

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

December 30, 2014

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, December 24, 2014 edition of The Norfolk Daily News. 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 Lee Klein called the meeting to order and notified the public of the location of the information regarding the Open Meeting Act posted in the meeting room.

Present: Commissioners Lee Klein, Jerry McCallum, and Christian Ohl, County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson, Commissioner-Elect Jim Prauner, Commissioner-Elect Ron Schmidt, County Clerk Nancy Scheer, Norfolk Daily News reporter Jerry Guenther, US92 reporter Dean Erickson, and WJAG reporter Susan Risinger. Also in attendance were Norfolk City Mayor Sue Fuchtman, Norfolk City Administrator Shane Weidner, Norfolk City Economic Development Director Courtney Dentlinger, Executive Director of 4 Lanes 4 Nebraska Josh Moenning, and one citizen.

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

- 1) Approval of minutes of the December 16, 2014 meeting
- 2) Acknowledge receipt of the Continuation Certificate for the Official Bond of Lynne Koski as Treasurer of Northeast Community College.
- 3) Authorization for County Board Chairman to sign the annual weed department report for filing with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture
- 4) Acknowledge receipt of contract termination on January 2, 2015 with Ewaldt Law Office, P.C. who serves as special assistant to the Public Defender
- 5) Accept resignation of Assistant County Highway Superintendent Dave Heggemeyer effective January 2, 2015
- 6) Appointment of Tilden Public Library Director Cindy Simeon and Madison County Commissioner Christian Ohl to the Norfolk Public Library Renovation and Expansion Committee
- 7) Authorization for County Board Chairman to execute the 2015 State Juvenile Services Grant-Alternatives to Diversion, 2015 State Juvenile Services Grant-Bilingual Juvenile Services Officer, 2015 Community Based Juvenile Services Aid Grant, and 2015 Community Based Juvenile Services Enhancement Grant
- 8) Authorization for County Board Chairman to sign Memorandums of Understanding for Madison County to be the lead county for 2015 Community Based Juvenile Services Grant program for Antelope, Boone, Burt, Cuming, Knox, Pierce, and Stanton Counties

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

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

Chairman Klein reported that a request has been received for fiscal support and partnership for purposes of an Economic Impact Study of the benefits of expanding Highway 275 from two lanes to four lanes east of Norfolk to northwest of Fremont. He explained that he has been involved with this project and it is important to everyone attending the meeting. He stated that Norfolk City is the only community that has a four lane highway going out of it in five directions and does not connect to an interstate. He stated that this is sad and has been discussed for a long time. He explained that there is a group of people involved in this project including Dick Robinson, Dirk Peterson, J.D. Alexander, Nadine Hagedorn, and Dennis Baumert. He reported that meetings have been held, including several with the prospective Governor, and everyone appears to be interested in pursuing the project. Chairman Klein stated that the Highway 275 expansion was the only project that didn't get shown on the 10 year plan. He stated that one of the pre-cursors is to have an economic impact study to prove what the project would do for the economies of Madison, Cuming, and Stanton counties. He said that his opinion is that Madison County could pay for a portion of the impact study if Stanton and Cuming counties would also contribute funds for the study.

Josh Moenning, Executive Director of 4 Lanes 4 Nebraska, stated that the organization was recently formed and is comprised of business and industry leaders along the Highway 275 corridor throughout northeast Nebraska. He reported that the Board of Directors include Dirk Peterson of Nucor, Dick Robinson of Norfolk Iron and Metal, J.D. Alexander of Alexander Farms and Cattle, Nadine Hagedorn of Citizens State Bank in West Point, and Dennis Baumert of Scribner Grain. He explained that the group formed over the last few months for the purpose of advocating and promoting the modernization of transportation infrastructure in Nebraska, but specifically at this point and time, Highway 275 expansion and completion. Mr. Moenning stated that in 1988 the State of Nebraska enacted a transportation policy that was intended to connect each major Nebraska community to the interstate system with a four land road and Highway 275 remains the last unfinished link in that process and it is currently not on any list at this time. He explained that what the organization wants to do is education, research, and public awareness to make sure that people here in this region and across the State understand the importance of getting this project done and making it a priority. He stated that everyone in the area knows that Highway 275 is a major economic corridor for steel makers, heavy manufacturers, the largest cattle feeding area in the United States, and farmers; however, they are all stuck with a 1940s highway. He stated that in his opinion, not only the region, but the entire State of Nebraska, loses a lot of economic opportunities because of the lack of Highway 275 being completed as a four-lane corridor.

Mr. Moenning explained that one of the first things the organization wants to do is complete an economic impact study so they can quantify the direct and indirect economic impact potential due to the completion of this project. He reported that the projected cost of the impact study is approximately \$20,000 and the organization feels that the study will be a very helpful and useful tool in terms of public education, not only economically, but socially and for public safety. He summarized that the hope with the study is to increase public awareness, the need for the project, and to target this research to policy makers at all levels so that there is a clear case to be made that the State of Nebraska is losing opportunities by not fulfilling its commitment to modernizing the State's infrastructure. Mr. Moenning explained that along the Highway 275 corridor, the organization wants to form a strong, unified coalition to make the case and part of that is having everyone on board. He requested consideration by the Board for some funding support to get the impact study done. He explained that similar requests will be made to other counties along the corridor, including Stanton and Cuming counties.

Commissioner McCallum questioned what amount of funding was being requested from Madison County and Mr. Moenning responded that he wants to leave the funding amount to the Board of Commissioners. He stated that the estimate cost of the study is approximately \$20,000. Commissioner McCallum commended Mr. Moenning for his judgment on letting the counties each decide the funding contribution. Mr. Moenning explained that this project is a partnership between a lot of people and it won't happen overnight. He stated that the environment is right now to press the case to get the project done and the organization realizes that collaboration and constructive relationships up and down the corridor with business and local government entities is going to be very important.

Commissioner McCallum stated that he is looking at long term projects coming in the future to the new Board members. He stated that in his opinion, what the organization is doing is very positive and a regional project for northeast Nebraska. He stated that it would be very hard for him as a person who only this meeting left to decide whether Madison County wants to get involved. He stated that he would support the project and thinks Madison County should be involved, but he thinks it is very proper for the new Board members to discuss this issue in two weeks. He explained that the current Commissioners have made some decisions in their time of serving on the Board that would not be consistent with this funding request because other economic development requests have been turned down. Commissioner McCallum stated that he doesn't think it would be fair for a decision to be made today, and since this funding would be given to private enterprise, the request should be discussed with County Attorney because there may be some glitches when the County gives tax dollars to private enterprise. He explained that there were issues when funds were given for the Heroes Park project at the Norfolk Veterans' Home, but it was okay since federal funds were involved. He stated that there are two new members coming onto the Board that should look at the big picture and not focus on little things because if they don't Madison County won't grow. He stated that Board members must look at the big picture and not focus in on little things. He explained that the nickel can't be held so close to one's nose that the dollar can't be seen down the road. Commissioner McCallum stated that the Board members have done some things that impacted Madison County and cost a lot of money, such as the \$1 million funding given to the Norfolk nursing college. He reported that eight students from Madison applied to attend the nursing college and some of those students will stay in the area. He stated that the Northeast Industrial Highway is another project that cost a lot of money; however, businesses are already looking at building along this road as soon as the natural gas line capacity is increased. He said that these are the types of projects that should be kept in the vision of Board members to build Madison County. He stated that anything that is completed in Madison County, no matter where it is located, benefits everyone in the County. Commissioner McCallum thanked Mr. Moenning for his efforts, but requested that the new Board members make a decision on the funding request. He suggested that whoever is the Board Chairman should make an effort to talk to other County Boards along with Mr. Moenning to show that the Madison County Board is interested in the project.

Chairman Klein stated that the reason the Highway 275 project does not connect to an interstate is because there were too many road projects that were trying to be completed at the same time, including Highways 35 and 81. He explained that all road expansions were being presented as one project and since it was so big it took all other projects off the list.

Mr. Moenning stated that he respects Commissioner McCallum's statement about the time of the funding request. He explained that the group just formed and the Board of Directors wants to move forward, so he wanted to present the information to the County Board as soon as possible. He stated that he understands the reality of new Board members and he said that he would also like to sit down with the new Board members.

Commissioner McCallum stated that Madison County has the perfect opportunity with the City of Norfolk because the four lane in Madison County is finished; however, they are interested in helping other counties and the selling point must be a coalition between all counties along the corridor. He stated that Madison County should be interested and the more people that are involved, the more clout the organization will have with State Senators.

Mr. Moenning explained that the primary objective is making sure that the organization has a unified and consistent message up and down the corridor about why this project needs to happen and why it needs attention right now.

Commissioner-Elect Jim Prauner stated that the City of Norfolk signed an agreement a number of years ago to try to push for Highway 30 to be completed east of Columbus and he questioned what happened to that. Chairman Klein responded that this project is already on the list to be completed, but the big fight was with North Bend. He said that if one or two cities on the Highway 275 expansion project don't want the highway to go around their city, then nothing happens. He explained that North Bend held up the Highway 30 project for a long time, but the project is going out to bids shortly.

Mr. Moenning reported that Highway 30 is on the short list for the Build Nebraska Act. He reiterated that Highway 275 is the last remaining link that is not on the list.

Commissioner McCallum stated that the challenge for the new Board members is to sell the project. He reiterated that Board members should check with the County Attorney regarding allocation of funds to a private organization.

Commissioner Elect Ron Schmidt stated that the Board's history includes a request from the City of Madison and the County Attorney advised to be cautious about giving tax funds for a private study. He stated that the Board members must complete due diligence if tax funding is given. He asked if Dodge County should also be involved in this project. Mr. Moenning responded that since the announcement of the group, some positive interest has been received from Fremont, so he thinks Dodge County should be included.

Commissioner Elect Ron Schmidt stated that he can't speak for the new Board; however, he would certainly like to work with Stanton, Cuming, and Dodge Counties to get a coalition of County Boards to do whatever can be done to support this project. He stated that the teamwork of counties speaks a lot if they can get everyone working together along with private enterprise which would be a supportive mechanism for the corridor. Mr. Moenning said that County Board members talking to colleagues in other counties would be very helpful. Commissioner Elect Ron Schmidt stated that he would appreciate it if the current Board would allow the future Board members to make the decision.

County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson inquired if the organization would be asking the cities for funding and Mr. Moenning responded that at this point, the organization is focused on the education and research part of the project. He explained that any partnership along this corridor would be welcome. He stated that the project has been an effort created by business and industry, but they fully recognize the importance of having local government on board.

Norfolk City Administrator Shane Weidner stated that cities up and down the corridor, including West Point, Wisner, and Norfolk have been involved in the coalition supporting the expressway development for a number of years. He reported that the City of Norfolk has given \$14,000 annually for lobbying efforts to keep LB 84 alive over the last several legislative sessions. He stated that Norfolk City's involvement is near and dear and they applaud the private industries for coming together because they carry a big stick, so it is important that everyone supports the highway expansion project. He stated that, in his opinion, government entities, or a coalition of government entities, can do studies. He explained that the City of West Point was a lead organization in the coalition and kept things moving forward.

Chairman Klein stated that he doesn't see a parallel between what the Commissioners didn't do in Madison and this project. He explained that this project is for the public good and for everyone to be able to use the highway and get to where needed. He said that the Madison project was private ground and private development, so he doesn't see this project in the same light. He explained that it is fine to talk to the County Attorney about the matter. Chairman Klein stated that the biggest impact will probably be Madison County, because Fremont is already on a four-lane expressway. He explained that the coalition will not get Antelope and Rock Counties to put money into this project, even though they will benefit from it too. He stated that the new Board members are likely interested in helping with the expressway project.

Commissioner McCallum stated that when the Commissioners campaigned for funds for the nursing college, a Board member went to the counties seeking funds. He said that this funding should be handled in a similar manner by having one Commissioner and Josh Moenning meet with the other Boards so there is no mix up in the information and communications. He said that having a Madison County Board member involved also shows the other counties of the support for the project.

Commissioner Elect Ron Schmidt stated that he agrees with Chairman Klein's statement about helping the City of Madison. He explained that there will be people who will perceive this funding request the same as the request from Madison. He stated that it takes communication to make sure the public understands. Commissioner McCallum responded that the feeling in the small towns is that the economic impact is just as important to the community and the people personally. Chairman Klein stated that the highway expansion project is not a building located in one town, but the highway is for people from all communities to travel on.

Mr. Moenning stated that even though there are private industries behind this coalition, this project is for the public good. He reiterated one of the main benefits of completing this project will be promotion of business, industry, and economic growth. He explained that it will also promote community growth, increase ease of travel, and will increase quality of life throughout the area.

Chairman Klein stated that Mr. Moenning needs to talk to the new Board members, but he would be surprised if anybody is opposed to this request. He apologized if he made it look like the Board was going to approve a funding request today because that is not the case and there was no amount requested.

Commissioner-Elect Ron Schmidt questioned was part Senator Fortenberry's office have in this project. Chairman Klein responded that Senator Fortenberry asked him to stay out of the project because almost 20 counties are represented by the Senator. He reported that Mr. Moenning knows what Senator Fortenberry's office can do, but if the Senator promotes this area over another one, it will cause problems. He explained that he has attended transportation meetings in Platte County and Highway 30 wasn't their only project. He reported that Platte County furnished an engineer to the State because Highway 30 is being widened through the City of Columbus, and by furnishing an engineer, Platte County achieved their goals. Chairman Klein stated that the next project that Platte County is undertaking with three or four other counties is to get a highway from Belwood over to Highway 30 because the biggest space on the Platte River without a bridge is from Schuyler to Columbus and there is a lot of industry on the east end of Columbus. He stated that he applauds the effort that is coming to fruition. He summarized that the first step is to complete an economic impact study because, in his opinion, it will astound people what difference the study will make. He reported that the head of the logistics department for Warner Transportation spoke to the group several years ago and advised that Madison County is in an ideal location because it is halfway between Interstates 80 and 90. He stated that another project to consider is completion of Highway 81 north of Norfolk to Highway 20.

Mr. Moenning stated that they are hopeful that with new administration there would be some new criteria within the Nebraska Department of Roads. He stated that Governor Elect Ricketts made a point during his campaign about the economic impact of the highway expressway completion.

Commissioner Ohl commended Mr. Moenning for the work he is doing on the expressway project. He commended the City of Norfolk for the funding it has been given for highway development. He commended the businesses and industries that are working on the highway expansion. He stated that plans for the project started in 1988 and it is time to finish this project for the State of Nebraska and for the area. He said that he was excited to hear that Commissioners Elect Ron Schmidt and Jim Prauner are excited about this project. He said that whatever part he plays with the Board of Commissioners in 2015, he wants to be a part of any opportunity that the Board has to visit with other counties and see what Madison County can do to cooperate on this project.

Commissioner McCallum stated that this is why the new Board members should be involved because the project is long-term. Mr. Moenning stated that it takes a dedicated focus and they have the same kind of impact along the corridor in terms of the steel makers, cattle feeders, and farmers. He expressed appreciation for the opportunity to attend the meeting and stated that he looks forward to continued partnership.

No action was taken by the Board.

Commissioner Ohl requested an opportunity to discuss the salary and benefits for Zoning Administrator Heather McWhorter. He stated that the new Zoning Administrator was hired at a salary of approximately \$10,000 less than the former Zoning Administrator. He reported that the former Zoning Administrator had full family health insurance benefits and the new Zoning Administrator is only eligible for single coverage. He stated that Ms. McWhorter also has children to support. He reported that when an offer of employment was extended, the salary offered was \$40,000 annually.

Commissioner McCallum stated that the former Zoning Administrator was also paid \$5,000 annually to oversee the Weed Department and Ms. McWhorter will not have this responsibility. He also reported that Ms. McWhorter is a single parent.

Chairman Klein stated that there are three sets of insurance rates, single plan, spouse/children plan, or family plan. He stated that the spouse/children plan is a lower premium than a family plan.

Commissioner Ohl stated that Ms. McWhorter may have a spouse, but the additional cost to provide health insurance coverage for her children could be as much as \$8,000 annually. He stated that the health insurance is an issue that may need to be studied in the future to determine how this impacts hiring new employees. He said that the issue of providing additional health coverage may need to be discussed in the future by the Board.

Chairman Klein stated that one issue that was discussed during the offer of employment was that the Board would review the salary by January. Commissioner McCallum questioned if any promises were made during the interview process regarding insurance. Commissioner Ohl responded that he didn't promise anything. He stated that, in his opinion, Ms. McWhorter is doing a good job and will be a great Zoning Administrator. He stated that Ms. McWhorter would have appeared at the Board meeting; however, she is preparing for a Planning Commission meeting. Chairman Klein stated that, from everything he has heard, Ms. McWhorter has been doing well. Commissioner-Elect Jim Prauner stated that Ms. McWhorter is doing a good job considering she didn't have any prior experience. Chairman Klein stated that having a background as County Assessor is helpful.

Commissioner Elect Ron Schmidt questioned what part Pierce County has in the salary of the Zoning Administrator and Chairman Klein responded that Pierce County pays one-fifth of the salary and other expenses.

Motion was made by Ohl and seconded by McCallum to increase the annual salary of Zoning Administrator Heather McWhorter to \$45,000 in 2015. Roll call vote: Ayes, Klein, McCallum, and Ohl. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Norfolk Daily News reporter Jerry Guenther questioned if there is a replacement in mind for assistant County Highway Superintendent Dave Heggenmeyer or if someone within the road department will be moved into this position. Chairman Klein responded that the new Board members would make this decision. Mr. Guenther stated that if the position isn't filled immediately, the public may question why the County has this position.

Commissioner Elect Ron Schmidt expressed appreciation to all three Board members, especially to the two members who are completing their terms. He stated that he does not like to see the Board members leave and they have done a great job. He expressed his appreciation for all that Commissioners Klein and McCallum have done for Madison County. He stated that the Board members are leaving Madison County in a very positive state. He stated that the new Board members will have issues ahead of them, but Commissioners Klein and McCallum have done everything they could to take responsibility and solve any issues that have occurred. He stated that he wished these Board members could be present at every meeting so that the new Board members could draw some of their expertise. Commissioner-Elect Schmidt stated that the snowball has begun and Madison County will get bigger and better because of decisions that have been made in Madison County. He said that he hopes the next Board can follow up and carry on. He reiterated that personally as a citizen of Madison County, he appreciates all that Commissioners Klein and McCallum have done.

Norfolk City Mayor Sue Fuchtman stated that she has not had two better teachers than Commissioners Klein and McCallum. She stated that she remembers walking a lot of railroad tracks with Commissioner Klein following the flood. She stated that they have formed a great partnership by pulling together the government entities of Madison County, Northeast Community College, Norfolk Public Schools, and the City of Norfolk. She said that this has been a great opportunity for the community area. She stated that she looks forward to working with the two new Board members. She asked Commissioners Klein and McCallum to continue speaking good words about what goes on in the community and thanked them for the hours of service.

Chairman Klein stated that the big picture is what needs to be looked at and that is why cooperation among the entities is essential. He stated that politics is about numbers and the Legislature understands that when there is a whole batch of people screaming about something, it is high priority.

Commissioner McCallum stated that serving as County Commissioner has been an experience in his life that he will never forget. He stated that when he became a member of the County Board there was a lot of resistance between the City of Norfolk, Madison County, and the small towns; however, in the past 16 years with the Madison County Board of Commissioners doing its part, and the other constituents doing their part, they became a team. He stated that there are so many things in Madison County that would not have happened if this team hadn't been established. He said that the constituents are beginning to believe that without the City of Norfolk, Madison County would not be progressive. Commissioner McCallum stated that the City of Norfolk is the hub and so many paychecks come from businesses within the city. He stated that when he did the campaign for Northeast Community College of Nursing, he went to 15 counties and many of the individuals he met with talked about the City of Norfolk. He said that people come to the City of Norfolk to work and shop, so the city is a very important part of the economy, but this success cannot be achieved unless the County grows. He stated that the main objective in Madison County is to get the County to grow and previously the main objective of a County Commissioner was to take care of roads and bridges, which was fine, but now employees have been put in place so the Commissioners don't need to put much emphasis on this. Commissioner McCallum stated that the job of a County Commissioner is to be a diplomat, communicator, and make things happen in the County. He stated that when money comes into the County, whether it is spent in Battle Creek, Meadow Grove, or Tilden, the County wins. He reiterated that he had a great career with the County. He thanked Commissioner Elect Ron Schmidt for wanting to serve and he thanked Commissioner Elect Jim Prauner for his desire to serve Madison County again and he asked them both to serve in a positive manner. He also thanked Commissioners Klein and Ohl for working with him on the Board. He stated that he sees a lot potential leadership with Commissioner Ohl.

Chairman Klein stated that Commissioner McCallum was very supportive about the Nursing College and got excited about it. He stated that Madison County committed \$1 million of Inheritance Tax funds towards the project. He reported that Commissioner McCallum was instrumental in having area counties commit \$2 million towards the project and the economic growth for the area is tremendous. He stated that he prepared a speech about defending the County's decision and he never had to use it. Commissioner McCallum said that he questioned how the County would make a \$1 million contribution without disrupting the levy; but, after looking at the budget, it was decided that Madison County would contribute \$100,000 annually over a ten year period and he took this same message to all the counties.

Commissioner Elect Ron Schmidt stated that it is unfortunate that Northeast Industrial Highway project was not completed while Commissioners Klein and McCallum served on the Board because they were instrumental in the project. He said that when a ceremony is held after completion of the highway, Commissioners Klein and McCallum need to be front and center.

Commissioner McCallum thanked County Clerk Nancy Scheer and said that she has been a great friend.

Norfolk Economic Development Director Courtney Dentlinger thanked the County for the partnership on economic development and all that they have been able to accomplish with the focus on the big picture of what can be done on infrastructure and what can be done that will have the biggest impact for the entire County. She thanked the Board for its foresight and partnership and said that she is looking forward to working with the incoming Board members on economic development. She reported that they are poised very well for the future with Northeast Industrial Highway and the natural gas line coming into the area.

Norfolk City Administrator Shane Weidner said that, from a staff's perspective, once in a while there will be differences between the County and the City, or between the small towns, but when the chips are down, the County staff and the small town staff, including fire fighters, police officers, and public works staff, all come together and make things happen. He stated that he has seen this, whether it is a flood, fire, mutual aid call, or snow storm. He said that this cooperation is a big thing for elected officials to hear. He stated that when there is unity among employees because they work together and know each other, they can trust either other and there isn't animosity between the staffs, and this is how things get done. He thanked the Board members for their leadership because it's vital and what makes the services come together for the citizens.

Commissioner McCallum stated that Shane Weidner came up with the idea of the Mutual Finance Organization and went to the fire departments and received a 4 cent levy for all the fire departments. He thanked Mr. Weidner and in turn Mr. Weidner thanked Commissioner McCallum saying that it took a lot of heavy lifting from many people.

Chairman Klein stated he heard a motivational speaker several years ago who said that if you are the quarterback for a team, the most important person that you have is your left tackle because this is your blind side. He said that if anyone has been his left tackle, it has been Nancy Scheer. He stated that she is one of the finest people he has ever met and worked with during his life and that he would miss working with her. He said that Mrs. Scheer has been a tremendous asset to the County and will continue to be in the future.

Commissioner Ohl thanked Chairman Klein and Commissioner McCallum and stated that it has been tremendous working with them and to learn from them. He stated that he will miss working with them, but he is excited about the state that the County is in and he can't imagine the good things to come. He stated that he is excited about what Chairman Klein will continue to do and he hoped to have the chance to continue working with him. He stated that both Board members were tremendous teachers, leaders, and visionaries for Madison County.

The following written reports were reviewed:

- 1) Fund balance report
- 2) County Sheriff November fee report
- 3) Sale of surplus property report

The following claims were audited:

GENERAL FUND		
Total Net Payroll		123,017.67
Scott Adams	Witness Fees, District Court	36.80
Adamson Industries Corporation	Repairs, County Sheriff	204.95
Ronald Albin	Legal Services, County Court	1,234.91
American Family Life Assurance Co.	Insurance Premiums	641.22
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Insurance Premiums	371.68
Sarah Amsberry	Witness Fees, District Court	138.72
Appeara	Mat Service, Public Defender	28.18
AS Central Services	Data Processing Costs, County Sheriff	262.29
AS Central Services	Data Processing Costs, County Jail	441.71
Kathy Baker, LMHP, CPC	Professional Services, Juvenile Diversion	660.00
Christopher Bellmore	Registration, Public Defender	59.00
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service, Planning and Zoning	26.19
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service, Noxious Weeds	26.20
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service, Veterans' Service Office	70.68
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	132,048.84
Bomgaars	Repairs, Courthouse	14.94
Bomgaars	Repairs, County Sheriff	7.99
Brogan Gray, P.C., L.L.O.	Legal Services, County Court	1,331.41
Brogan Gray, P.C., L.L.O.	Legal Services, District Court	759.99
Brogan & Stafford, P.C.	Legal Services, District Court	845.91
Michael Bussard	Witness Fees, District Court	36.80
Cableone	Cable Service, County Sheriff	163.32
Cableone	Cable Service, Probation Office	218.50
Carney Law, P.C.	Legal Services, County Court	2,059.84
CBM Managed Services	Meals, County Jail	7,087.97
Cedar County Court	Copies, Law Enforcement	3.50
City Directories	Directory, County Sheriff	370.00
City of Norfolk	Utilities, Probation Office	145.07
Colfax County Sheriff	Service Fees, District Court	6.50
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance	Insurance Premiums	306.34
Connecting Point	Supplies, Services, County Sheriff	493.95
Connecting Point	Supplies, Probation Office	358.95
Consolidated Management Company	Meals, County Jail	271.75
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Gas Service, Planning and Zoning	114.48
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Gas Service, Noxious Weed	114.47
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division	Gas Service, Veterans' Service Office	151.52

Deb Cooley	Transcript, County Court	98.36
Copycraft Printing	Uniforms, County Sheriff	35.30
Copycraft Printing	Uniforms, County Jail	287.22
Christina Corrales	Insurance Refund	12.78
Creighton University School of Law	Registration, County Attorney	150.00
Cuming County Clerk	Services, Juvenile Diversion	652.17
Joel Dela Cruz	Witness Fees, District Court	36.80
Dent Specialists, L.L.C.	Repairs, County Sheriff	19.00
Douglas County Court	Copies, Law Enforcement	5.00
Eakes Office Plus	Repairs, County Clerk	87.58
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies, Probation	14.16
Egley, Fullner, Montag & Hockabout	Legal Services, County Court	969.25
First Concord Benefits Group	Medical Pretax, Administration Fees	2,231.43
Floor Maintenance and Paper Supply	Janitorial Supplies, Courthouse	27.60
Floor Maintenance and Paper Supply	Janitorial Supplies, County Jail	882.80
Tamara Forman	Witness Fees, Mileage, County Court	46.88
Galls/Quartermaster	Uniforms, County Jail	92.44
Gillette Printing	Supplies, County Jail	119.00
Good Source Solutions	Supplies, County Jail	400.00
Gordy's Towing & Repair	Repairs, County Sheriff	307.11
Nancy Gross	Mileage, Register of Deeds	126.56
Gregg Hanson	Meals, Mileage, Veterans Service Office	186.40
Chelsey Hartner	Supplies, Public Defender	21.67
Hilton Omaha	Lodging, County Officials	2,193.00
Carey Hopkins	Mileage, Juvenile Diversion	44.24
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Supplies, County Sheriff	159.94
Alex Johnson	Repairs, County Sheriff	24.95
Sharon Joseph	Witness Fees, District Court	36.80
Pam Kesting	Mileage, Registration, County Extension	166.80
Lee Klein	Mileage, County Commissioner	136.64
Lancaster County Court	Copies, Law Enforcement	3.25
Leaf	Copier Lease, Veterans Service Office	87.72
Linsali, Inc.	Reappraisal Services, Reappraisal	10,000.00
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposits	47,406.06
Madison County Court	Transcript, County Court	91.00
Madison County Sheriff Inmate Fund	Supplies, County Jail	827.11
Madison County Sheriff	Fees, County Court	598.59
Madison County Sheriff	Fees, District Court	498.35
Madison County Sheriff	Fees, Mental Health	40.06
Madison National Life Insurance Company	Insurance Premiums	126.06
Jerry McCallum	Mileage, County Board	120.50
Heather McWhorter	Mileage, Planning and Zoning	135.41
Kyle Melia	Registration, Public Defender	59.00
Midtown Health Center	Quarterly Funding, General Assistance	22,500.00
Midwest Plumbing & Heating	Repairs, County Jail	427.32
MIPS Inc.	Supplies, County Clerk	150.35
Morland, Easland & Lohrberg, P.C.	Legal Services, County Court	3,686.18
M2SYS	Annual Maintenance Fee	1,181.70
National Enterprise Systems	Garnish of Wages	194.91
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	935.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	369.23
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Planning and Zoning	108.77
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Noxious Weed	327.43
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Veterans' Service Office	45.12
Nebraska State Bar Association	Dues, Public Defender	720.00
NIRMA	Insurance Deductible	5,000.00
Norfolk Auto Center	Repairs, County Sheriff	604.39
Northeast Community College	Lease, Administrative Expense, County Extension	4,042.34
Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Inc.	Boarding Juveniles, Juvenile Detention	19,058.75
Northeast Research & Extension Center	Telephone Service, Supplies, Postage, Co. Extension	1,400.63
Mike O'Brien	Mileage, Juvenile Diversion	165.20
Valorie Olson	Court Reporting, Mental Health	50.00
Peters Distributing, Inc.	Recording Equipment, County Sheriff	6,182.13
Phillips 66	Fuel, County Sheriff	1,527.99
Physicians Laboratory, P.C.	Autopsy Costs, Law Enforcement	1,265.00
Pierce County Court	Copies, Law Enforcement	5.50
Sarah Polacek	Mileage, Registration, County Extension	50.16
Donna Prmirose	Mileage, County Treasurer	196.56
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Employee Share Retirement	8,302.89
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Employer Share Retirement	12,141.69
Reynoldson, Inc.	Fuel, Planning and Zoning	44.02
Reynoldson, Inc.	Fuel, Noxious Weed	178.81
Monica Rotherham	Lodging, Mileage, Clerk of District Court	349.60
Nancy Scheer	Mileage, County Clerk	131.04
Shell Fleet Plus	Fuel, Reappraisal	118.48
Shell Fleet Plus	Fuel, County Sheriff	3,267.76

Lee Sherry	Mileage, Meals, County Extension	166.84
Joseph Smith	Mileage, County Attorney	504.00
Teresa Sudbeck	Witness Fees, County Court	37.92
Tom's Rexall Drug	Medication, Juvenile Diversion	60.90
Trane	Service Agreement, Courthouse	568.33
University of Nebraska	Registration, Extension Office	180.00
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Travel Expense, Supplies, Fuel, County Sheriff	460.58
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Supplies, County Attorney	131.06
US Bank Corporate Payment System	Fuel, Juvenile Diversion	175.60
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, Courthouse	33.20
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, Extension	191.12
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, County Sheriff	1,478.75
Verizon Wireless	Telephone Service, Law Enforcement	80.35
Webster County Court	Copies, Law Enforcement	4.25
Melissa Wentling	Witness Fees, District Court	36.80
Western Office Technologies	Supplies, County Treasurer	28.25
Western Office Technologies	Supplies, County Sheriff	176.71
Western Office Technologies	Supplies, Juvenile Diversion	142.23
Western Office Technologies	Equipment, Probation Office	675.00
Windshield Doctors	Repairs, County Sheriff	67.00
Zippy Lube	Repairs, County Sheriff	68.43

#### ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Total Net Payroll		30,070.44
American Family Life Assurance Company	Insurance Premiums	411.48
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Insurance Premiums	123.52
AS Central Services	Telephone Service	24.24
B's Enterprises, Inc.	Blades, Signs	2,332.50
Battle Creek Farmers Coop	Fuel	6,523.53
Bauer Built Tire	Tires, Repairs	1,566.60
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service	604.68
Blue Cross Blue Shield of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	32,281.67
Bomgaars	Shop Supplies	211.42
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance	Insurance Premiums	153.37
Constellation NewEnergy Gas Division, L.L.C.	Gas Service	1,497.21
D & D Welding & Repair	Repairs	1,500.00
Donovan Eucker	Reimbursement for Cell Phone Services	90.00
Fastenal Company	Parts	2.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Administrative Fees, Deductible Buy-Down	424.76
Floor Maintenance and Paper Supply	Shop Supplies	45.06
Hilton Omaha	Lodging	258.00
Kelly Supply Company	Parts	195.49
Ken's Trailer Sales & Repair	Parts	8.00
Loup Power District	Utilities	162.43
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit	10,763.27
Madison National Life	Insurance Premiums	34.30
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Repairs	66.02
Matteo Sand & Gravel Co., Inc.	Gravel	1,683.84
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	93.24
NMC Exchange L.L.C.	Repairs	1,095.15
Pioneer Telephone Company	Telephone Service	44.74
Powerplan	Repairs	2,522.16
R F Machine Works	Parts	66.80
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Employee Share Retirement	1,843.14
Retirement Plans Division of Ameritas	Employer Share Retirement	2,764.79
Reynoldson Inc.	Fuel	20.16
Road Builders Machinery & Supply	Repairs	2,333.49
Rose Equipment Inc.	Parts, Crack Sealant	16,369.66
Sonlite Express Inc.	Road Salt	1,564.20
Steffen Inc.	Parts	479.95
Zoubek Oil Company, Inc.	Fuel	4,376.88

#### VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau	Administrative Expense, Advertising	20,036.00
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#### VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau	Administrative Expense, Registration Fees	16,545.36
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#### DRUG TESTING FUND

Faith Regional Health Services	Testing	35.00
Nebraska Public Health Environment Lab	Testing	105.00

CDBG #2 FUND

Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District	Administrative Services	180.00
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911 EMERGENCY FUND

Century Link	Telephone Services	978.48
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LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING FUND

Charm-Tex	Supplies	182.82
Encartele, Inc.	Telephone Cards	5,000.00
Food Express	Supplies	25.68
Glass Edge	Window Replacement	1,806.00
Madison County Sheriff Inmate Fund	Supplies	29.64
Union Supply Company	Supplies	3.00

DRUG COURT FUND

Adam Jorgensen	Supplies	49.50
On Call Employee Health	Testing	100.00

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

The Board adjourned at 10:20 A.M. to Tuesday, January 13, 2015 at 9:30 A.M.

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County Clerk Nancy Scheer

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Lee Klein, Chairman  
County Board of Commissioners