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COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

April 17, 2018

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

Advance notice of meeting was published in the Thursday, April 12, 2018 edition of The Norfolk Daily News and posted on the Madison 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 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, Jim Prauner, and Ron Schmidt, and County Clerk Nancy Scheer. Zoning Administrator Heather McWhorter was present from 10:05 A.M. to 10:25 A.M. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson was present until 11:20 A.M. Norfolk Daily News reporter Jerry Guenther and WJAG reporter Cody Ronnfeldt was present until 10:35 A.M.

Motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Ohl to remove the consent agenda item to acknowledge receipt of the Seventh Judicial District Rule for the Compensation of Indigent. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Chairman Prauner read the following consent agenda items into the record:

- 1) Approval of minutes of the April 3, 2018 meeting
- 2) Acknowledge receipt of the Continuation Certificate for the Official Bond of Tim Means as Secretary/Treasurer of Meadow Grove Rural Fire District
- 3) Approval of Change Order No. 1 for Project No. C-59-897, Battle Creek West, resulting in a net increase of \$20,791.87
- 4) Authorization to advertise for bids for armor coat gravel, road gravel, culvert pipe, and grader blades for the 2018 year and set the bid opening date for May 24, 2018

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

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

Pursuant to published legal notice in the Tuesday, April 3, 2018 edition of the Norfolk Daily News, Chairman Prauner opened a public hearing at 9:34 A.M. to receive comments regarding the issuance by Hospital Authority No. 1 of Madison County, Nebraska of its Hospital Revenue Bonds (Faith Regional Health Services Project), Series 2018, solely for purposes of section 147 (f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

County Clerk Nancy Scheer presented a proof of publication verifying that the hearing notice was published in the Norfolk Daily News on Tuesday, April 3, 2018.

Attorney Mike Rogers from the law firm Gilmore Bell, reported that the firm is bond counsel for the financing of the Hospital Revenue Bonds. He explained that the public hearing and proposed resolution is for approving the issuance by Hospital Authority No. 1 of bonds in the principal amount not to exceed \$30 million for the benefit of Faith Regional Medical Center for their project consisting of approximately 104,000 square foot hospital and medical office building facility together with underground parking and walkway connecting the building to their primary hospital. He stated that the medical building will be located directly south of the existing hospital. He explained that the bonds will be issued by Hospital Authority No. 1 which is a board appointed by the Commissioners. He reported that the reason for the hearing before the Commissioners is because section 147(f) the Internal Revenue Service code requires that an elected body must conduct a public hearing on the issuance of bonds by the Hospital Authority, adopt a resolution approving it, and giving the public an opportunity to speak on the matter in front of an elected board and the Hospital Authority is not elected.

Commissioner Schmidt asked what the interest rate is on the bonds and Mr. Rogers responded that the interest rate will be determined when bonds are offered to the public. Chairman Prauner asked if the bonds will be offered first to Madison County investors. John Wilker, Chief Financial Officer for Faith Regional Health Services, replied that Wells Fargo Bank is the underwriter for the bonds and they try to have local investors and the approved rate is not to exceed 5%. Mr. Wilker presented some renderings of the proposed project. He stated that the building will be a four-story structure and the location was already owned by Faith Regional Health Services. He stated that Faith Regional was having such success recruiting new physicians to the area that they ran out of room in their existing facilities, which prompted the need for this building. He reported that they plan to move Faith Regional surgery center from its current location in the north building to the first floor of the new structure and also expand it because a large portion of health care is going to out-patient procedures so they need room for people to have a 23 hour recovery period so they aren't admitted to the hospital. Mr. Wilker explained that the second floor will be orthopedics, hand, and foot/ankle surgeons. He stated that the third floor will be for women and children and they are in the process of recruiting more OB/GYN doctors and pediatricians. He explained that the fourth floor will be general and miscellaneous surgeries.

Chairman Prauner asked if there are any plans for psychologists in the new building since there is a shortage in the region. Mr. Wilker agreed that there was a shortage of psychologists. He explained that the behavioral health unit is currently located on the east campus and they are building a new behavioral health unit on the fourth floor of the bed tower and the unit will be moving to the bed tower in June or July, 2018. Chairman Prauner asked how many beds will be in the behavioral health unit. Mr. Wilker responded that there will be 16 beds with private rooms and acute care. He explained that they are trying to catch more of the needs before they turn into acute episodes and moving to the West campus will have many benefits for patients, physicians, and law enforcement. He stated that there is a planned connector across Norfolk Avenue and the City of Norfolk has been great to work with on the connector because they see it as a gateway to the City of Norfolk from the West. He stated that the connector will be a nice presentation for the City and be great for the community. He explained that as they move physicians into the new building it will free up space for further physician recruitment.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if the behavioral health unit will be for EPC patients and Mr. Wilker responded that EPC patients currently come to the emergency room and are stabilized before they are taken to the east campus, or if they have medical issues, then they are kept on West campus with a sitter, which is not the best situation. He explained that having everything on the West campus will expedite the individual getting to the unit faster, getting the care they need, and being in a safer environment. He reported that they are also looking to move the outpatient clinics which are currently on the east campus over to the West campus, either in the North or West building as space becomes available. He stated that the idea is to have a whole continuum of care from the least acute to the most acute at one location. He stated that the behavioral unit will have private rooms which provides more flexibility in terms of male and female and acute patients.

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Chairman Prauner asked what is planned for the east campus when the behavioral unit is moved. Mr. Wilker replied that the main reason they are moving the behavioral health unit is because a CMS survey several years ago reflected some building and safety deficiencies which needed to be corrected by the end of 2018 with options to either close or relocate the program; so, the unit is being relocated. He reported that the building is over 50 years old and requires a lot of upkeep. He explained that they are hopeful that one of the boilers doesn't fail because that would trigger a major renovation. He stated that the plans are to eventually decant the east campus because once the behavioral unit is moved, the only clinical function will be outpatient rehabilitation, including physical therapy. He stated that the rehabilitation unit is currently in a horrible location on the third floor. Mr. Wilker reported that they are going through a master facility plan to determine what the priorities are for the next 5 to 10 years. He stated that they must pay for all the improvements and they want to be smart about taking on debt and also paying it off.

Commissioner Schmidt stated that he is encouraged that Faith Regional is doing something about EPC patients because that has been a real frustration for law enforcement. He stated that law enforcement would be more willing to bring in EPC clients if they know they will receive better care. Mr. Wilker responded that this is one reason to bring and consolidate the unit to the west campus. He explained that six years ago the behavioral health program was losing quite a bit of money. He stated that they don't get paid much from Region 4 or for EPC patients; but, the Board made a decision to try to continue to serve the population and try to break even on costs. He reported that they were successful in recruiting a psychiatrist and they also have mid-level counselors; so, they feel like they are serving the region.

Chairman Prauner asked if Faith Regional was actively seeking additional psychologists. Mr. Wilker responded that they are trying to recruit additional psychiatrists and they would like to expand into the child, adolescent, and geriatric programs. Chairman Prauner asked how tall the building connector would be and Mr. Wilker responded that the connector will be on the second floor.

No public comments were received in opposition to the application. Chairman Prauner closed the hearing at 9:47 A.M.

The following resolution was introduced:

RESOLUTION #2018-24

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ISSUANCE, SALE AND DELIVERY BY HOSPITAL AUTHORITY NO. 1 OF MADISON COUNTY, NEBRASKA OF ITS HOSPITAL REVENUE BONDS (FAITH REGIONAL HEALTH SERVICES PROJECT), SERIES 2018, IN AN AGGREGATE STATED AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED THIRTY MILLION DOLLARS (\$30,000,000) IN ONE OR MORE SERIES FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 147(f) OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE CODE OF 1986, AS AMENDED, AND RELATED MATTERS

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF MADISON COUNTY, NEBRASKA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Board of Commissioners (the "Board") of Madison County, Nebraska (the "County") hereby finds and determines as follows:

(a) Notice of a public hearing was published in the *Norfolk Daily News* on April 3, 2018 concerning the proposal by Hospital Authority No. 1 of Madison County, Nebraska (the "Authority") to issue its Hospital Revenue Bonds (Faith Regional Health Services Project) in one or more series (collectively, the "Bonds"), in accordance with the provisions of the Hospital Authorities Act, Sections 23-3579 to 23-35,120, inclusive, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, as amended.

(b) Pursuant to said notice, a public hearing on such proposal to issue the Bonds on behalf of Faith Regional Health Services, a Nebraska nonprofit corporation (the "Borrower"), has been conducted by the Board at the time and place as specified in said notice and all persons who appeared were given an opportunity to express their view, for or against the proposal to issue the Bonds.

(c) All objections or other comments relating to the issuance of the Bonds have been heard and have been duly considered by the Board in connection with the adoption of this Resolution.

(d) A general functional description of the type and use of the project, and the purpose of the Bonds, has been accurately described in said notice of hearing and is hereby approved, which description is as follows: a portion of the costs of constructing, equipping and furnishing a new medical office building expected to consist of an approximately 104,000 square-foot four-floor hospital facility, together with underground parking and an enclosed walkway connecting the new building to the Borrower's primary hospital facility (collectively, the "Project"). The Project will be located directly to the south, across Norfolk Avenue, from the Borrower's primary hospital facility at 2700 W. Norfolk Ave., Norfolk, NE. The Project will be owned, operated or managed by the Borrower.

(e) The governing board of the Authority will meet in public session on April 17, 2018, at 11:30 a.m., in the Niobrara Conference Room, Faith Regional Health Services West Campus, 2700 Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk, Nebraska, at which time the Authority's governing board will consider a resolution to authorize and approve the issuance and delivery of the Bonds and authorize and approve the execution and delivery of the documents relating to the Bonds.

Section 2. As required by and solely for the purposes specified in Section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), the issuance by the Authority of the Bonds in an aggregate stated amount not to exceed \$30,000,000 on such terms and conditions as shall be subsequently determined by the Authority, or its authorized representative, is hereby approved. The Bonds will be special, limited obligations of the Authority payable solely from payments to be received by the Authority pursuant to one or more Loan Agreements, dated the date of its execution and delivery (the "Loan Agreements"), between the Authority and the Borrower. The Bonds will be issued under and pursuant to one or more Trust Indentures, dated the date of its execution and delivery, between the Authority and BOKF, National Association, as trustee. The principal or redemption price of and interest on the Bonds are payable solely from amounts to be paid to the Authority under the Loan Agreements. The Authority shall not, in any event, be liable for the payment of the principal or redemption price of or interest on any of the Bonds or for the performance of any pledge, obligation or agreement undertaken by the Authority except to the extent that money pledged and assigned under the Loan Agreements are sufficient therefor.

The Bonds shall not constitute an indebtedness within the meaning of any constitutional or statutory provision, nor a liability or general obligation of the Authority, the County, the State or any political subdivision thereof or a pledge or loan of the faith and credit of the Authority, the County, the State or any political subdivision thereof. None of the Authority, the County, the State or any political subdivision thereof shall be obligated to pay the principal of or interest on the Bonds except from the special funds pledged therefor; and neither the faith and credit nor the taxing power, if any, of the Authority, the County, the State or any political subdivision thereof is pledged for the payment of the principal of the Bonds or the interest thereon or other costs incidental thereto. Nothing in the Bonds or the Loan Agreements shall be construed as pledging any other funds or assets of the Authority. None of the County, the State, or any political subdivision thereof shall in any event be liable for the payment of the principal or redemption price of and interest on the Bonds or for the performance of any pledge, obligation or agreement undertaken by the Authority.

Section 3. The approval granted hereby is solely and only for the purpose of satisfying the requirements of Section 147(f) of the Code. Such approval is not intended, nor should it be construed, to constitute final approval of the issuance of the Bonds or a commitment of any kind on the part of the County, or any official or officer thereof, to issue the Bonds. The approval granted hereby is not intended, nor should it be construed to constitute any review or approval by the County, or any official or officer thereof, of the credit of the Borrower, nor any type of guaranty by the County, or any official or officer thereof, of repayment of all or any part of the Bonds.

Motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Ohl that the foregoing resolution be adopted. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

County Attorney Joseph Smith and attorney Brad Ewalt were present to discuss solicitation of proposals for court appointed attorneys.

Mr. Smith reported that District Court Judge Jim Kube signed an order raising the court appointed hourly rate in criminal cases from \$75.00 to \$95.00, which is approximately a 30% fee increase. He explained that the Commissioners have previously discussed contracting on conflict cases with private counsel. He said that one problem is determining how to complete this process. He stated that they have looked at the historical data regarding the number of conflict cases. He said that the task could be left to the attorneys who want to submit proposals by looking at the amount the County has historically spent, or they could propose payment at an hourly rate.

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Mr. Smith explained that the judges need to agree to the proposal, and in his opinion, the judges will approve. He stated that it wouldn't surprise him if some local lawyers tried to contest the plan on legality grounds. He said that he told lawyers that any contract with the county must be dependent upon judges approval; but, there are interested lawyers. He reported that his understanding of the Judge's order is for criminal cases, but does not mention juvenile cases. Mr. Smith explained that juvenile cases are a bigger issue than county and district court cases. He said that Board members have asked him if juvenile cases are getting out of control and he discovered that in some cases lawyers are being appointed without affidavits being filed.

Commissioner Ohl asked if the Commissioners could ask Mr. Smith to investigate the appointment of lawyers if there isn't sufficient evidence of an affidavit filed. Mr. Smith replied that he can start filing objections if an affidavit isn't filed. He stated that Brad Ewalt does a very good job on court cases and they work together on many cases in three counties. He explained that this process will require looking at the numbers. He reported that approximately 80% of the cases that the County pays in Juvenile Court, County Court, and District Court are conflict cases or cases that the Public Defender withdraws from for some reason. He stated that 10% of these cases are ones that have a third layer of conflict, with three codefendants. He said that the Commissioners need to decide if they want to get involved in third tier cases or let the Judges appoint if there is a third conflict tier.

Chairman Prauner reported that the County is currently spending over \$1 million for indigent defense, including the operating costs of the Public Defender's office. He stated that a \$20/hour increase could cost an additional \$180,000. Mr. Smith stated that the court appointed attorney costs in the budget also include Juvenile Court and, as he interprets the order, the Juvenile Court fees are not increasing. Chairman Prauner asked if the County could establish a contract paid on a monthly basis. Brad Ewalt explained that he is paid by Stanton County on a monthly basis and he petitions the Court if he has undue expenses for discovery such as depositions and these costs are paid in addition to his contract.

Commissioner Schmidt asked who is responsible to determine if someone is indigent. Mr. Smith responded that an affidavit must be completed by the person requesting representation which goes to the judge and the Attorney's office receives a copy and can object to the affidavit. He said that he is unsure who verifies the information on the affidavit; however, the Attorney, Public Defender, and Court probably share the responsibility. Commissioner Schmidt stated that the affidavit needs to be pursued a little harder.

Commissioner Ohl said that in some cases if the individual is guilty and they have nothing to lose, but everything to gain by having free legal defense, the person may take that option. He stated that if individuals makes enough money to cover the costs, they may think twice about having to pay the bill. Mr. Smith stated that the exception is mental health cases where the Public Defender is usually appointed immediately without an affidavit because of an individual's mental health. Mr. Smith suggested putting a notice in the newspaper that the Commissioners will solicit proposals for conflicts cases. He said that he would meet with the County Clerk and District Court Clerk to try to get statistics about prior costs. Chairman Prauner agreed that proposals should be solicited because budget season will begin shortly. He asked if the Board should request proposals from law firms or enter into contracts like Stanton County. Mr. Smith explained that they could require the firms to submit a proposal. Chairman Prauner asked if diversion could be considered for first offense cases and Mr. Smith replied that he will look at expanding Diversion and Juvenile Accountability programs and find ways to shift Juvenile Court cases to these programs. Brad Ewalt explained that first offense cases should qualify for representation by the Public Defender's office and probably wouldn't be conflict cases which could save the County money.

Mr. Smith stated that he has more employees working in the Juvenile Accountability program than in the office. Commissioner Ohl asked if the County sees any savings by using the Juvenile Accountability program. Mr. Smith replied that the Accountability office is doing a lot of Probation work; so, the program is taking in funds from probation services which is deposited into the General Fund. He said that at some time in the future, he will be asking for some of the probation program fees to be added back to the Accountability office. He explained that the Diversion program is traditionally for first time offenders and if the program is expanded to take cases away from Juvenile Court he would need to put second defense staff on these cases.

Clerk of the District Court Monica Rotherham joined the meeting. Norfolk Daily News reporter Jerry Guenther asked what the breakdown is between juvenile and adult cases in 2017. Mr. Smith replied that he doesn't have the breakdown. Mrs. Rotherham reported that about \$350,000 was spent last fiscal year for District Court appointed attorney fees. Commissioner Schmidt stated that the Board needs to look at options to be fair to the taxpayers and save money. Chairman Prauner explained that he was not aware that the judges were planning to increase the hourly rate. He said that he would rather see a \$10 hourly increase in July and another increase the following year to reduce the impact on the budget. Mr. Smith suggested that the Commissioners consider putting a notice in the newspaper that the Board is soliciting proposals to get some ideas and concepts.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if any counties in the area, other than Stanton County, contract for legal services. Chairman Prauner replied that Antelope and Pierce counties also contract for attorney services. Brad Ewalt reported that Pierce County has two contracts and they alternate every other case to each law firm. Commissioner Schmidt said that Pierce County doesn't have a Public Defender so the contract is used in lieu of a public defender.

Chairman Prauner asked if the Board should draw up a contract to determine if any law firms will submit a proposal. Mr. Smith responded that the contract should provide that a law firm would need to take over cases that the Public Defender withdraws from or when there is a conflict. He stated that two different firms may want to go together on a proposal for cases with multiple conflicts or defendants. He suggested publication of a notice that the County is soliciting proposals or ideas for public defense work on conflict cases that the Public Defender withdraws from and set a time for submission to determine which attorneys come forward with ideas.

Chairman Prauner asked Mr. Ewalt if his contract with Stanton County is renewed annually and Mr. Ewalt responded that he submits a contract on an annual basis. Mr. Ewalt stated that he would be willing to submit a sample contract for defense of Class I felony cases.

After discussion, a motion was made Ohl and seconded by Schmidt to authorize publication for solicitation of proposals for court appointed attorney conflict cases. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none.

Motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Schmidt to acknowledge receipt of the Seventh Judicial District Rule for the Compensation of Indigent Court Appointed Legal Counsel dated April 6, 2018 establishing an hourly rate of \$95.00 per hour for indigent defense in criminal cases. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Ned Porter, land agent for wind energy company Invenergy, was present to introduce himself and the company. Zoning Administrator Heather McWhorter was present.

Mr. Porter presented a packet to each Board member with information about the company and general information on wind farms. He stated that Invenergy was the company which built Prairie Breeze I, II, and III in Antelope County south of Elgin and they are also constructing the Upstream Wind Energy project located north of Neligh which will be completed by the end of 2018.

Chairman Prauner asked how many wind towers have been constructed by Invenergy and Mr. Porter responded that 188 wind towers were constructed in the Prairie Breeze projects and 81 towers will be constructed in the Upstream project. Chairman Prauner asked how many towers will be constructed in Madison County. Mr. Porter responded that they don't know yet since they just started development south of Highway 275, west of Highway 121, and close to Highway 32 in the precincts of Grove, Highland, Emerick, and Schoolcraft. He explained that they are in the development phase and it could take a number of years before they get to the point of construction. Chairman Prauner asked how the reception is from landowners and Mr. Porter responded that the reception is good.

Commissioner Schmidt asked about the production tax credit and investment tax credit. He reported that the 2018 production tax credit is 60% of the 2.4 cents per kilowatt hour and the investment tax credit is 18% for 2018 and 12% for 2019. Commissioner Schmidt questioned if a wind tower qualified for both tax credits and what the amount of tax credit for a wind tower would be for one year. Mr. Porter explained that the production tax credit goes down 20% each year. He stated that the annual tax credit is largely based upon the amount of investors in the wind farm. He stated that some investors will come in for the life of the wind farm and receive production tax credit which times out in 8 years.

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Commissioner Schmidt asked if the wind towers are being put up for the tax credit or for the electricity. Mr. Porter responded that towers are constructed for electricity. He explained that people need to invest in the wind farms, the wind farms need to be built and generate power, then the production tax credit is received; but, it only last for 8 years. He said that when the tax credits are gone, the investor receives money from selling the electricity. He stated that the investment in a wind farm is a 25 year commitment.

Chairman Prauner asked how the contracts for selling electricity are completed. Mr. Porter explained that a wind company replies to a company who has a request for proposals to purchase power. He stated that companies will bid based on price per megawatt and then a power purchase agreement is completed for a 25 year term. Commissioner Schmidt asked what happens to the towers after 25 years and Mr. Porter replied that the infrastructure is all in place; so, if they enter into another purchase power agreement, they will re-generate the tower by changing the generator, blades, and other necessary components.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if there is still a wall up along the Missouri River. Mr. Porter responded that the State removed the wall last year; so, power can be pushed across the Missouri River. He reported that a development group located in Knox County is trying to get access to the grid and there is another project in Wayne, which are not associated with Invenergy.

Chairman Prauner explained that Madison County has a six-month moratorium on accepting applications for wind towers to allow time to revise the zoning regulations. Zoning Administrator Heather McWhorter reported that revised wind tower regulations will be reviewed during the April Planning Commission meeting.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if local energy companies are encouraging wind farms for construction in the area. Mr. Porter responded that the local energy companies typically purchase power from Nebraska Public Power District; but, they aren't restricted from buying from Invenergy. He stated that the power generated from Prairie Breeze I goes to Nebraska Public Power District, the power generated from Prairie Breeze II goes to Lincoln Electric System, and power generated from Prairie Breeze III goes to the City of Grand Island, who also sell to Nebraska City and Neligh.

Chairman Prauner asked if a substation needs to be built to hook into the grid and Mr. Porter responded yes. Chairman Prauner stated that there is a substation is already located south of Meadow Grove and he questioned if the existing substation could be used if wind farms are constructed in the area. Mr. Porter responded that it may be possible to use the substation by Meadow Grove or the transmission line that goes across the county.

No action was taken.

The Board discussed a proposal received from Vision Care Direct for group vision insurance coverage.

County Clerk Nancy Scheer explained that a representative from Vision Care Direct emailed a proposal to offer group vision insurance to county employees. She stated that vision insurance coverage is currently offered to county employees by VSP and a comparison between the two plans was prepared for review by the Board members. Mrs. Scheer stated that the analysis between the two plans reflects that the premium for a single plan offered by VSP costs \$165.08 annually and the premium for a single plan through Vision Care Direct would cost \$204.88.

Chairman Prauner stated that there are differences on the allowance for lenses and frames between the plans offered by the two companies. Mrs. Scheer explained that both companies offer several different options; however, when the cost analysis was prepared they tried to compare a plan from each company which had to most similar benefits. She stated that the Board of Commissioners determines which voluntary benefit plans to offer to county employees. She reported that Vision Care Direct is another company which is reaching out to offer employee benefits. Chairman Prauner stated that several companies are currently working on proposals to offer all voluntary programs.

After discussion, a motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Ohl to table the proposal from Vision Care Direct for group vision insurance coverage. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The following written reports and correspondence were reviewed:

- 1) Fund balance report
- 2) County Clerk's March, 2018 fee report
- 3) Register of Deeds March, 2018 fee report
- 4) Clerk of the District Court March, 2018 fee report
- 5) County Sheriff February and March, 2018 fee reports
- 6) 1st quarter report for CASA of Northeast Nebraska
- 7) Thank you regarding consideration of purchasing a building for Madison County Extension office
- 8) Sale of surplus property report

The following claims were audited:

GENERAL FUND

Total Net Payroll		149,862.42
Account Control Technology, Inc.	Garnishment of Wages	179.34
Advance Correctional Health Care	Medical Services, County Jail	27,238.05
Mark D. Albin	Legal Services, County Court	771.79
Albracht Disposal Service Inc	Utilities, Courthouse	94.00
American Family Life Assurance Co.	Insurance Premium	951.47
Bryon Anderson	Registration Fees, Noxious Weeds	170.00
Appeara	Mat Service, Supplies, Public Defenders	33.11
Sarah Barela	Witness Fees, Mileage, County Court	142.08
BI Incorporated	Contractual Services, Juvenile Accountability	33.75
Black Hills Energy	Utilities, Courthouse	224.42
Black Hills Energy	Utilities, County Jail	412.55
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insurance Premium	4,632.08
Bob Barker Company Inc	Supplies, County Jail	1,163.04
Brady & Amy's Inc.	Fuel, Courthouse	53.80
Brady & Amy's Inc.	Fuel, County Sheriff	1,779.97
John Buck	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	37.50
Cableone	Internet Services, Courthouse	218.50
CBM Managed Services	Inmate Meals, County Jail	8,008.05
Cedar County Court	Certified Copies, Law Enforcement	5.50
Century Link	Repeater Line, County Jail	17.66
Century Link	Telephone Services, Probation Office	638.95

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Champs, Inc.	Repairs, County Jail	5,081.74
Children's Hospital & Medical Center	Medical Services, Community Based Grant	81.25
City of Crofton	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	167.27
City of Madison	Utilities, Public Defender	389.10
City of Madison	Utilities, Courthouse	1,913.04
City of Madison	Utilities, County Jail	5,001.17
City of Norfolk	Utilities, Probation Office	133.19
City of Norfolk	Economic Development Funding	12,667.11
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance	Insurance Premium	285.21
Comfort Inn	Lodging, County Jail	93.00
Commercial lighting	Supplies, Courthouse	465.49
Complete Pest Elimination, Inc.	Pest Control, County Jail	125.00
Connecting Point	Supplies, County Clerk	81.00
Connecting Point	Equipment, Public Defender	84.00
Connecting Point	Equipment, Supplies, County Sheriff	912.99
Connecting Point	Supplies, County Attorney	99.00
Connecting Point	Equipment, County Jail	723.00
Connecting Point	Supplies, Probation Office	366.00
Connecting Point	Internet Services, Veteran Office	38.95
Connecting Point	Internet Services, Community Based Grant	59.95
Connecting Point	Contract Services, Courthouse	2,714.00
Constellation Newenergy	Utilities, Zoning Department	44.40
Constellation Newenergy	Utilities, Noxious Weed	44.40
Constellation Newenergy	Utilities, Veterans Service Office	129.00
Cooperative Extension Division	Subscription, Extension Office	225.00
Copple Rockey McKeever & Schlecht, PC LLO	Legal Services, County Court	2,290.93
Cubby's	Fuel, Noxious Weeds	227.99
Culligan of Norfolk	Supplies, Probation Office	70.00
Culligan of Norfolk	Supplies, Community Based Grant	117.50
Cuming County Clerk	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	1,130.52
Custom Sports	Uniform, County Sheriff	50.00
DAS Accounting - Central Finance	Data Processing, County Clerk	41.60
DAS Accounting - Central Finance	Data Processing, County Treasurer	96.16
DAS Accounting - Central Finance	Data Processing, County Jail	32.00
Dent Specialists LLC	Parts, County Courthouse	20.00
Dent Specialists LLC	Repairs, County Sheriff	687.16
Doerr & Klein PC	Legal Services, County Court	1,152.47
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, County Clerk	96.07
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, Clerk of District Court	11.99
Eakes Office Solutions	Furniture, Supplies, County Court	1,187.62
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, District Judge	25.16
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, County Sheriff	226.78
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, County Attorney	637.01
Eakes Office Solutions	Service Contract, Juvenile Accountability	101.72
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, County Jail	561.96
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, Probation Office	607.70
Egan Supplies Co	Supplies, County Jail	754.56
Election Systems & Software	Ballot Layout, County Clerk	2,189.25
Elite Office Products	Supplies, Extension Office	437.67
Ewalt Law Office PC, LLO	Legal Services, County Court	845.00
Field's Hardware	Supplies, County Court	43.56
Field's Hardware	Supplies, County Jail	805.64
First Concord Benefits Group	Administration Fees, Flex Plan	2,769.24
Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply	Supplies, Courthouse	122.96
Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply	Supplies, County Jail	268.94
Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply	Supplies, Probation Office	201.75
Pam Foltz	Mileage, Extension Office	184.17
Cassandra Fuhs	Witness Fees, County Court	20.00
Galls, LLC	Supplies, County Sheriff	229.73
Galls, LLC	Uniforms, County Jail	344.14
Leo Gonzalez	Mileage, Extension Office	274.55
Goodlife Counseling	Professional Services, Community Based Grant	243.75
Gordy's Towing & Repair	Repairs, County Sheriff	279.94
Graham Tire Company of Norfolk	Repairs, County Sheriff	24.56
Curt Guenther	Tutoring Services, Community Based Enhancement Grant	310.00
Greg Hanson	Meals, Mileage, Veteran Office	172.62
Chelsey Hartner	Mileage, Public Defender	49.05
Naomi Hemphill Cleaning	Cleaning Services, Public Defender	80.00
Marci Hjorth	Mileage, Community Based Grant	67.85
Hometown Leasing	Equipment Lease, Probation Office	772.71
Howards Gunsmithing and Sales	Supplies, County Sheriff	50.00
Jeffery L. Hrouda	Legal Services, County Court	4,525.95
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Uniforms, County Sheriff	131.89
John's Disposal	Garbage Services, Probation Office	68.00
John's Disposal	Garbage Services, Veterans Service Office	24.00
Johnson & Mock PC LLO	Legal Services, District Court	10,254.18
Addisen Johnson	Mileage, Community Based Grant	77.39

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Aaron Kleensang	Mileage, Witness Fees, District Court	36.35
Elisabeth Krantz	Rent, Utilities, Juvenile Accountability	1,750.00
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit, Retirement	79,819.30
Madison County Clerk of District Court	Filing Fees, District Court	1,171.00
Madison County Sheriff	Supplies, Uniforms, County Jail	260.98
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, County Court	684.90
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, District Court	641.03
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, Mental Health	122.89
Madison National Life Insurance Co. Inc.	Insurance Premium	238.46
Maintenance Engineering LTD	Supplies, County Jail	745.28
James Marshall	Tutoring Services, Community Based Enhancement Grant	400.00
Dustin Martin	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	37.50
Benjamin McBride	Contract Services, Mileage, Community Based Grant	114.35
Medtox Laboratories, Inc.	Medical Testing, County Attorney	118.68
Menards	Supplies, Planning Department	3.72
Menards	Supplies, Noxious Weeds	21.41
Microfilm Imaging Systems, Inc.	Equipment Rental, County Court	218.00
Mimick Motor Company	Repairs, County Sheriff	683.82
MIPS	Data Processing Costs, County Clerk	620.84
MIPS	Data Processing Costs, County Treasurer	1,253.33
MIPS	Data Processing Costs, Equipment Rent, Register of Deeds	524.00
Andrew Mohr	Mileage, Community Based Grant	62.68
National Enterprise Systems Inc.	Garnishment of Wages	214.55
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	3,085.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnishment of Wages	726.62
Nebraska Health and Human Services	Institutional Costs, State Institutions	1,317.00
Nebraska Planning And Zoning Association	Dues, Registrations Fees, Planning Department	725.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Probation Office	594.89
Norfolk Area Shopper	Publication Costs, County Jail	125.25
Norfolk Daily News	Subscription, County Assessor	203.00
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs, Election Commissioner	132.50
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs, Reappraisal	178.50
Norfolk Daily News	Subscription, Extension Office	187.14
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs, County Sheriff	1,039.60
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs	159.68
Norfolk Family Coalition	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	2,734.64
Norfolk GM Auto Center	Repairs, Noxious Weeds	156.77
Norfolk Public Schools	Meals, Community Based Grant	265.35
Northeast Nebr. County Assessor's Association	Dues, County Assessor	25.00
Norm Nykodym	Snow Removal, Public Defender	80.00
Mike O'Brien	Mileage, Community Based Grant	112.27
One Office Solution	Supplies, Register of Deeds	25.20
One Office Solution	Supplies, Planning & Zone	28.50
One Office Solution	Supplies, Public Defender	196.00
One Office Solution	Copier Maintenance, Supplies, County Sheriff	1,072.89
William Ouren	Autopsy, Law Enforcement	150.00
Patricia Peterson	Tutoring Services, Community Based Enhancement Grant	100.00
Pfeifer Auto Body	Repairs, County Sheriff	187.00
Phillips 66 Co/SYNCB	Fuel, County Sheriff	54.83
Pitney Bowes Inc	Equipment Rental, Register of Deeds	704.10
Platte County Court	Certified Copies, Law Enforcement	17.00
Susan K. Pohlman	Tutoring Services, Community Based Grant	515.00
Sarah Polacek	Mileage, Extension Office	398.94
Ramada Inn Kearney	Lodging, Noxious Weeds	150.00
Redwood Toxicology Lab	Medical Testing, Probation Office	858.90
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Quarterly Funding	9,147.75
Relx Inc. dba Lexis Nexis	Subscription, County Attorney	494.00
RR Donnelley Co.	Supplies, County Sheriff	56.86
Schroeder Land Surveying	Equipment Rental, Contact Services, County Surveyor	1,448.00
Shell	Fuel, Reappraisal	55.58
Shell	Fuel, County Sheriff	3,115.69
Lee Sherry	Mileage, Extension Office	71.94
Short Stop	Fuel, County Sheriff	189.87
Stanley Security Solutions	Repairs, County Jail	252.00
Stratton, DeLay, Doele, Carlson, & Buettner, PC, LLO	Legal Services, District Court	2,745.00
Megan Sudbeck	Mileage, Witness Fees, County Court	35.81
Alina Surber	Contact Services, Community Based Grant	195.00
Donald Svitak	Mileage, Noxious Weeds	163.50
Jessica Tannehill	Supplies, Veterans Service Office	8.94
Tax Valuation, Inc.	Contract Services, Reappraisal	17,700.00
The Change Companies	Supplies, Community Based Grant	327.88
Teller County Clerk Magistrate	Certified Copies, Law Enforcement	44.25
Thompson Reuters-West	Subscription, Public Defender	298.82
Top Quality Glove	Supplies, County Jail	915.60
Transunion Risk & Alternate	Record Searches, County Sheriff	25.00
U-Save Pharmacy	Medications, General Assistance	49.60
University of Nebraska Haskell Ag Laboratory	Postage, Subscription, Telephone, Extension Office	288.94

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US Bank Corporate Payment System	Fuel, Supplies, County Sheriff	251.04
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Fuel, Juvenile Accountability	35.81
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Services, Courthouse	55.46
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Services, Extension Office	378.02
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Services, Noxious Weeds	59.85
Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premiums	366.81
Derek Volker	Contract Services, Juvenile Accountability	230.00
Wentling Law Office	Legal Services, County Court	1,507.13
Wex Bank	Fuel, County Sheriff	808.93
Zodiac Properties, LLC	Rent, Probation Office	12,029.54
	ROAD/BRIDGE FUND	
Total Net Payroll		32,433.92
Albracht Disposal Services	Utilities	40.00
American Family Life Assurance Co.	Insurance Premium	608.12
Appeara	Towel, Uniforms	257.45
Auto Glass Solutions LLC	Parts	240.00
Battle Creek Farmers Coop.	Fuel	2,536.20
Bauerbuilt Tire	Repairs	1,366.50
Beller and Backes Inc	Parts	91.65
Black Hill Energy	Utilities	213.33
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insurance Premium	1,037.19
Brady's & Amy's Inc.	Fuel	596.54
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance	Insurance Premium	153.38
Constellation Newenergy	Utilities	265.20
Cornhusker Auto Center	Repairs	140.25
Cornhusker International Trucks Inc.	Parts	70.52
Dale R. Johnson Ent. Inc.	Gravel	17,133.94
Dent Specialists	Repairs	25.94
Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co	Telephone Service	52.30
Echo Group Inc.	Parts	28.98
Eisenmann Supplies Inc.	Parts	77.86
Fields' Hardware	Supplies	171.96
Filter Care of Nebraska, LTD	Repairs	181.40
First Concord Benefits Group	Administration Fees, Flex Plan	599.65
Graham Tire Norfolk	Repairs	960.00
Island Supply Welding Co.	Supplies	9.30
Jerry's Service Center	Parts, Repairs	382.29
Kelly Supply Company	Parts	73.16
Ken's Trailer Sales & Repairs	Repairs	130.20
Kimball Midwest	Parts	900.04
Kohlhof Truck Repair Inc.	Parts, Repairs	1,159.66
Lawson Products	Supplies	55.29
M & M Farm Supply	Supplies	50.50
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit, Retirement	16,432.70
Madison National Life Insurance Co. Inc.	Insurance Premium	54.36
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Supplies	131.77
Medical Enterprises Inc.	Medical Services	105.00
Meisinger Oil Co.	Fuel, Oil	10,972.97
Menards	Supplies	11.16
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	355.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	243.24
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities	316.20
NMC Exchange, LLC	Parts	216.58
Norfolk Auto Supply	Supplies	32.66
Northeast Machine & Manufacturing	Parts	41.35
Pinkelman Truck & Trailer Repair	Parts, Repairs	3,694.91
Pioneer Telephone Company	Telephone Service	54.84
RDO Truck Center	Parts	136.46
Red Bud Hardware Inc.	Supplies	28.10
Rose Equipment Inc.	Parts	1,618.76
Sapp Brothers Norfolk	Oil, Supplies	166.55
Scheer's Ace Hardware	Tools	111.95
Seals and Service Inc.	Parts, Repairs	590.00
T-Bone North	Fuel	811.18
Terex Services	Repairs	400.00
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service	211.96
Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premium	68.15
Volk Specialties LLC	Parts	9.28
Weldon Parts Inc.	Parts	284.06
White Star Oil Co.	Fuel	293.28
Zee Medical	Supplies	93.65
	FEDERAL AID SECONDARY FUND	
Madison County Register of Deeds	Filing Fees	56.00
Madison County Treasurer	Interfund Transfer	1,000,000.00

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Norfolk Area Visitor Bureau	VISITORS PROMOTION FUND Administration Fees	2,867.30
Norfolk Area Visitor Bureau	VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND Administration Fees	293.16
MIPS	REGISTER OF DEEDS PRESERVATION & MODERNIZATION FUND Data Processing	507.36
Eastern Nebraska Telephone	911 EMERGENCY FUND Telephone Service	127.88
Madison Co. Sheriff Inmate Fund	LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING FUND Cable TV, Postage, Supplies	4,071.13
Redwood Toxicology Lab	DRUG COURT FUND Medical Testing	97.95

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

The Board adjourned at 12:02 P.M. to Tuesday, May 1, 2018 at 9:30 A.M.

Nancy Scheer
Madison County Clerk

James Prauner
Chairman County Board of Commissioners