

Commissioner's Record No. 25

MADISON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

July 25, 2017

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, July 20, 2017 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, County Clerk Nancy Scheer, and County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson. Norfolk Daily News reporter Jerry Guenther, US92/News Channel Nebraska reporter Eric McKay, and WJAG reporter Paul Hughes were present until 10:02 A.M.

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

- 1) Approval of minutes of the July 11, 2017 meeting
- 2) Authorization for County Board Chairman to execute the program income report for Economic Development Revolving Loan Fund for the period ending June 30, 2017
- 3) Authorization for County Board Chairman to execute Amendment One of the Subaward Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services for the Child Support Enforcement Program from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018
- 4) Authorization for the County Board Chairman to execute an engagement letter with Morrow, Davies & Toelle, P.C. for audit services for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 2017
- 5) Acknowledge receipt of levy allocation requests for rural fire districts of Battle Creek, Madison, Meadow Grove, Newman Grove, and Norfolk, Madison County Agricultural Society, and Norfolk Sanitary District
- 6) Authorization to advertise for bids for Project No. C-59-897 located 3 miles South and 1¼ miles East of the Village of Meadow Grove
- 7)

RESOLUTION #2017-22

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Madison County desires to investigate the feasibility of vacating or abandoning a road in Madison County; and

WHEREAS, Nebraska State Statutes require that, prior to setting a date for a public hearing concerning the vacation or abandonment of a county road, the Board shall receive a report from the County Highway Superintendent documenting the use being made of the road;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the County Highway Superintendent is hereby directed to make a study of the use being made of the following described road:

The road between Sections 14 and 15, Township 21 North, Range 1 West of the 6th P.M., Madison County, Nebraska, said road being 556th Avenue between 825th Road and 826th Road

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Highway Superintendent shall file a written report of the study, including a recommendation on vacation or abandonment, with the Board of Commissioners within 30 days.

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

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

Nichole Lawless, Director of Madison Public Library, Mardell Kohl, Director of Meadow Grove Public Library, and Cindy Simeon, Director of Tilden Public Library, appeared before the Board to present the annual report for the Madison County Library Association. Ms. Lawless distributed a written report and thanked Board members for the funds received from the County which help the libraries grow and better serve the communities. She stated that four of the five libraries subscribe to Overdrive which is a virtual library that allows patrons to check out books on their Kindles and iPads. She stated that the Tilden library had the largest Overdrive uses at 1,373, Meadow Grove had 1,124 uses, Battle Creek had 1,120 uses, and Madison had 1,055 uses. Meadow Grove librarian Mardell Kohl explained that Overdrive has the same choices as a physical library and each library gets to count the Overdrive circulation as part of the annual statistical report filed with the Nebraska Library Commission.

Ms. Lawless reported that there were a total of 3,409 searches through the Ancestry subscription. She stated that Ancestry.com website allows patrons to search genealogy information. She said that total searches were 1,720 in the Madison library, 1,465 at the Tilden library, 188 in the Battle Creek library, and 36 in the Meadow Grove library. Ms. Lawless explained that the libraries offer the international version of the Ancestry subscription service; however, the home version which costs \$20 per month does not include international records.

Ms. Lawless thanked Board members for the \$8,000 in funding received by each library last year. She stated that the Madison library was reimbursed an additional \$1,330 for the Ancestry Library subscription. She stated that for the 2017 budget the libraries are requesting an additional \$500 each to assist with increased expenses of technology, specifically computers and internet upgrades, along with \$1,380 for the Ancestry Library subscription, for a total of \$43,800.

Commissioner Schmidt stated that he appreciates the hard work of the librarians. He said that libraries are part of a cultural experience. He said that budgets are very tight; but, the librarians funding request will be considered during the budget process.

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Tilden librarian Cindy Simeon reported that operating costs continue to increase including office supplies and books. She said that they apply for grants to assist with computer replacement costs. Madison librarian Nichole Lawless explained that computer replacement, bandwidth costs, and the cost of books continue to increase.

Chairman Prauner stated that libraries are especially helpful for young people, providing entertainment and opportunities to learn. He asked if the libraries had summer reading programs. Tilden librarian Cindy Simeon responded that 70 to 95 children participated in the summer reading program. Meadow Grove librarian Mardell Kohl replied that 25 to 30 children participated in their program. Madison librarian Nichole Lawless reported that they hold the summer reading program over a six-week period.

Chairman Prauner thanked the library directors for the annual report.
No action was taken.

Commissioner Ohl explained that when a husband and wife or parent and child are both employed by the County and request a 2/4 party or family health insurance plan, only one person subscribes for the health insurance plan. He stated that only the person who subscribes for the health insurance policy is eligible for the life insurance and long term disability benefits that are provided through the NACO group health insurance pool. He said that in order to receive the additional benefits of life and disability benefits, both the husband and wife, or parent and child, must subscribe for individual health plans which would cost the County approximately \$6,765.00 annually for each circumstance.

Commissioner Ohl reported that the County could purchase a group plan with National Insurance Services for life insurance and long term disability benefits which would be the same coverage provided to employees who are on the NACO health insurance plan. He explained that the County could obtain the coverage at the volume discounted rate that NACO negotiated, which would cost \$6.39 per month for each eligible employee. He said that the cost savings would be significant compared to each employee being enrolled with an individual health plan when family or 2/4 party health insurance benefits are needed.

After discussion, a motion was made by Ohl and seconded by Schmidt to offer the NACO group life and long term disability benefit plan to county employees who do not have the coverage through the NACO group health insurance pool. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Commissioner Ohl reported that consideration should be given to replacing motor graders in the road department. He explained that the road department has an aging fleet of equipment and until last year the newest motor grader was a 1990 model. He stated that the County should develop a rotation to address issues of aging equipment. He explained that a budget hasn't been approved for the upcoming fiscal year; however, soliciting bids would provide an estimate for the budget. He said that ultimately a decision could be made to purchase one, two, or no motor graders. He said the County is very fortunate to have employees who can maintain the equipment.

Commissioner Schmidt stated that the Board is looking to purchase a motor grader for the road shops in Madison and Norfolk. He said that county employees take good care of the machines; but, it's just a matter of time before machines should be replaced.

After discussion, a motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Ohl to authorize advertisement of bids for up to two new or used motor graders for the road department. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Weed Superintendent Don Svitak met with the Board to discuss scouting for noxious weeds along the Elkhorn River. He explained that he could rent an Argo amphibious vehicle at a cost of \$300/day; however, there is a three-day minimum rental requirement. He stated that another option would be hiring an airplane to fly the entire Elkhorn River and video record, which would cost \$700. He explained that either option would satisfy the requirements of the State of Nebraska.

Commissioner Schmidt stated that drones may also be an option to consider. Mr. Svitak replied that using a drone would require an employee to be within a close distance for the best performance of the equipment.

After discussion, the Board directed Mr. Svitak to hire an airplane to fly the Elkhorn River to scout for noxious weeds.

The following claims were audited:

	GENERAL FUND	
Total Net Payroll		145,061.37
Abes Detailing & Car Wash	Building Repairs, Courthouse	4,500.00
Advance Correctional Healthcare	Medical Services, County Jail	44.59
Albracht Disposal Service	Garbage Service, County Jail	155.00
American Family Life Assurance Co.	Insurance Premium	889.20
Apex Therapy Services, LLC	Professional Services, County Attorney	210.00
Apex Therapy Services, LLC	Professional Services, Community Based Grant	81.25
Appeara	Mat Service, Supplies, Public Defenders	30.77
Axon Enterprise, Inc.	Supplies, County Sheriff	1,469.06
Addisen Beck	Mileage, Community Based Grant	91.49
BI Incorporated	Monitoring Services, Community Based Grant	482.42
Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance Premium	5,048.19
Bob Barker Company Inc.	Supplies, County Jail	566.64
Bomgaars	Supplies, Courthouse	76.97
Bomgaars	Supplies, County Jail	20.61
Brady & Amy's	Fuel, County Sheriff	1,034.19
Brady & Amy's	Fuel, County Jail	489.76
Brandl Electric	Repairs, County Jail	50.00
Brogan & Stafford, PC	Legal Services, County Court	1,701.79
Brogan, Gray, PC, LLO	Legal Services, County Court	2,199.01

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Buffalo County Sheriff	Mileage, Mental Health	21.84
Cableone	Internet Service, Public Defender	64.97
Cableone	Internet Services, Probation Office	255.00
Cableone	Internet Services, Courthouse	218.50
Carney Law, PC	Legal Service, County Court	460.60
Carpenter & Skala	Transcript, County Attorney	119.75
CBM Managed Services	Inmate Meals, County Jail	3,671.18
Century Link	Telephone Service, County Jail	17.66
Century Link	Telephone Service, Probation Office	639.77
Champs	Maintenance Contract, County Jail	2,166.00
Ciox Health	Witness Fees, Public Defender	25.40
City of Crofton	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	795.50
City of Madison	Utilities, Public Defender	206.92
City of Madison	Utilities, County Jail	4,493.35
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance	Insurance Premium	298.95
Complete Pest Elimination, Inc.	Pest Control, County Jail	125.00
Connecting Point	Supplies, County Treasurer	69.00
Connecting Point	Supplies, County Sheriff	10.00
Connecting Point	Repairs, Courthouse	380.25
Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	Utilities, Courthouse	147.06
Constellation Newenergy Gas Division	Utilities, County Jail	343.14
Copy Craft Printing	Supplies, County Sheriff	50.00
Covert Track Group, Inc.	Supplies, County Sheriff	600.00
Cubby's	Fuel, Noxious Weeds	1,038.62
Cuming County Clerk	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	1,178.67
Cuming County Sheriff	Subpoena, County Court	23.09
DAS Accounting -Central Finance	Data Processing Services, County Clerk	41.60
DAS Accounting -Central Finance	Data Processing Services, County Treasurer	96.16
DAS Accounting -Central Finance	Data Processing Services, County Jail	32.00
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, Clerk of District Court	9.25
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, District Judge	105.17
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, County Sheriff	247.98
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, County Jail	728.74
Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies, Probation Office	83.52
Electronic Contracting Company	Repairs, County Jail	597.00
Ewalt Law Office, PC, LLO	Legal Services, County Court	407.50
Field's Hardware	Supplies, Public Defender	5.49
First Concord Benefits Group	Flex Plan, Administration Fees,	2,397.59
Fitzgerald, Vetter, Temple, Bartell	Legal Services, County Court	1,789.48
Floor Maintenance and Paper Supply	Supplies, Courthouse	461.83
Floor Maintenance and Paper Supply	Supplies, County Jail	591.77
Frontier Bank	Supplies, County Treasurer	209.30
Gall/Quartermaster	Uniforms, County Jail	76.74
Gerhold Concrete Company Inc.	Supplies, Courthouse	721.37
Bonnie Gerrard	Cleaning Services, Probation Office	225.00
Goodlife Counseling	Professional Services, Community Based Grant	30.00
Charlie Hendrix	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	380.00
Hilliges and Associates, LLC	Professional Services, Law Enforcement	250.00
Marci Hjorth	Mileage, Juvenile Accountability	58.85
Home for Funeral	Burial Costs, General Assistance	1,009.13
Hometown Leasing	Copier Lease, Probation Office	772.71
Jeffrey L. Hrouda	Legal Services, County Court	1,706.50
Hy-Vee Accounts Receivable	Meals, Community Based Grant	36.62
Interstate All Battery Center	Supplies, County Sheriff	144.20
John's Disposal	Garbage Service, Probation Office	61.00
John's Disposal	Garbage Service, Veteran Service Office	21.00
Johnson and Mock, PC, LLO	Legal Services, District Court	31,068.08
Joseph Law Office	Legal Services, County Court	398.85
Taylor Kester	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	60.00
John Krantz	Rent, Utilities, Juvenile Accountability	1,750.00
Linsali, Inc.	Contractual Services, Reappraisal	7,900.00
Madison County Abstract Company	Title Certification, Noxious Weed	300.00
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit, Retirement	79,920.82
Madison County Sheriff Inmate Fund	Subscription, Supplies, County Jail	740.24
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, County Court	813.01
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, District Court	2,245.32
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, Mental Health	33.61
Madison National Life Insurance Co. Inc.	Insurance Premium	148.24
Menards	Supplies, Courthouse	19.99
Menards	Supplies, County Sheriff	79.96
Menards	Supplies, Noxious Weeds	21.27
Midwest Plumbing & Heating	Repairs, County Jail	602.66
MIPS	Administration Fees, County Treasurer	1,253.33

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Andrew Mohr	Mileage, Community Based Grant	82.39
Moyer & Moyer	Legal Services, County Court	3,576.38
National Enterprise Systems Inc.	Garnishment of Wages	214.55
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	2,455.00
Nebraska Assn. County Clerk	Registration Fees, Register of Deeds	50.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnishment of Wages	200.00
Nebraska Health and Human Services	State Institution Costs	900.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Zoning Department	96.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Probation Office	612.83
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Noxious Weeds	126.31
Nebraska State Bar Association	Registration Fees, Public Defender	275.00
Norfolk Alignment	Repairs, County Sheriff	548.52
Norfolk Auto Center	Repairs, Zoning Department	41.20
Norfolk Auto Center	Repairs, Noxious Weeds	112.92
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs	328.59
Northeast Area Agency On Aging	Annual Funding	16,074.00
Northeast Research & Extension Center	Equipment, Supplies, Utilities, Extension Office	3,009.37
Northeast Nebr. Economic Development Dist.	Membership Fees, Courthouse	885.00
Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Inc.	Juvenile Detention	13,250.00
Norm Nykodym	Lawn Service, Public Defender	124.00
Oasis Counseling International	Professional Services, Community Base Grant	81.25
Valorie Olson	Court Reporting Services, District Court	50.00
One Office Solution	Supplies, County Treasurer	68.69
One Office Solution	Supplies, Clerk of District Court	15.18
One Office Solution	Supplies, Public Defender	98.30
One Office Solution	Supplies, County Sheriff	37.97
Page County Sheriff	Civil Service Fees, District Court	34.98
Physicians Laboratory, PC	Autopsy, Law Enforcement	1,735.00
Pierce County Sheriff	Mileage, Civil Service Fees, County Court	39.47
Pitney Bowes Global Financial Services	Equipment Rental Agreement	704.10
Pollard Pumping	Repair, County Jail	309.38
Postmaster	Postage, County Attorney	128.00
Presto-X	Repairs, Courthouse	97.00
Redwood Toxicology Lab	Medical Testing, Probation Office	361.25
Region IV Inc.	1st Quarterly Funding	9,147.75
Region IV Behavioral Health Systems	1st Quarterly Funding	16,804.25
Reigle Implement Co., Inc	Repair, Courthouse	51.20
Schroeder Land Surveying	Contract Services, County Surveyor	1,520.00
John Shaver	Contract Services	99.00
Shell	Fuel, Reappraisal	68.61
Shell	Fuel, County Sheriff	2,163.53
Sherwin-Williams	Supplies, Courthouse	13.99
Short Stop	Fuel, County Sheriff	78.40
Joseph Smith	Mileage, Law Enforcement	612.58
Stanton County Court	Certified Copies, Law Enforcement	6.00
Stanton County Sheriff	Civil Service Fees, County Court	49.00
Donald Svitak	Postage, Noxious Weeds	56.68
T.O. Haas Tire	Repair, County Sheriff	479.81
Thompson Reuters - West	Subscription, Public Defender	290.12
Thurston County Sheriff	Civil Services Fees, County Court	62.07
Tilly's	Fuel, County Sheriff	157.01
Transunion Risk & Alternative	Records Checks, County Sheriff	25.00
David Unger	Rental Fees, County Sheriff	495.00
United States Postal Service	Postage, Probation Office	500.00
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Fuel, Meals, Supplies, Uniforms, County Sheriff	427.36
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Lodging, County Attorney	216.94
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Services, Courthouse	55.24
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Services, County Sheriff	1,602.35
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Services, Law Enforcement	59.33
Verizon Wireless	Router Services, Noxious Weeds	59.63
Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premium	394.92
Wex Bank	Fuel, County Sheriff	627.74
Zodiac Properties, LLC	Rent, Probation Office	12,029.54

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Total Net Payroll		30,043.21
American Family Life Assurance Co.	Insurance Premium	607.50
Appeara	Towel & Uniform Service	258.85
Axles & Gears Inc. dba C & H Truck Parts	Parts	100.00
B's Enterprises Inc.	Blades, Culverts	36,175.45
Barco Municipal Products Inc.	Signs	2,080.00
Bauer Built Inc.	Repairs	711.50
Black Hill Energy	Utilities	52.59

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Blue Cross Blue Shield	Insurance Premium	1,010.71
Bomgaars	Supplies	131.59
Cartridge World	Supplies	234.96
City of Norfolk	Utilities	24.34
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance	Insurance Premium	153.38
Constellation Newenergy Gas Division LLC	Gas Services	36.00
D & D Welding & Repair	Parts, Repairs	600.00
Dale R. Johnson Ent. Inc.	Gravel	5,354.20
Fastenal Company	Parts, Supplies	588.56
First Concord Benefits Group	Flex Plan, Administration Fees	511.15
Floor Maintenance and Paper Supply	Supplies	61.79
Hauge Associates, Inc.	Garnish of Wages	165.20
Husker Steel	Bridge Materials	2,677.50
Island Supply Welding Co.	Supplies	9.00
Chris Kallhoff	Parts, Supplies	466.00
Kelly Supply Co.	Parts	241.52
Loup Power District	Electric Service	131.50
M & M Farm Supply	Supplies	143.25
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit, Retirement	16,093.77
Madison National Life Insurance Co. Inc.	Insurance Premium	37.85
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc	Supplies	210.76
Matteo Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	Gravel	1,754.76
Menards	Supplies	80.10
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	275.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	243.24
Nebraska Harvestore Systems	Parts	291.44
Nebraska Public Power District	Electric Service	161.80
Nebraska Machinery Exchange LLC	Parts	2,539.35
Powerplan	Parts	88.99
RDO Truck Center	Parts, Supplies	522.82
Reigle Implement Co. Inc.	Oil	262.45
Rise Broadband	Telephone Service	125.69
Road Builders Machinery & Supply	Parts	258.80
Schaeffer MFG Co.	Chemicals	1,585.10
Straight-Line Striping Inc.	Pavement Markings	336.00
T-Bone North	Fuel	4,625.88
Truck Center Companies	Parts	67.60
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service	211.04
Village of Meadow Grove	Utilities	70.00
Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premium	68.15
Weldon Parts Inc.	Parts	794.48
West Lumber Company	Supplies	82.13
White Star Oil Company.	Fuel	119.61
	FEDERAL SECONDARY FUND	
Johnson Engineering Company	Contract Services	2,105.00
	VISITORS PROMOTION FUND	
Norfolk Area Visitor Bureau	Administration Fees	9,050.93
	VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND	
Norfolk Area Visitor Bureau	Administration Fees	8,615.66
	LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING FUND	
Madison County Sheriff Inmate Fund	Supplies, Television	159.05
	DRUG COURT FUND	
A Small Affair	Supplies	50.00
Mathew McManigal	Supplies	61.32
On Call Employee Health	Medical Testing	400.00
Putters	Key Rings	75.00
Redwood Toxicology Lab	Medical Testing	77.95

Motion was made by Schmidt 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, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 10:40 A.M. to Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST:

County Clerk Nancy Scheer

Jim Prauner, Chairman
County Board of Commissioners