

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MEETING

Madison, Nebraska

December 1, 2015

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

Advance notice of meeting was published in the Wednesday, November 25, 2015 edition of The Norfolk Daily News and posted on the Madison County website. A copy of said notice was mailed to each Board member. An affidavit of acknowledgment of receipt of notice of meeting as published was executed. Chairman Jim Prauner called the meeting to order and notified the public of the location of the Open Meeting Act information posted in the meeting room.

Present: Commissioners Christian Ohl, Jim Prauner, and Ron Schmidt, County Assessor Jeff Hackerott, County Treasurer Donna Primrose, and County Clerk Nancy Scheer.

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

Motion was made by Schmidt and seconded by Ohl to approve the minutes of the meeting held on November 3, 2015. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

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

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| Mosaic, 105 East Norfolk Avenue, Suite 200, Norfolk | 2016 Chevrolet Impala |
| Norfolk Rescue Mission, Inc., 111 North 9th Street, Norfolk | 1992 Ford Pickup |

County Treasurer Donna Primrose explained that Mosaic leased a new vehicle, but the Commissioners previously approved exemption applications for the organization. She also reported that Norfolk Rescue Mission acquired a different pickup. No one appeared at the hearing to offer verbal testimony. Chairman Prauner closed the hearing at 9:06 A.M.

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

County Assessor Jeff Hackerott submitted the following tax list corrections:

- #3107: Norfolk Computer Medics, 1109 South 13th Street, Suite 2, Norfolk
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$38.66 for acceleration of 2015 personal property taxes due to closing of the business in February 2015
- #3108: Al Brandl, P.O. Box 809, Madison
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$215.48 for correction to the 2014 personal property taxes after review of the 2014 depreciation worksheet
- #3109: Simply Unique Salon & Spa, 403 Forrest Drive, Norfolk
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$210.92 for acceleration of the 2015 personal property taxes due to closing of the business in June 2015
- #3110: Square Tire, 2501 Hamilton Boulevard, Sioux City, Iowa 51104
Addition to the tax rolls in the amount of \$221.90 for correction to the 2014 personal property taxes after review of the 2014 depreciation worksheet
- #3111: Reinel Ramirez and Marina Marquez, 815 South 6th Street, Norfolk
Deduction from the tax rolls in the amount of \$97.82 for correction to the 2014 real estate property taxes after receipt of a letter from the Nebraska Department of Revenue changing the 2014 homestead exemption from 90% to 100%

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

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:10 A.M.

County Clerk Nancy Scheer

Jim Prauner, Chairman
County Board of Equalization

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

December 1, 2015

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 Wednesday, November 25, 2015 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.

Following a moment of silence and the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, Chairman Christian Ohl 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. Road foreman Jeff Schroeder was present until 10:10 A.M. and County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson was present until 11:12 A.M. Norfolk Daily News reporter Jerry Guenther and US92 reporter Rachel Urbanski were present until 11:05 A.M.

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

- 1) Approval of minutes of the November 17, 2015 meeting
- 2)

RESOLUTION #2015-54

WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 fiscal year budget, adopted by the Board of Commissioners of Madison County, Nebraska, commits up to \$3,552,498.00 from the Federal Aid Secondary Fund to pay for expenditures exceeding monies available in the Road/Bridge Fund; and

WHEREAS, monies in the Road/Bridge Fund are now insufficient to meet the current expenditures approved by the Board of Commissioners;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that five hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000.00) be transferred from Federal Aid Secondary Fund to Road/Bridge Fund to meet current expenditures.

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

Pursuant to published legal notice in the November 11, 2015, November 18, 2015 and November 25, 2015 editions of The Norfolk Daily News, Chairman Ohl announced that a public hearing would be held to receive citizens' comments regarding the abandonment or vacation of a portion of Eisenhower Avenue between U.S. Hwy 81 and 1st Street.

County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson reported that the legal description in the first publication was incorrect and it was corrected for the second and third publication. He inquired if anyone in attendance has a problem with the notice and no one commented. He explained that the County Board directed him to make a study of the use being made of a portion of Eisenhower Avenue. He stated that the County is proposing to close or abandon approximately 2,000 feet of the road. He explained that when traveling from the West there are several houses on the North side of Eisenhower and vacation would start East of the far East driveway of the house located on the North side of the road. He explained that traveling East from 1st Street on Eisenhower Avenue, there is a school and a house and he proposes closing the road from the fence line next to the house. Mr. Johnson reported that the County's plan was to close this portion of Eisenhower Avenue when Northeast Industrial Highway opened since \$12 to \$13 million of taxpayers' money was spent building Northeast Industrial Highway which is a much safer road. He reported that the bridge located on Eisenhower Avenue is not in good shape and the alignment requires a right angle turn to get onto the bridge and another right angle turn to get off the bridge. He estimated that it would cost between \$2 and \$2.5 million to replace the bridge and there would be a lot of environmental and some right-of-way issues. He estimated that the bridge would need to be approximately 275 long feet and the intersection at the West end is not very good.

Commissioner Prauner asked if there would be any federal money available for this project and Mr. Johnson responded that the bridge qualifies for the Nebraska Department of Roads large bridge program. Mr. Johnson explained that he spoke to the Department of Roads who advised that they have approximately \$16 million worth of projects and \$10 million to spend on the projects. He reported that the Department of Roads representative advised that the County project would be border line on qualifying for the large bridge program. He stated that he hopes to have additional information before the Board takes action on the matter. Mr. Johnson explained that the law requires the County to hold a public hearing; however, the soonest that any action could be taken would be at the meeting following the hearing.

Chairman Ohl asked if any other bridges in Madison County qualify for the large bridge program and Mr. Johnson responded that the only other bridge listed in the program is located on Jackson Street in the City of Madison. Commissioner Prauner asked if there was a County match for the bridge program and Mr. Johnson responded that the County would be required to provide 20% of the funding and 80% would be provided under the large bridge program. Mr. Johnson stated that if the bridge qualifies and funds are available through the large bridge program, the County's estimated cost would be \$400,000.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if the large bridge program provides funding only for bridge construction and Mr. Johnson responded that the funding would probably include the entire project. Mr. Johnson explained that the alignment of the bridge must be changed, right-of-way must be acquired, and the bridge would probably need to be raised between five and six feet. Commissioner Schmidt asked if any State agencies would shut down the bridge since it is not very safe for the traveling public and Mr. Johnson responded that the State could not shut the bridge down from a safety standpoint. Mr. Johnson explained that sometime in the future the County may not be able to keep the bridge open from a structural standpoint. Commissioner Prauner asked if there were holes in the deck and Mr. Johnson responded that some bridge stringers were replaced about eight years ago. Commissioner Schmidt asked how old the bridge was and Mr. Johnson estimated that the bridge was built in the 1920s. Commissioner Schmidt inquired if there was any historical significance and Mr. Johnson responded no.

Mr. Johnson explained that since the bridge is located within the zoning jurisdiction of the City of Norfolk, the law requires that the County cannot close the bridge without consent of the City of Norfolk. Commissioner Prauner asked if anyone has knowledge of any industries, other than a fertilizer company, locating in this area. Mr. Johnson responded that OTC Pipe plans to locate on the southwest corner of the intersection of Eisenhower Avenue and Victory Road.

Chairman Ohl opened the public hearing at 9:41 A.M. He asked for comments for anyone interested in speaking in favor of closing a portion of Eisenhower Avenue and no one spoke in support.

Chairman Ohl asked if anyone wished to speak in opposition to closing a portion of Eisenhower Avenue.

Darlene Porter submitted a letter which was signed by herself and nine of her coworkers asking the County not to close a portion of Eisenhower Avenue between Highway 81 and 1st Street. She explained that they use this road to get to work every day and they don't want to go down to Benjamin Avenue to join all the traffic on this road because it is not a good place to be at 7:45 in the morning. She stated that if there is an accident on Benjamin Avenue there is no way to go around it.

Kenneth Porter testified that he is opposed to closing Eisenhower Avenue and also opposed to closing any County roads because there aren't many. He stated that this bridge has been at this location for 50 years and the bridge isn't any different today than it was 50 years ago. He said that, in his opinion, no one is asking for a new bridge, but he is asking that the County leave the bridge and maintain it. He stated that he hopes that the City of Norfolk feels the same way about the issue. He said that once that portion of the road is closed, it will never be open again; so, he asked that the Board not close the road. Mr. Porter stated that if the County would have put a main intersection that would allow the public to get onto Victory Road from the Northeast Industrial Highway, then he would maybe agree with the proposed closing; however, the County didn't do that. He said he understands why the County didn't install this intersection because it wasn't practical because of the railroad. He explained that people need to go down to Industrial Road, come back up, then go back over on 1st Street, then go back up to get to Victory Road. He said that what little money the County will spend on the stretch of road is miniscule. He said that the County would need to fix the guard rails; but, one problem is that no good signs have been put up that directs drivers of semis or big trucks to stay off the road because they can't get turned around. In summarizing, he encouraged the Commissioners to keep the road open.

Debbie Schantz reported that she lives in the second house from the West and she questioned if the County would maintain the road if the bridge was closed. She explained that the road needs to be resurfaced and put in good shape. She reported that the sign warning trucks needs to be bigger because she has seen many semis come down this road and then need to back up.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if there were any personal injury accidents because of the bridge approach. Mr. Johnson responded that he thought there was an incident; however, he doesn't remember the circumstances. Kenneth Porter stated that through the years there have been several deaths. Commissioner Schmidt explained that he talked to County Attorney Joseph Smith about accidents at this location and Mr. Smith stated that he may have investigated an incident with several teenagers at this location, but he doesn't know where the vehicle went off the road. Kenneth Porter stated that the accidents occurred with people coming from the East and going off the South side of the road.

Mr. Johnson stated that earlier this year the approach guard rail of the bridge was hit three different times and was replaced several times. Chairman Ohl stated that the District #2 road crew has been out many times repairing the bridge, the guard rails, and doing other work. He expressed appreciation for the comments and questions about the signs. He stated that GPS systems have directed truckers to use that route and obviously it is a route that can't handle truck traffic, so at the very least, the County needs to look at the signs.

Commissioner Schmidt stated that if the County decides to keep the road open and the bridge would need to be replaced, this could become a major road that may have a lot of truck traffic. He said that at a previous meeting, residents were concerned about the possibility of 61st Street becoming a bypass route for truck traffic and there was a lot of opposition to that idea. He stated that the public needs to be aware that if a significant amount of money is spent on replacement of the bridge that more trucks would use this route causing major traffic past the school.

Kenneth Porter stated that the likelihood of a new bridge ever being put in on a new alignment is not very good. He explained that the Corp of Engineers won't let the County put in fill, so if the bridge is replaced, it may not get re-aligned. He said that, in his opinion, the bridge does not need to be replaced, but needs to be maintained and left like it is because that is what most people want.

Mike White stated that he lives in first place located West of the bridge. He asked what the County will do with the road if the bridge is left as is and if the County would do the entire road if a new bridge is put in. He said that the road is obviously not wide enough and that he asked for the signs to be installed because as a truck owner he understands the problem. He stated that the trucks are not being stopped and there will be a bad accident on this road if something isn't done. He stated that trucks are trying to back out and he tries to help trucks about five times a week.

Mr. Johnson asked if there was a sign posted warning trucks and Mr. White stated that the sign is very small. Commissioner Prauner stated that the road has 66 foot right-of-way which is the big problem since that isn't adequate right-of-way to expand of the road surface. He stated that if any work is going to be done on the road, more right-of-way would need to be acquired. Mr. White stated that if the County replaces the bridge, the entire road needs to be done. He reported that he can't turn out of his driveway and stay on his side of the road.

Mr. Johnson stated that if the bridge is replaced, the road West to Highway 81 would need improvements. He explained that part of the improvements would be re-alignment, putting in fill, and improvements to the intersection at Riverside Boulevard. He stated that between 300 to 500 feet East of the river, the road would also need to be repaired.

Mr. White stated that if a new bridge is installed, the entire road must be improved. He stated that if the bridge and road improvements aren't made, he is in favor of closing the bridge because it is dangerous.

Chairman Ohl announced that he received a phone call from Kay Jaeger, a para-educator at ESU 8 Eastern Learning Center, expressing concerns about safety and if something would happen at the fertilizer facility what type of access they would have for alternate routes to leave the school. He reported that her preference would be to keep the road open.

Chairman Ohl read the following letters expressing concerning about closing the road, which were all accepted into the record for the public hearing:

- 1) Douglas Stevens of Apache Manufacturing
- 2) Letter signed by 22 employees of Eastern Learning Center
- 3) Educational Service Unit 8 Administrator Bill Mowinkel
- 4) Email from Kathy Acklie to Senator Jim Scheer

Chairman Ohl closed the public hearing at 10:00 A.M.

Commissioner Prauner asked if a traffic count was completed on this portion of Eisenhower Avenue. Mr. Johnson responded that a traffic count reflected 270 vehicles a day over a period of 48 hours on a Thursday and Friday. Commissioner Prauner stated that the letter signed by Douglas Stevens reflects a traffic count of 350 vehicles between 3 PM and 6 PM. Mr. Johnson stated that the Nebraska Department of Roads conducted a traffic study; however, he has been unable to obtain a copy of the report.

Chairman Ohl stated that the County has more research to conduct. He asked what the next step is before a decision is made by the Commissioners. Mr. Johnson responded that the County must wait for the decision of the City of Norfolk. He said that he will follow up on the federal aid issue and try to obtain the traffic counts from the Department of Roads. He stated that he was surprised that the count was high, so apparently a lot of people use the road.

Commissioner Prauner reported that he received a phone call from a lady from Tilden who also works at the Eastern Learning Center. Mr. Johnson stated that he is unaware of any requirement for two routes for a school. Commissioner Schmidt stated that some of issues were with emergency vehicles and unfortunately many of the emergency vehicles weigh more than the 5 ton capacity of the bridge. He stated that many emergency vehicles can't legally use this route simply because they are too heavy. He stated that it would be great if the bridge was realigned, but asked if it is safer for people to travel on this portion of Eisenhower Avenue or be in a large traffic situation on Benjamin Avenue.

Mr. Johnson stated that if the County's only reason to not close the road is to have an emergency route for the school, he suggested that the County look at building a road straight North to Northeast Industrial Highway. He stated that this option may be cheaper than building a new bridge. Commissioner Prauner stated that the County can't do anything with the bridge until they determine if there is any money available because the County can't absorb \$2.5 million in the budget. Mr. Johnson stated that if the money is available it probably would be six or seven years until any construction is started. Commissioner Prauner stated that at least it would be a plan. He stated that the County will continue to pay for the costs of Northeast Industrial Highway for seven or eight years until the bonds are completely paid.

Commissioner Prauner and Chairman Ohl expressed appreciation for testimony presented during the hearing. No action was taken.

Robert Latimer, Senior Advisor in the Omaha TransCanada office presented an update on the current application for the pipeline route. He reported that TransCanada is the developer of the Keystone XL pipeline. He stated that the existing Keystone XL pipeline goes through Stanton County and a large workforce stayed in the Norfolk area during construction and that a small project office is still located in Norfolk. He had a map and showed the route of the existing Keystone XL pipeline that is built down to the Gulf Coast that transports approximately one-half million barrels of Canadian heavy crude to United States refineries for distribution into the markets. He stated that TransCanada also has pipelines that transport crude oil products to refineries and distribution points in the St. Louis, Missouri area.

Mr. Latimer reported that there have been numerous changes on the project and TransCanada felt that it was in the best interest for some regulatory certainty in the State of Nebraska to look at routing through the Nebraska Public Service Commission. He explained that authority was given to the Public Service Commission in 2013 to site major oil pipelines and that on October 5th TransCanada publicly announced that they planned to apply through the Public Service Commission to have a preferred route reviewed. Mr. Latimer explained that as an operator submitting an application they were required to submit alternative routes beyond the preferred route. He reported that one of the alternative routes that they submitted was through Madison County which would hook up with the existing Keystone XL line West of Seward. He pointed out that the Sandhills route which the company initially tried to get approved between 2009 and 2011 was changed after considerable feedback. He reported that the President denied the permit for the project on October 6th and TransCanada subsequently withdrew the application to the Nebraska Public Service Commission. He explained that this process takes between 7 to 12 months, so due to the uncertainty of what the next President will do, they felt it was not in the best interest of the company to proceed at this time. He reported that withdrawal of the application does not preclude TransCanada from applying for another permit in the future. He explained that all the easements that are in place along the length of the entire Keystone XL pipeline will remain in effect and the landowners will keep the money for the easements.

Mr. Latimer reported that 91% of the land owners along the proposed route have given easements, but there are some opponents in the Antelope, Boyd, and Holt County areas. He said that TransCanada will continue to work with these people as they determine what will be done with the project. He reported that TransCanada is taking pause and considering what the next steps are given the political climate in the country and the fact that there is an election in November 2016. He explained that a decision is expected by year end from TransCanada executive leadership on the future path. He explained that the alternate route adds 5 more miles of pipeline right-of-way to the program, increases the environmental impact, and adds an extra pump station.

Commissioner Prauner asked how big the pipe is and Mr. Latimer responded that the proposed line is 36 inch pipe buried 48 inches deep so that the top of the ground to the top of the pipe is 48 inches. Chairman Ohl reported that when the initial pipeline was installed in Stanton County he was working at the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce office and took many phone calls from residents concerned about what would happen to their property. He questioned what comments have been received from the property owners from the previous pipeline installation. Mr. Latimer responded that the pipeline installed in the 2009 and 2010 time period was a 30 inch line and carries heavy oil and pump stations are located every 50 miles. He challenged people today to drive along the pipeline route and see any visual signs of the actual pipeline. He reported that they have a few infrequent calls from land owners to come back and fix issues. He stated that they have a very solid positive relationship with all the landowners and counties that they have worked with in Nebraska. He encouraged the Board members to visit with counterparts in Stanton County and ask about their experiences with TransCanada.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if a pumping station would be required if the pipeline was located in Madison County and Mr. Latimer responded that there is a chance that a pumping station would be required. He explained that pump stations typically require between 5 to 6 acres and there is a significant assessed value for property taxes for the pump stations.

Commissioner Prauner asked how many leakage incidents have been reported and Mr. Latimer responded that along the length of pipeline in the United States which carries one-half billion barrels of oil per day for the last five years there were 14 small leaks. He explained that many of the leaks were due to seals on rotating pumps and many were in the range of 5 to 10 gallons. He reported that two leaks were larger, with one leak in southern South Dakota of 380 barrels, and a leak in Kansas that was approximately 42 gallons. He stated that they fly the existing pipeline every two weeks looking for any signs of leakage and people digging without calling.

Commissioner Schmidt reported that a lake may eventually be put in near the proposed pipeline route in Madison County and he inquired if a lake could be placed over a pipeline. Mr. Latimer responded that it could not and if TransCanada proceeded, they would work with Natural Resources District, County officials, and landowners trying to understand future development plans. He stated that despite increased production of oil in the lower 48 states, the United States still needs to import 6 million barrels of oil per day. He said that the simple economics of the project is how to displace oil from Venezuela, Nigeria, and Iran coming from offshore to the refineries and bring it through pipelines which are the safest mode of transportation to U.S. refineries.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if the oil would be shipped by rail if the pipeline is not built and Mr. Latimer responded that the oil will find its way to market by other pipelines or by rail. He stated that it is a long way to move heavy oil from Canada to U.S. market, but the market is dynamic enough to accommodate transporting the oil. He explained that there are other pipelines that cross the international border that are increasing their volume without physically adding more pipe.

County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson asked what issues exist along the current pipeline. Mr. Latimer explained that there may be situations where a ditch line needs additional fill. He explained that sometimes terrace repairs are necessary and there may be small problems with irrigation systems that must be resolved. He stated that TransCanada works hard to resolve any issues that may be reported by land owners.

Commissioner Schmidt asked what responsibilities the County Commissioners have if the pipeline is sited in Madison County. Mr. Latimer responded that permits are required to cross County roads, a non-environmental permitting process is required, driveways and access points installed, and any other type of required County permits, which would be reviewed with County officials. He stated that TransCanada would make sure that Commissioners have the necessary information to talk to constituents.

Mr. Latimer summarized by reporting that he would be available to address any questions in the future.
No action was taken by the Board.

Jesse Ferguson, President of Junior Statesmen of America at Norfolk High School, Vice-President Katelyn Epperly, and Coordinator Corinthea Cordova Keating appeared before the Board. Mr. Ferguson explained that Junior Statesmen of America is an organization that is nationwide, predominantly on the East coast, and the Norfolk High School group is the only organization in Nebraska. He stated that they are considered an isolated and collapsing chapter since they are the only group in Nebraska and don't have the capability to stay in touch with other Junior Statesmen of America chapters.

Mr. Ferguson reported that during the past several years, the organization has been following the 2016 election, watching debates, reviewing candidate platforms, discussing candidates, and meeting elected State representatives. He stated that they also have their own debates on current topics, such as school shootings. He explained that the 911 attacks were so long ago that many students only heard about the events of that day and the teachers didn't focus on it. He stated that the Junior Statesmen of America put together a speech about this important day in the history of America.

Mr. Ferguson explained that Junior Statesmen of America is trying to get support from community members for the organization. He stated that the Norfolk chapter has a goal of raising \$5,000 of funds to attend an educational conference in Chicago or Washington, D.C. and provide a strong foundation for Junior Statesmen of America for future members to go on future trips. He explained that they would also like to spread out to get more students involved in Lutheran High Northeast and Norfolk Catholic High School and then continue into other communities such as Madison and Battle Creek. Mr. Ferguson reported that they have estimated travel expense of \$2,200 for four students and one sponsor to attend a conference. He estimated food costs of \$600, lodging of \$1,000, meeting expense of \$200, and \$1,000 for miscellaneous expense to tour museums or points of interest.

Commissioner Prauner asked how many people are involved in the Junior Statesmen of America at Norfolk High School and Mr. Ferguson responded that 10 to 15 students are involved. Commissioner Prauner inquired if there are meetings for other out-of-state chapters that the organization attends and Mr. Ferguson responded that Milwaukee, Wisconsin is the closest chapter in the Midwest. Commissioner Prauner asked if an event could be hosted in Madison County and Mr. Ferguson responded that it would take a lot of planning to host an event.

Commissioner Schmidt asked if the Junior Statesmen of America was only for high school students. Mr. Ferguson responded that the organization is nonprofit and set up for high school students, but the Norfolk chapter has given awards for patriotism and leadership in Norfolk Junior High School.

Chairman Ohl asked how long the organization has been active in Norfolk High School and Mr. Ferguson responded that the group has been active for approximately 10 years. Commissioner Schmidt commended Mr. Ferguson for doing something for the 911 event since the terrorist attacks drastically changed the nation. Chairman Ohl asked if there is a common goal or mission of the Junior Statesmen of America organization. Mr. Ferguson responded that nationwide, chapters get together and debate. Commissioner Schmidt asked what two issues are of great interest to the group and Mr. Ferguson responded that two big issues that students think people are out of touch with are gay rights and marijuana use.

Mr. Ferguson summarized that the Norfolk chapter is not asking for any funding from the County, but they inquired if there were any contacts or groups that the Commissioners could suggest that they speak to for raising funds. Commissioner Prauner stated that the Convention and Visitors Bureau could possibly assist with sponsoring an event. Commissioner Prauner asked where national events for Junior Statesmen of America are held and Mr. Ferguson responded that Spring State is held in April and Fall State is held in early November. He reported that Winter Congress is held in February and this is the event that the Norfolk chapter would like to attend. He stated that if someone wants to make a donation they could contact him or their sponsor Kyle Kruse.

Chairman Ohl thanked the students for attending the meeting and Mr. Ferguson for his presentation.
No action was taken by the Board.

Chairman Ohl announced that County attorney Joseph Smith requested that discussion on the juvenile services center relocation be delayed due to his absence.

Motion was made by Prauner and seconded by Schmidt to table discussion on relocation of the juvenile services center. Roll call vote: Ayes, Ohl, Prauner, and Schmidt. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The following written reports were reviewed:

- 1) Fund balance report
- 2) Sale of surplus property report
- 3) County Treasurer distress warrant report
- 4) County Sheriff distress warrant report
- 5) Report from Madison County Historical Society officers and board members
- 6) Card of appreciation from Battle Creek Public Library
- 7) Card of appreciation from Meadow Grove Public Library
- 8) Card of appreciation from Northeast Community College Foundation

GENERAL FUND

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| Total Net Payroll | | 132,333.78 |
| Adamson Industries Corp. | Supplies, County Sheriff | 524.90 |
| Ag Spray Equipment | Repairs, Noxious Weed | 155.95 |
| American Family Life Assurance CO | Insurance Premiums | 800.66 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance Corp | Insurance Premiums | 356.88 |
| Appera | Mat Service, Public Defenders | 29.26 |
| AS Central Services | Data Processing Fees, County Clerk | 52.00 |
| AS Central Services | Data Processing Fees, County Treasurer | 120.20 |
| AS Central Services | Teletype Service, County Sheriff | 262.29 |
| AS Central Services | Teletype Service, County Jail | 473.71 |
| Assembled Products Corp. | Equipment, County Sheriff | 571.13 |
| B & B Cyle, Inc. | Repairs, Noxious Weed | 38.95 |
| Donna Bartak | Prior Service Benefits | 69.24 |
| Addisen Beck | Mileage, Juvenile Accountability | 130.30 |
| Black Hills Energy | Gas Service, Zoning Department | 15.22 |
| Black Hills Energy | Gas Service, Noxious Weed | 15.22 |
| Black Hills Energy | Gas Service, Veteran Service Office | 34.48 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska | Insurance Premiums | 129,571.82 |
| Bob Barker | Supplies, County Jail | 344.50 |
| Bomgaars | Supplies, Parts, Noxious Weeds | 133.91 |
| Bessie Bove | Prior Service Benefits | 12.00 |
| Brogan & Stafford, P.C. | Legal Services, County Court | 8,006.74 |
| Business Telecomm Systems | Repairs, County Sheriff | 180.00 |
| Cable One | Cable Service, Public Defender | 56.44 |
| Cable One | Cable Service, County Sheriff | 154.83 |
| Kay Cantrell | Tutoring Services, Juvenile Accountability | 215.00 |
| Carney Law, P.C. | Legal Services, County Court | 1,514.13 |
| CBM Managed Services | Meals, County Jail | 7,595.59 |
| Champs, Inc. | Maintenance Contract, County Jail | 2,166.00 |
| Maria Izabel Chavez | Interpretation Services, Public Defenders | 771.00 |
| City of Norfolk | Disposal Service, Noxious Weed | 12.00 |
| Colonial Life and Accident Insurance | Insurance Premiums | 400.08 |
| Connecting Point | Equipment, Supplies, District Court | 269.00 |
| Connecting Point | Equipment, County Attorney | 411.00 |
| Connecting Point | Parts, County Sheriff | 37.99 |
| Connecting Point | Equipment, Probation | 119.00 |
| Connecting Point | Service Contract, Courthouse | 180.00 |
| Consolidated Management Company | Meals, County Jail | 270.50 |
| Constellation Newenergy | Gas Service, Courthouse | 204.05 |
| Constellation Newenergy | Gas Service, County Jail | 452.77 |
| Copple, Rockey, McKeever & Schlecht, P.C., L.L.O. | Legal Services, County Court | 4,135.21 |
| Copycraft Printing | Uniforms, County Sheriff | 68.80 |
| Copycraft Printing | Uniforms, County Jail | 344.85 |
| Cuming County Clerk | Reimbursement of Services, Juvenile Accountability | 652.17 |
| Custom Sports | Uniforms, County Sheriff | 95.94 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Supplies, County Clerk | 777.70 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Supplies, District Court | 7.59 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Supplies, County Jail | 14.99 |
| Eakes Office Solutions | Supplies, Probation Office | 464.99 |
| Electronic Engineering | Equipment, County Jail | 3,793.51 |
| Elite Office Products | Equipment, Zoning Department | 99.90 |
| Ewalt Law Office, P.C., LLO | Legal Services, County Court | 857.00 |
| Faith Regional Health Services | Medical Services, County Jail | 5,178.50 |
| Fedex | Shipping Fees, County Sheriff | 104.69 |
| First Concord Benefits Group | Administration Fees, Flex Plan | 2,530.39 |
| Floor Maintenance & Paper Supply | Supplies, Probation Office | 235.74 |
| Frontier | Telephone Service, Courthouse | 1,033.58 |
| Jan Fullner | Mileage, County Treasure | 12.11 |
| Galls/Quartermaster | Uniforms, County Jail | 402.36 |
| Gillette Printing | Supplies, County Sheriff | 252.00 |
| Klaus Hartmann, M. D. | Medical Services, District Court | 1,320.00 |
| Naomi Hemphill Cleaning | Cleaning Services, Public Defender | 100.00 |
| Crystal Hestekind | Cleaning Services, Probation | 360.00 |
| Jack's Uniforms & Equipment | Uniforms, County Sheriff | 23.89 |
| Keenan Law, P.C., LLO | Legal Services, District Court | 2,766.75 |
| Knox County Sheriff | Service Fees, District Court | 30.20 |
| Lexis Nexis | Subscription, County Attorney | 884.00 |

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| Liberty Mutual Insurance | Insurance, Probation Office | 742.00 |
| Linsali, Inc. | Services, Reappraisal | 13,000.00 |
| Madison County Clerk | Tax Deposit | 50,325.86 |
| Madison County Sheriff | Civil Process Fees, County Court | 1,573.39 |
| Madison County Sheriff | Civil Process Fees, District Court | 849.80 |
| Madison National Life Insurance Co Inc | Insurance Premiums | 137.36 |
| James Marshall | Tutoring Services, Juvenile Accountability | 80.00 |
| Mead Lumber & Rental | Supplies, Parts, Courthouse | 30.15 |
| Menards | Supplies, Zoning Department | 22.06 |
| MIPS Inc. | Data Processing Services, County Treasurer | 1,166.88 |
| Morland, Easland and Lohrberg | Legal Services, County Court | 1,793.13 |
| Morland, Easland and Lohrberg | Legal Services, District Court | 129.45 |
| National Crime Prevention Council | Supplies, County Sheriff | 609.25 |
| National Curriculum & Training Inst | Training, Juvenile Accountability | 1,300.00 |
| National Enterprise Systems | Garnish of Wages | 207.06 |
| Nationwide Retirement Solutions | Deferred Comp | 2,530.00 |
| NE Clerk of District Court Assn. | Dues, District Court | 25.00 |
| Nebraska Child Support Payment Center | Garnish of Wages | 369.23 |
| Nebraska Health and Human Services | State Institutions Costs | 831.00 |
| Nebraska Public Power District | Electrical Service, Zoning Department | 47.97 |
| Nebraska Public Power District | Electrical Service, Noxious Weed | 120.96 |
| Nebraska Public Power District | Electrical Service, Veterans Service | 35.46 |
| Nebraska State Bar Association | Seminar, Public Defenders | 180.00 |
| Norfolk Auto Center | Repairs, County Sheriff | 51.05 |
| Norfolk Auto Center | Repairs, Noxious Weed | 2,321.86 |
| Norfolk Daily News | Subscription, Zoning Department | 86.50 |
| Norfolk Daily News | Subscription, Noxious Weed | 86.50 |
| Norfolk Daily News | Publication Costs | 152.35 |
| Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District | Administration Fees | 405.00 |
| Phillips 66 Co/SYNCB | Fuel, County Sheriff | 518.46 |
| Pizza Hut | Meals, Law Enforcement | 49.14 |
| Susan Pohlman | Tutoring Services, Juvenile Accountability | 280.00 |
| Premier Biotech | Supplies, County Jail | 389.10 |
| Donna Primrose | Mileage, County Treasurer | 60.78 |
| Racom Corp | Equipment, County Sheriff | 275.50 |
| Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas | Employee Retirement | 9,051.82 |
| Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas | Employer Retirement | 13,248.93 |
| RS Electric | Repairs, Public Defender | 210.91 |
| Judy Schroeder | Prior Service Benefit | 11.00 |
| Security Shredding | Shredding Services, Probation Office | 140.00 |
| Shell | Fuel, Reappraisal | 168.16 |
| Shell | Fuel, County Sheriff | 3,068.48 |
| Sirchie | Supplies, County Sheriff | 87.47 |
| Joseph Smith | Mileage, County Attorney | 40.25 |
| Stratton, Delay, Doele, Carlson, Buettner, P.C., LLO | Legal Services, County Court | 356.20 |
| T. O. Haas Tire | Repairs, County Sheriff | 670.34 |
| The Zone | Contract Services, Juvenile Accountability | 445.24 |
| Thomson Reuters-West | Publications, Law Library | 624.00 |
| United States Postal Service | Postage, Probation Office | 1,479.90 |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System | Supplies, Courthouse | 189.99 |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System | Meals, Fuel, Supplies, County Sheriff | 1,519.11 |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System | Equipment, County Jail | 189.99 |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System | Dues, County Attorney | 392.00 |
| US Bank Corporate Payment System | Fuel, Supplies, Juvenile Accountability | 173.12 |
| Verizon Wireless | Telephone Service, Courthouse | 58.21 |
| Verizon Wireless | Telephone Service, County Sheriff | 1,366.96 |
| Verizon Wireless | Telephone Services, Law Enforcement | 80.84 |
| Western Office Technologies | Supplies, District Court | 23.39 |
| Western Office Technologies | Supplies, Public Defender | 74.97 |
| Western Office Technologies | Supplies, County Sheriff | 293.20 |
| Western Office Technologies | Supplies, Juvenile Accountability | 32.96 |
| Western Office Technologies | Supplies, County Jail | 31.99 |
| Western Office Technologies | Supplies, Probation Office | 1,854.00 |
| ROAD/BRIDGE FUND | | |
| Total Net Payroll | | 29,819.84 |
| American Family Life Assurance Company | Insurance Premiums | 519.82 |
| Ameritas Life Insurance Corp. | Insurance Premiums | 98.64 |

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| AS Central Services | Telephone Services | 24.24 |
| Ashphalt & Concrete Materials | Asphaltic Materials | 1,011.01 |
| Baure Built Tire | Tires | 548.00 |
| Black Hills Energy | Gas Service | 116.62 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska | Insurance Premiums | 28,075.46 |
| Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska | Insurance Premiums | 56.10 |
| Bomgaars Supply | Supplies | 408.57 |
| Colonial Life and Accident Insurance | Insurance Premiums | 153.37 |
| Constellation Newenergy Gas Division, LLC | Gas Service | 21.36 |
| Constellation Newenergy Gas Division, LLC | Gas Service | 48.06 |
| Dale R. Johnson Ent. Inc. | Gravel | 641.43 |
| Electrical Engineering & Equipment | Parts | 6.03 |
| First Concord Benefits Group | Flex Plan, Administration Fees | 350.34 |
| Frontier | Telephone Service | 172.01 |
| Kelly Supply Company | Supplies | 99.31 |
| Kimball Midwest | Parts | 804.25 |
| Loup Power District | Electric Service | 139.81 |
| Madison County Clerk | Tax Deposit | 11,000.23 |
| Madison County Court | Fine | 73.00 |
| Madison National Life Insurance Co Inc | Insurance Premiums | 33.04 |
| Matheson Tri-Gas Inc | Shop Supplies | 116.76 |
| Matteo Sand & Gravel Company Inc. | Gravel | 1,055.52 |
| Menards | Supplies | 36.90 |
| Nebraska Child Support Payment Center | Garnish Wages | 93.24 |
| Nebraska Public Power District | Electric Service | 118.55 |
| NMC Exchange LLC | Parts | 551.06 |
| Renner Wraps & Graphics | Supplies | 100.00 |
| Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas | Employee Share Retirement | 1,840.48 |
| Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas | Employer Share Retirement | 2,760.85 |
| Road Builders Machinery & Supply | Equipment Repairs | 4,878.66 |
| Rose Equipment Inc. | Parts | 3,978.08 |
| Verizon Wireless | Phone Service | 170.91 |
| | PROMOTION FUND | |
| Norfolk Area Visitor Bureau | Administration Fees | 1,921.73 |
| | IMPROVEMENT FUND | |
| Norfolk Area Visitor Bureau | Administration Fees | 7,753.92 |
| | DRUG TESTING FUND | |
| Faith Regional Health Services | Medical Services | 35.00 |
| Nebraska Public Health Environment Lab | Medical Services | 840.00 |
| | INHERITANCE TAX FUND | |
| Marjorie Field Estate | Refund | 98.07 |
| | 911 EMERGENCY FUND | |
| Centurylink | Telephone Service | 779.71 |
| | LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING FUND | |
| Bob Barker Company Inc. | Supplies | 180.00 |
| Cableone | Cable Service | 299.47 |
| Food Express | Supplies | 360.48 |

Motion was made by Prauner 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 11:43 A.M. to Tuesday, December 15, 2015.

County Clerk Nancy Scheer

Christian Ohl, Chairman
County Board of Commissioners