be a part of it. Mr. Pohlmeier stated that the companies' conduct will only stop when their costs exceed their profits. He explained that they want to get back the funds taken from the counties and future funds that will be needed to curb this epidemic. He said that they want the counties to help protect the health and safety of their citizens. He reported that this lawsuit is very similar to the lawsuit against the tobacco companies based upon deceptive marketing and the difference between the lawsuits is that the tobacco lawsuit was only perused by the State Attorney Generals. He explained that the states received tobacco lawsuit money; but, none of the counties received funds with independent control. He stated that the pharmaceutical company lawsuit will be counties going together to protect their interest and citizens to have funds for general use.

Mr. Pohlmeier reported that the Reynolds, Korth and Samuelson law firm has teamed with Ochs Law Firm in Jackson Hole, Wyoming and attorneys Skikos and Crawford in San Francisco, California who have experienced trial lawyers in multi-district litigation class action lawsuits along with experience in pharmaceutical medical products liability and direct experience in opioid litigation. He stated that this lawsuit is multi-district litigation and multiple lawsuits are filed in various federal district courts against the same defendants with the same set of facts. He stated that either the attorney can petition for it or a review panel will call for it; so, they consolidate the cases to stream line the process and to save on costs and time. He said that if there are 100 different cases pending, it doesn't make sense to take the same person's deposition 100 times. He explained that the process is streamlined and an Executive Committee has been appointed to complete the discovery, prepare the experts, prepare documents, and take depositions. Mr. Pohlmeier reported that the lawsuits have been appointed to the Honorable Daniel Polster in the southern district of Cleveland, Ohio. He stated that the case is very complicated, so the Judge needs liaisons to work between himself and the Executive Committee, and one attorney at their firm serves on the Liaison Committee, so they are well situated to be near the Judge and to be on the forefront of the case. He said that their law firm appeared before Judge Polster in 2012 and know that he is very experienced and will push this case for settlement.

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Mr. Pohlmeier explained that when Madison County joins the litigation, the County will exercise control of the litigation through the legal team, will have direct contact to Reynolds, Korth and Samuelson Law Firm at any time, will have an opportunity for significant monetary recovery, possibly a 10 year window of recovery, and the County has direct control of distribution of funds. He said that the County has an opportunity to become a public leader and to be a proactive player in Nebraska to help curb the opioid epidemic. He reported that there are no risks to Madison County because the risk is outsourced. He explained that there is no litigation cost or retainers up front. He said that there is a 25% contingency fee which is strictly contingent on recovery and costs are capped at 15% which allows the law firm to guarantee the County 60% or more on every single dollar that is recovered. He reiterated that if there is no recovery, there is no cost and no fees. He explained that the law firms are taking all the risks, fronting all the costs, and will get no compensation unless there is successful recovery.

Chairman Prauner inquired if there are any other law firms doing the same thing as Reynolds, Korth and Samuelson law firm in the State of Nebraska. He reported that Madison County received a letter from the Domina law firm offering similar services. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that a law firm in Omaha, Nebraska who are affiliated with a firm in Florida has signed up Douglas County and has been targeting major metropolitan areas. He explained that this is not the path that their firm is taking because they think that every county in Nebraska deserves a voice, regardless of the size; so, their efforts have been aimed towards every county in the state.

Chairman Prauner asked how many counties have joined with the Reynolds, Korth and Samuelson law firm. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that they have made presentations to six counties and have received one commitment. He said that they are in the middle of making presentations and getting on every County's agenda as quickly as possible. Chairman Prauner asked what the time table is for the entire process. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that this could be a three or four year process because it is very early in the litigation process because the lawsuits just began in 2017 and this is the forefront and opportunity to get involved. He explained that there is no guarantee that this process will be completed in a short time because it takes time to get the facts straight and get everyone in same room to work towards a settlement. He said that this lawsuit is expected to far surpass the tobacco settlement.

Commissioner Ohl asked what is different about the opportunity with the opioid lawsuits compared to the tobacco cases which were handled by the State. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that there is a conflict between the state, counties, and all other political subdivisions. He explained that the State's Attorney General has no duty to go after Madison County funds; so, the idea is a tiered structure. He said that the state encompasses the entire population of Nebraska; so, when the tobacco settlement occurred, the State was able to base their figures on the entire population of Nebraska which also encompasses the population of Madison County. He stated that after the tobacco lawsuit the counties realized that they weren't getting a direct benefit from the lawsuit. He said that the opioid lawsuit is an opportunity to get a settlement on a county level so that the county has the discretion to spend the funds as desired.

Chairman Prauner asked if there was an opioid problem in Madison County. Public Defender Matthew Headley responded that recently there has been more abuse of opioids in the form of pill abuse, and based on his experience, they are usually included with a lot of other drug uses such as alcohol and meth.

Commissioner Ohl stated that the information was well presented and helpful. He said that initially his questions were how the county could represent citizens; but, from the county's perspective the biggest problems are with law enforcement and courts. He asked what Madison County needs to do if the Board decides to join this lawsuit and if there is a cooperative effort between other counties seeking the same type of litigation, or if each county works independently. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that the firm has a fee agreement that he would provide for review by the Board members and County Attorney. He said that to join the lawsuit with Reynolds, Korth and Samuelson law firm, the Board would sign the fee agreement. He explained that the multi-district litigation is based in Cleveland, Ohio and they are looking for a global settlement to resolve all the cases; but, the Judge has indicated that if they are unable to reach a global settlement he will send each of the cases back to the District Court in which it was filed so that a Nebraska jury can decide the award to Nebraska claims. He explained that there will be individual lawsuits filed on behalf of each county in the District Court of Nebraska, either in Omaha or Lincoln; so, if a global settlement can't be reached, the claims will be resolved individually in Federal District Court in Nebraska.

County Highway Superintendent Dick Johnson requested clarification that there would be no cost to the county if there was no recovery. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that this statement is correct. Mr. Johnson asked if recovery was either settlement or verdict. Mr. Pohlmeier responded affirmative. He clarified that with a contingency fee contract there is a fee portion, a cost portion, and typically regardless of the outcome, the client is responsible for costs such as mileage, filing fees, and other expenses; however, this contract is different because the county is not responsible for any of these costs. He further explained that, to the extent that the county is responsible for costs, based on recovery, the costs are capped at 15%. He said that county is guaranteed 60 cents on every single dollar recovered. Mr. Johnson asked for clarification that the county wouldn't get a bill for any costs until there was a recovery. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that there wouldn't be a bill because the costs are adjusted based on the recovery amount. Mr. Johnson asked if the county needs to figure out what the costs have been to Madison County. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that there will be a necessity at some point once discovery begins to start collecting that data, such as insurance information, costs to law enforcement, and documents will be required. Mr. Johnson asked if the county will need to break down the costs between what was legally prescribed and what drugs were illegal. Mr. Pohlmeier responded that their law firm has retained several experts who are working to formulate a method to calculate damages; so, they will facilitate getting all the documents from the counties and will do all behind the scenes work on how to allocate the costs.

Chairman Prauner asked if other firms are using a different recovery and fee percentage and Mr. Pohlmeier responded that he haven't seen other contracts. Mr. Johnson explained that the County Board would need to take action on the Reynolds, Korth and Samuelson law firm proposal, the Domina Law Firm, and any other proposals received.

Chairman Prauner thanked the attorneys for their presentation. No action was taken by the Board.

The Board discussed award of a bid for a used dump truck for Road District #2.

Commissioner Ohl reported that five bids were received from the companies of Boyer Ford Truck of Sioux Falls, South Dakota, Cornhusker International and Truck Center Companies of Norfolk, and Vanderhaag Inc. of Des Moines, Iowa. He explained that the bid information was reviewed and the desire is to replace a 1979 dump truck since the truck constantly needs repairs. He said that he wants to upgrade to another used truck at a reasonable price that may have some longevity.

Commissioner Ohl recommended to accept the bid submitted by Cornhusker International, Norfolk for the purchase of a 2007 International Model 7600S used dump truck in the amount of \$48,910.42, which would be available immediately. He said that each of the other bids had delivery time between two weeks and two months. He said that one concern is the mileage on the truck; but, the County doesn't put a lot of miles on dump trucks on an annual basis. He reported that there were about \$7,000.00 of improvements, upgrades, or maintenance completed on the dump truck. He reiterated that considering the availability, the repairs completed, he recommends purchase of the dump truck from Cornhusker International. He explained that the dump truck has high mileage of 326,581; but, the maintenance has been well done on the truck. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson stated that the County has the right to waive any irregularities beyond the scope of the specifications.

Chairman Prauner asked what the plan is for disposal of the other truck. Commissioner Ohl responded that the truck would either be put on Big Iron or another auction; but, at this time there is no hurry to sell the truck. Chairman Prauner reported that one dump truck in District #3 was involved in an accident on March 5th, so District #3 only has one dump truck.

Road Foreman Jeff Schroeder reported that key items for the purchase of the 2007 International dump truck is the \$7,000 spent on servicing all components underneath and above, electrical issues, bearings, and u-joints. He stated that a truck with 200,000 miles would require that amount of money to be spent for maintenance and this truck has already had this service work completed. He said that the service work completed is one of the key features for recommending purchase of the truck.

After discussion, a motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Prauner to award a bid to Cornhusker International of Norfolk for the purchase of a 2007 International Model 7600S dump truck in the amount of \$48,910.42. Roll call vote: Ohl and Prauner. Nays, none. Absent, Schmidt. Motion carried.

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The following written reports and correspondence were reviewed:

- 1) Fund balance report
- 2) Public hearing notice from the City of Norfolk for a regarding the "13th and Omaha Redevelopment Plan"

The following claims were audited:

|   | GENERAL FUND  |            |
|---|---|------------|
| Total Net Payroll                           |   | 147,692.72 |
| Account Control Technology, Inc.            | Garnish of Wages                                    | 179.34     |
| AG Spray Equipment                          | Repairs, Noxious Weed                               | 129.39     |
| Mark Albin                                  | Legal Services, County Court                        | 2,248.04   |
| American Family Life Assurance Company      | Insurance Premiums                                  | 951.38     |
| Apex Therapy Services LLC                   | Professional Services, Community Based Grant        | 1,035.78   |
| Appeara                                     | Mat Service, Supplies, Public Defenders             | 32.14      |
| B & B Cycle Inc.                            | Repairs, Noxious Weed                               | 286.06     |
| Behavioral Health Specialists Inc.          | Mileage, Witness Fees, Law Enforcement              | 2,210.40   |
| Black Hills Energy                          | Utilities, Zoning Department                        | 30.18      |
| Black Hills Energy                          | Utilities, Weed Department                          | 30.18      |
| Black Hills Energy                          | Utilities, Veteran Service Office                   | 82.60      |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield                      | Insurance Premiums                                  | 132,504.40 |
| Bob Barker Company Inc.                     | Supplies, County Jail                               | 72.15      |
| Bomgaars                                    | Supplies, Courthouse                                | 41.98      |
| Bomgaars                                    | Parts, Noxious Weed                                 | 121.98     |
| Brogan & Stafford PC                        | Legal Services, County Court                        | 4,198.79   |
| Brogan Gray, PC LLO                         | Legal Services, County Court                        | 1,187.75   |
| Cable One                                   | Cable TV, County Sheriff                            | 716.15     |
| Cable One                                   | Internet, Probation Office                          | 255.00     |
| CASA of Northeast Nebraska                  | Administrative Costs, Rent                          | 4,672.24   |
| CBM Managed Services                        | Inmate Meals, County Jail                           | 8,167.13   |
| Champs Inc.                                 | Equipment, County Jail                              | 5,194.79   |
| Children's Hospital & Medical Center        | Professional Services, Community Based Grant        | 81.25      |
| City of Crofton                             | Contract Services, Community Based Grant            | 114.17     |
| City of Madison                             | Utilities, Courthouse                               | 2,011.65   |
| City of Norfolk                             | Economic Development Services                       | 44,727.84  |
| Clerk of the Supreme Court                  | Certified Copies, District Court                    | 126.00     |
| Coast to Coast Solutions                    | Supplies, County Sheriff                            | 1,138.36   |
| Colonial Life and Accident Insurance        | Insurance Premiums                                  | 285.20     |
| Connecting Point                            | Supplies, County Jail                               | 48.00      |
| Connecting Point                            | Contract & Internet Services, Courthouse            | 115.00     |
| Copple, Rockey, McKeever & Schlecht, PC LLO | Legal Services, County Court                        | 1,123.47   |
| Cuming County Clerk                         | Contract Services, Community Based Grant            | 1,045.48   |
| DAS Accounting - Central Finance            | Telephone Services, Zoning Department               | 33.71      |
| DAS Accounting - Central Finance            | Teletype Services, County Sheriff                   | 262.29     |
| DAS Accounting - Central Finance            | Teletype Services, County Jail                      | 441.71     |
| DAS Accounting - Central Finance            | Telephone Services, Noxious Weed                    | 33.71      |
| DAS Accounting - Central Finance            | Telephone Services, Veteran Service Office          | 76.86      |
| Digital Ally Inc.                           | Equipment, County Sheriff                           | 7,050.00   |
| Doerr & Klein, PC                           | Legal Services, County Court                        | 1,348.51   |
| Douglas County Sheriff                      | Certified Copies, District Court                    | 70.30      |
| Eakes Office Solutions                      | Supplies, District Court                            | 112.41     |
| Eakes Office Solutions                      | Supplies, County Sheriff                            | 116.39     |
| Eakes Office Solutions                      | Supplies, County Jail                               | 185.32     |
| Eakes Office Solutions                      | Supplies, Probation Office                          | 209.28     |
| Eastern Auto Services Inc                   | Repairs, County Sheriff                             | 76.48      |
| Egan Supply Company                         | Supplies, County Jail                               | 1,303.20   |
| Egley, Fullner, Montag and Hockabout        | Legal Services, District Court                      | 2,798.82   |
| Egley, Fullner, Montag and Hockabout        | Legal Services, County Court                        | 2,385.35   |
| Electrical Engineering & Equipment Company  | Supplies, Courthouse                                | 126.66     |
| Ewalt Law Office PC LLO                     | Legal Services, District Court                      | 810.00     |
| Faith Regional Health Services              | Medical Services, County Jail                       | 429.00     |
| Field's Hardware                            | Supplies, County Jail                               | 29.93      |
| First Concord Benefits Group                | Administration Fees, Flex-Plan, Deductible Buy-Down | 8,826.51   |
| Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple & Bartell        | Legal Services, District Court                      | 427.98     |
| Floor Maintenance and Paper Supply          | Supplies, County Jail                               | 718.59     |
| Frontier Telephone Company                  | Telephone Service, Courthouse                       | 1,048.45   |
| Gall/Quartermaster                          | Uniforms, Supplies, County Sheriff                  | 108.69     |
| Gall/Quartermaster                          | Uniforms, County Jail                               | 372.81     |
| General Reporting Service                   | Certified Copies, County Court                      | 43.00      |
| Bonnie Gerrard                              | Cleaning Services, Probation Office                 | 450.00     |
| Goodlife Counseling                         | Professional Services, Community Based Grant        | 162.50     |
| Gordy's Towing & Repair                     | Repairs, County Sheriff                             | 323.68     |
| Gregg Hanson                                | Supplies, Veteran Service Office                    | 25.79      |
| Matthew Headley                             | Notary Fees, Public Defender                        | 130.00     |
| Hilliges & Associates LLC                   | Professional Services, County Jail                  | 500.00     |
| Hometown Auto Repair                        | Supplies, Courthouse                                | 107.95     |
| Interstate All Battery Center               | Supplies, Courthouse                                | 165.00     |
| Interstate All Battery Center               | Supplies, County Sheriff                            | 295.00     |
| Jack's Uniforms & Equipment                 | Uniforms, County Sheriff                            | 771.78     |
| Jack's Uniforms & Equipment                 | Uniforms, County Jail                               | 452.04     |
| Chad Jensen                                 | Uniforms, County Sheriff                            | 81.31      |
| Jewell & Collins                            | Legal Services, District Court                      | 174.50     |
| Addison Johnson                             | Mileage, Community Based Grant                      | 123.70     |
| Joseph Law Office                           | Legal Services, County Court                        | 3,951.30   |
| Keenan Law PC LLO                           | Legal Services, District Court                      | 3,670.52   |
| Taylor Kester                               | Contract Services, Community Based Grant            | 75.00      |
| Kustom Signals Inc.                         | Equipment, County Sheriff                           | 147.00     |

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| Madison County Clerk                               | Tax Deposit, Retirement  | 78,573.57 |
| Madison County Court                               | Court Costs, County Court  | 2,064.75  |
| Madison County Sheriff                             | Subscriptions, Supplies, County Jail                             | 56.70     |
| Madison County Sheriff                             | Civil Process Fees, County Court                                 | 1,086.62  |
| Madison County Sheriff                             | Civil Process Fees, District Court                               | 1,227.70  |
| Madison County Sheriff                             | Civil Process Fees, Mental Health                                | 55.56     |
| Madison County Sheriff                             | Dues, County Sheriff   | 115.00    |
| Madison County Sheriff                             | Professional Services, Notary Fees, County Jail                  | 166.18    |
| Madison National Life Insurance Co. Inc.           | Insurance Premiums   | 239.10    |
| Menards  | Supplies, Zoning Department                                      | 20.66     |
| Menards  | Supplies, Weed Department  | 51.13     |
| Menards  | Supplies, Probation Office                                       | 418.00    |
| Merrick County Sheriff                             | Civil Process Fees, District Court                               | 18.50     |
| Midwest Plumbing & Heating                         | Repairs, County Jail   | 1,363.77  |
| Mimick Motor Company                               | Repairs, County Sheriff  | 47.87     |
| MIPS   | Data Processing Costs, County Clerk                              | 620.84    |
| Morland, Easland & Lohrberg PC                     | Legal Services, County Court                                     | 684.45    |
| National Enterprise Systems Inc.                   | Garnish of Wages   | 214.55    |
| Nationwide Retirement Solutions                    | Deferred Compensation  | 3,085.00  |
| Nebraska Child Support Payment Center              | Garnish of Wages   | 726.62    |
| Nebraska Criminal Defense Attorneys                | Registration Fees, Public Defender                               | 375.00    |
| Nebraska Law Enforcement Training Center           | Training Fees, County Jail                                       | 20.00     |
| Nebraska Public Power District                     | Utilities, Zoning Department                                     | 109.20    |
| Nebraska Public Power District                     | Utilities, Weed Department                                       | 353.66    |
| Nebraska Public Power District                     | Utilities, Veteran Service Office                                | 41.81     |
| Nebraska Weed Control Association                  | Registration Fees, Weed Department                               | 120.00    |
| NMG LLC  | Medical Services, County Jail                                    | 44.00     |
| Norfolk Daily News                                 | Publication Costs  | 142.85    |
| Norfolk Family Coalition                           | Contract Services, Community Based Grant                         | 2,519.05  |
| Norfolk Auto Center                                | Repairs, County Sheriff  | 55.45     |
| Northeast Nebraska Association of County Officials | Registration Fees, Courthouse                                    | 300.00    |
| Mike O'Brien                                       | Mileage, Community Based Grant                                   | 69.76     |
| Valorie Olson                                      | Court Reporting, Mental Health                                   | 50.00     |
| One Office Solution                                | Equipment Maintenance, County Assessor                           | 176.71    |
| One Office Solution                                | Supplies, District Court   | 71.23     |
| One Office Solution                                | Supplies, Public Defender  | 140.97    |
| One Office Solution                                | Supplies, County Sheriff   | 42.56     |
| One Office Solution                                | Supplies, County Attorney  | 168.50    |
| One Office Solution                                | Supplies, County Jail  | 73.05     |
| One Office Solution                                | Equipment, Probation Office                                      | 887.52    |
| Physicians Laboratory PC                           | Autopsy Fees, Law Enforcement                                    | 335.00    |
| Pizza Hut  | Jury Meals, District Court                                       | 30.97     |
| Reserve Account                                    | Postage, Zoning Department                                       | 100.00    |
| John Shaver  | Contract Services, Community Based Grant                         | 117.00    |
| Joseph Smith                                       | Mileage, County Attorney   | 134.25    |
| Stanton County Sheriff                             | Civil Process Fees, District Court                               | 35.00     |
| Strategic Psychological Services                   | Professional Services, Public Defender                           | 1,777.53  |
| Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson & Buettner, PC LLO | Legal Services, District Court                                   | 667.04    |
| Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson & Buettner, PC LLO | Legal Services, County Court                                     | 3,314.54  |
| Linda Swenson                                      | Contract Services, Courthouse                                    | 1,120.00  |
| The Change Companies                               | Supplies, Community Based Grant                                  | 833.66    |
| The Zone   | Contract Services, Community Based Grant                         | 85.46     |
| Track Group  | Monitoring Services, Juvenile Accountability                     | 268.00    |
| Transunion Risk & Alternative                      | Record Searches, County Sheriff                                  | 25.00     |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System                   | Fuel, , Lodging, Registration, Repairs, Supplies, County Sheriff | 1,007.00  |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System                   | Supplies, County Jail  | 137.36    |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System                   | Fuel, Supplies, Community Based Grant                            | 297.84    |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System                   | Jury Meals, County Attorney                                      | 32.08     |
| Verizon Wireless                                   | Telephone Services, County Assessor                              | 40.01     |
| Verizon Wireless                                   | Telephone Services, County Sheriff                               | 1,884.02  |
| Verizon Wireless                                   | Telephone Services, Law Enforcement                              | 59.04     |
| Verizon Wireless                                   | Telephone Services, Courthouse                                   | 78.04     |
| Vision Service Plan                                | Insurance Premiums   | 373.70    |
| Wal-Mart   | Supplies, Juvenile Accountability                                | 110.04    |
| Zippy Lube   | Repairs, County Sheriff  | 39.70     |
|  | <b>ROAD/BRIDGE FUND</b>  |           |
| Total Net Payroll                                  |  | 32,475.19 |
| American Family Life Assurance Company             | Insurance Premiums   | 608.05    |
| B's Enterprises Inc.                               | Blades, Signs  | 4,764.20  |
| Battle Creek Light & Power                         | Utilities  | 303.38    |
| Bauer Built Inc.                                   | Repairs  | 1,364.00  |
| Black Hill Energy                                  | Utilities  | 433.19    |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska                 | Insurance Premiums   | 33,119.87 |
| Bomgaars Supply                                    | Supplies   | 735.91    |
| Carhart Lumber Company                             | Supplies   | 532.80    |
| City of Madison                                    | Utilities  | 582.57    |
| City of Newman Grove                               | Utilities  | 61.00     |
| Colonial Life and Accident Insurance               | Insurance Premiums   | 153.37    |
| Connecting Point                                   | Internet Service   | 15.00     |
| Contech Engineered Solutions LLC                   | Contract Services  | 58,277.97 |
| DAS Accounting - Central Finance                   | Telephone Services   | 24.98     |
| Dinkel Implement Company                           | Parts  | 245.00    |
| Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.                     | Telephone Services   | 52.44     |
| Eastern Nebraska Trailer Inc                       | Repairs  | 23.82     |
| Echo Group Inc.                                    | Repairs  | 255.01    |

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| Electrical Engineering & Equipment Company         | Repairs   | 84.28     |
| Fastenal Company                                   | Repairs   | 33.88     |
| Field's Hardware                                   | Supplies  | 140.95    |
| First Concord Benefits Group                       | Administration Fees, Deductible Buy-Down, Flex Plan | 1,178.66  |
| Frontier   | Telephone Services                                  | 180.71    |
| Casey Garrod                                       | Repairs   | 172.00    |
| Greenline Equipment                                | Parts   | 2,353.67  |
| Kelly Supply Company                               | Parts   | 185.05    |
| Madison County Clerk                               | Tax Deposit, Retirement                             | 16,446.98 |
| Madison National Life Insurance Company Inc.       | Insurance Premiums                                  | 54.25     |
| Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.                              | Supplies  | 276.23    |
| Menards  | Parts   | 44.22     |
| Myers Tire Supply                                  | Repairs   | 300.23    |
| Nationwide Retirement Solutions                    | Deferred Compensation                               | 325.00    |
| Nebraska Child Support Payment Center              | Garnish of Wages                                    | 243.24    |
| Nebraska Public Power District                     | Utilities   | 263.95    |
| NMC Exchange LLC                                   | Blades, Oil, Parts, Repairs                         | 20,314.23 |
| Northeast Nebraska Association of County Officials | Registration  | 25.00     |
| Northwest Electric                                 | Repairs   | 50.00     |
| One Office Solution                                | Supplies  | 111.80    |
| Prime Sanitation                                   | Garbage Service                                     | 53.75     |
| RDO Truck Centers                                  | Repairs   | 1,844.13  |
| Road Builders Machinery & Supply                   | Parts, Repairs                                      | 750.44    |
| Jesse Stueckrath                                   | Tractor Rent  | 5,408.00  |
| T O Haas Tire                                      | Repairs   | 49.55     |
| T-Bone North                                       | Fuel  | 683.05    |
| Truck Center Companies                             | Repairs   | 11.59     |
| Village of Meadow Grove                            | Utilities   | 71.00     |
| Vision Service Plan                                | Insurance Premiums                                  | 68.10     |
|  | <b>VISITORS PROMOTION FUND</b>                      |           |
| Norfolk Area Visitor Bureau                        | Administrative Fees                                 | 3,196.94  |
|  | <b>VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND</b>                    |           |
| Norfolk Area Visitor Bureau                        | Administrative Fees                                 | 11,239.00 |
|  | <b>DRUG TESTING FUND</b>                            |           |
| Lynn Peavey Company                                | Supplies  | 64.20     |
| Nebraska Public Health Environment Lab             | Supplies  | 105.00    |
|  | <b>INHERITANCE TAX FUND</b>                         |           |
| Madison Public Library                             | Supplies  | 2,055.47  |
| Meadow Grove Public Library                        | Supplies  | 1,198.66  |
|  | <b>911 EMERGENCY FUND</b>                           |           |
| Carmichael Business System                         | Maintenance Contract                                | 1,521.00  |
| Century Link                                       | Telephone Services                                  | 782.79    |
| Frontier Telephone Company                         | Telephone Services                                  | 164.10    |
| NESCA  | Membership Dues                                     | 45.00     |
|  | <b>DRUG COURT FUND</b>                              |           |
| NMG LLC dba Norfolk Works                          | Medical Screening                                   | 65.00     |

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

The Board adjourned at 12:10 P.M. to Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

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Anne Pruss  
Madison County Deputy Clerk

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Jim Prauner, Chairman  
County Board of Commissioners