

# Commissioner's Record No. 27

MADISON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

## COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

December 31, 2024

The Board of County Commissioners of Madison County, Nebraska met in regular session at 9:34 A.M.

Advance notice of meeting was published in the Tuesday, December 24, 2024 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 Troy Uhlir called the meeting to order and notified the public of the copy of the Open Meetings Act posted in the meeting room.

Present: Commissioners Eric Stinson, Ron Schmidt, and Troy Uhlir, County Clerk Anne Pruss, County Highway Superintendent Dick Johnson, County Attorney Joseph Smith, County Sheriff Todd Volk, and Planning and Zoning Administrator Heather McWhorter. Twenty citizens, Norfolk Daily News reporter Austin Svehla, and WJAG reporter Bill Siefert were present.

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

- 1) Approval of minutes of December 17, 2024
- 2) Approval of purchase of Tek84 Intercept Whole Body Security Scanning System for Sheriff's department, in the amount of \$181,500.00
- 3) Approval of purchase of 117" V-Snow Plow from NMC Cat for Road District #3, in the amount of \$16,330.00
- 4) Approval of purchase of replacement florescent with LED fixtures for Extension/Veteran Service office in the amount of \$9,600.00
- 5) Approval of Change Order No. 7 for HVAC System with Trane in the amount of \$40,280.00
- 6) Approval of appointment of Michael Behrens for Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee member and Janie Engelby for Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau of Public Arts Council member beginning January
- 7) Acknowledge receipt of Memorandum of Understanding Regarding Obligation of SLFRF/ARPA funds for City of Battle Creek in the amount of \$152,194.53, City of Newman Grove in the amount of \$155,477.29, and Village of Meadow Grove in the amount of \$363,789.50
- 8) Set February 11, 2025 as the public hearing date for the one and six year road plan
- 9)

### RESOLUTION #2024-57

WHEREAS, Check No. 24110494, dated November 19, 2024, and drawn on the Road/Bridge Fund in the amount of two hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred and zero cents (\$222,800.00), was made payable to Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co., Inc., 4900 Harbor Drive, Sioux City, Iowa 51111, and

WHEREAS, Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co. Inc., requested cancellation of incorrect amount owed to them,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Check No. 24110494, dated November 19, 2024, and drawn on the Road/Bridge Fund in the amount of two hundred twenty-two thousand eight hundred and zero cents (\$222,800.00), is hereby cancelled.

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

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

County Clerk Anne Pruss explained that the County has a deadline of December 31, 2024 to obligate American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (SLFRF). In 2021 the County received approximately \$6.8 million dollars and obligate \$500,000 to cities within the County who didn't monies. The County also used funds to improve the HVAC and windows for the Courthouse, radios for the Sheriff's department and Rural Fire department, equipment, and other projects. Mrs. Pruss stated that the deadline means local governments must not only allocate these funds but also have contractual commitments in place before the end of the year. So, the purpose of the prosed resolution is revise office budgets and fund balances and consideration to transfer budget authority. When preparing 2024-2025, the budget committee designated funds in ARPA and divided them between different functions. After speaking with the Nebraska State Auditor Jeff Schreier, he recommended that instead of adding another function to transfer remaining balances into the miscellaneous function to pay for equipment purchases.

After further discussion the following resolution was presented.

### RESOLUTION #2024-58

WHEREAS, due to unforeseen circumstances, proposed expenditures exceed budge authority allocated in the Miscellaneous office function of the COVID/American Rescue Plan Fund, and

WHEREAS, budget authority in the Building and Grounds and Capital Acquisitions office functions of the COVID/American Rescue Plan, , is adequate to allow for budget authority transfers to meet current fiscal year expenditures for the COVID/American Rescue Plan Miscellaneous office function,

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NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that three hundred fifty thousand and zero cents (\$350,000.00) from the Building and Grounds office function and forty-four thousand eight hundred fifty-two and twenty-five cents (\$44,852.25) from the Building and Grounds office function of budget authority is hereby allocated to the Miscellaneous office function of the COVID/American Rescue Plan.

Motion made by Schmidt and seconded by Stinson to approve revise 2024-2025 office budgets and fund balances and consideration of resolution(s) to transfer budget authority. Roll call vote: Ayes, Schmidt, Stinson, and Uhlir. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Kris Huddle raised concerns about potential conflicts of interest among Planning and Zoning Commission members, with some members receiving payments from wind energy projects. She continued to advise that the organization be against such project and expressed fears about the impact of wind towers and transmission lines on property values and safety raises concerns about accountability and disclosure for the Planning and Zoning Commission, questioning the long-term involvement of commissioners in wind farm easements. County Attorney Joseph Smith once again explained the process on the Commissioners involvement in the process and the Open Meeting Act.

Kris Huddle requests a vote to prevent members with conflicts of interest from participating in discussions or voting on wind turbine projects. She asked for further notification of areas for wind energy project proposals to reach more landowners in the vicinity and for the county to review regulations for wind projects and consider, if any, updates if needed. The Commissioners emphasized the need for the organization contact the Nebraska Accountability and Disclosure, while Mrs. Huddle suggesting a hold on permits until these issues are resolved. Chairman Uhlir stated that discussion will continue once the organization and the Board of Commissioner contact Nebraska Accountability and Closure with each of their concerns.

Twelve citizens spoke in opposition of wind turbines and allowing members of the Planning & Zoning Board to vote on these projects.

No action taken.

The following written reports and correspondence were reviewed:

- 1) Fund balance report
- 2) Sale of Surplus Property
- 3) Unpaid Claims Report, December 30, 2024

The following claims were audited:

GENERAL FUND		
Total Net Payroll		212,217.60
Advanced Fire & Safety Inc.	Building & Grounds Repair, Planning & Zoning	49.18
Advanced Fire & Safety Inc.	Building & Grounds Repair, Noxious Weeds	135.12
Mark D Albin	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	775.25
Mark D Albin	Legal Services, District Court	432.25
Mark D Albin	Legal Services, County Court	602.77
Allo Business	Data Processing Costs, County Jail	50.00
Allo Business	Contractual Services & Subscript., Probation Office	209.00
Allstate Benefits	Insurance Premiums	529.78
American Family Life Assurance Co	Insurance Premiums	889.90
B & B Cycle	Equipment Repairs, Noxious Weeds	200.40
Bishop Business Equipment	Equipment Rental, Extension	248.75
Black Hills Energy	Heating Fuels, Building & Grounds	399.90
Black Hills Energy	Heating Fuels, County Jail	1,701.95
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	193,438.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	6,355.24
Blue 360 Media LLC	Subscript., County Jail	198.90
Amy Bomar-Hauser	Mileage, Election Commission	52.26
Bomgaars Supply Inc.	Janitorial Supplies, County Jail	16.98
Century Link	Telephone Service, Probation Office	488.16
Champs Inc.	Maintenance Agreement, County Jail	2,500.00
Maria Izabel Chavez	Interpreting Services, Public Defender	316.25
City Of Norfolk	Garbage, Noxious Weeds	12.00
Cleanest by Farr/CBF Renovations	Cleaning Services, Probation Office	450.00
Clerk Of The Supreme Court	District Court Costs, District Court	126.00
Colonial Life & Accident Insurance	Insurance Premiums	191.27
Community Bible Church	Voting Polls, Election Commission	200.00
Complete Pest Elimination Inc.	Contractual Services, Courthouse	130.00
Copple Rockey Schlecht & Mason Pc	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	2,845.84
Custom Sports	Uniforms, County Jail	50.00
Wendy C Cutting	Transcripts, Public Defender	81.00
D & L Towing & Recovery LLC	Vehicle Towing, County Sheriff	207.50
Eakes Inc.	Janitorial Supplies, Courthouse	92.34
Eakes Inc.	Office Supplies, Probation Office	347.09
Egley Fullner Montag Morland & Easland	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	1,929.45
James G Egley	Mileage, Mental Health	60.30
Lana Eisenmann	Mileage, District Court	45.56

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Election Systems & Software	Data Processing, Election Commission	1,482.15
Elite Court Reporting Service	Court Reporting Costs, Mental Health	100.00
Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust	Health Savings Account	55.00
Farris Engineering	Engineering, Capital Acquisitions	6,225.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Administration Fees, Deductible Buy-Down, Dependent Care, and Flex Plan	4,970.37
Galls LLC	Uniforms, County Jail	231.96
Galyen Boettcher Baier PC LLO	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	1,204.87
Hofmann Plumbing Inc.	Building & Grounds Repair, Courthouse	350.00
Holiday Inn Express Lexington	Lodging, County Jail	107.00
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Law Enforcement Supplies, County Sheriff	1,422.01
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Law Enforcement Supplies, County Jail	1,207.90
Justice Works	IT Consultant Services, Public Defender	175.00
Ken's Trailer Sales & Repair LLC	Tires, Noxious Weeds	212.00
Seth Kolm	Law Enforcement Supplies, County Sheriff	69.91
Lancaster County Sheriff's Office	District Court Costs, District Court	3.40
Lumen Interpreting & Translation	Interpreting Services, Public Defender	1,525.00
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit and Retirement	114,895.73
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fess, County Court	5,338.99
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, District Court	4,893.18
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, Mental Health	51.60
Madison County Treasurer	Blue Cross Blue Shield Reimbursement	89.84
Madison National Life Insurance Co	Insurance Premiums	234.84
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insurance Premiums	271.46
Managed Print Services	Office Supplies, County Jail	950.00
Christal K McDonald	District Court Costs, District Court	148.20
Christal K McDonald	Court Reporter Costs, Mental Health	425.00
Mips Inc.	Data Processing Costs, County Treasurer	1,588.45
Motorola Solutions Inc.	Law Enforcement Supplies, County Sheriff	24.00
Mount Olive Lutheran Church	Voting Polls, Election Commission	150.00
Moyer & Moyer	Contractual Legal Services, Courthouse	3,194.05
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Insurance Premiums	1,713.80
Nebraska Child Support Pymt Center	Garnish of Wages	257.08
Nebraska Health & Human Services	Institutional Costs, State Institutions	822.00
Nebraska Law Enforcement	Dues, Subscript., Reg., Training, Fees, County Jail	142.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Planning and Zoning	47.09
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Noxious Weeds	253.26
Nebraska Sheriff's Association	Dues, Subscript., Reg., Training, Fees, Co. Sheriff	620.00
Nebraska Weed Control Association	Dues, Subscript., Reg., Training, Fees, Noxious Weeds	150.00
Norfolk Daily News	Office Supplies, Public Defender	144.00
Norfolk Daily News	Publishing Costs, County Offices	287.96
Diane S Nykodym	Mileage, Register of Deeds	180.90
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, County Clerk	21.80
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, County Treasurer	216.51
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, District Court	64.08
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, County Court	792.98
Michael D Petersen	Contract Services, Community Based Grant	275.00
Pettitt Plumbing Heating & A/C Inc.	Heating and Air Conditioning, Capital Acquisitions	9,517.71
Pitney Bowes Global Finance Service	Equipment Rental, Courthouse	1,074.99
Donna J Primrose	Mileage, County Treasurer	389.14
Anne M Pruss	Mileage, County Clerk	199.66
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc.	Contract Services, Probation Office	284.00
Region 4 Behavioral Health System	Behavioral Health Act	19,971.75
Renegade Stores LLC	Law Enforcement Supplies, County Sheriff	148.73
Monica J Rotherham	Mileage, District Court	240.53
Sacred Heart Parish Center	Voting Polls, Election Commission	50.00
Maria Nieves Salavera	Mileage, Community Based Grant	58.96
Sixta C Sass	Interpreting Services, Public Defender	190.00
Security Shredding Services	Shredding Services, Public Defender	80.00
Amanda Sherman	Mileage, County Treasurer	59.63
St Patrick Catholic Church	Voting Polls, Election Commission	150.00
Stealth Broadband	Phone & Internet Services, Planning & Zoning	146.44
Stealth Broadband	Phone & Internet Services, Noxious Weeds	146.44
Stealth Broadband	Phone & Internet Services, Public Defender	547.20
Stealth Broadband	Internet Services, Probation Office	410.00
Stealth Broadband	Telephone Service, Veterans Office	176.86
Stealth Broadband	Phone & Internet Services, Courthouse	2,527.95
Ryan Stover	Mileage, Mental Health	60.30
Daniel K Sturgis	Mileage, Mental Health	60.30
Summit Food Service LLC	Inmate Meals, County Jail	13,163.08
The Radar Shop	Law Enforcement Supplies, County Sheriff	960.00
Trinity Episcopal Church	Voting Polls, Election Commission	50.00
US Bank	Office Equipment, Community Based Grant	532.62
US Bank	Office Supplies, Juvenile	66.12
Van Diest Supply Company	Chemical Supplies, Noxious Weeds	1,785.60
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Phone, County Sheriff	1,727.85

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Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premiums	725.95
Westridge United Methodist Church	Voting Polls, Election Commission	50.00
Winsupply Of Norfolk	Building & Grounds Supplies, Courthouse	329.43
WJAG Am/KEXL Fm/KQKX Fm	Dues, Subscript., Reg., Training, Fees, Extension Office	250.00
Zodiac Properties	Rental, Probation Office	12,253.21
	Total General Claims with Payroll	654,546.11

### ROAD BRIDGE FUND

Total Net Payroll		37,501.65
Advanced Fire & Safety Inc.	Inspections	6,706.63
Akrs Equipment Solutions, Inc.	Repairs	10,949.42
Allo Business	Office Supplies	25.00
Allstate Benefits	Insurance Premiums	76.37
American Family Life Assurance Co	Insurance Premiums	264.74
Arkfeld Lock & Security LLC	Building & Grounds Repair	9.42
ARL Credit Services	Garnish of Wages	215.62
Auto Glass Solutions LLC	Repair & Labor	2,173.70
B's Enterprises Inc.	Culverts	14,619.83
Barco Municipal Products Inc.	Traffic Control	2,780.60
Black Hills Energy	Heating Fuels	705.30
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	58,272.69
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	1,778.45
Bomgaars Supply Inc.	Shop Supplies & Fuel	1,647.52
Central Electrical Service Inc.	Building & Grounds Repair	2,337.98
Central Sand & Gravel	Gravel	512.50
Colonial Life & Accident Insurance	Insurance Premiums	474.43
Credit Management Services	Garnish of Wages	221.73
Dale R Johnson Ent Inc.	Gravel	6,187.04
First Concord Benefits Group	Administration Fees, Deductible Buy-Down and Flex Plan	830.60
Kelly Supply Company	Shop Supplies	610.40
Ken's Trailer Sales & Repair LLC	Repairs	99.60
Kimball Midwest	Shop Supplies	385.30
Koch Excavating Co Inc.	Gravel	609.40
Lawson Products	Shop Supplies	518.57
Loup Power District	Utilities	86.61
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit and Retirement	19,259.88
Madison National Life Insurance Co	Insurance Premiums	23.78
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insurance Premiums	84.11
Matheson Tri-Gas Inc.	Shop Supplies	278.76
Meisinger Oil Co Inc.	Fuel	3,042.22
Menards	Shop Supplies	926.62
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Inc.	Equipment Purchase	109,863.43
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Insurance Premiums	1,225.00
Nebraska Child Support Pymt Center	Garnish of Wages	446.31
Nebraska Harvestore Systems	Repairs & Labor	1,900.78
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities	367.70
Pinkelman Truck & Trailer	Repairs & Labor	4,939.43
Road Builders Machinery & Supply Co	Repairs	135.17
Rockmount Research & Alloys Inc.	Shop Tools	51.30
Stealth Broadband	Phone & Internet Services	896.43
Steffen Truck Equip/North American	Repairs	355.97
Village Of Meadow Grove	Utilities	74.00
Vision Service Plan (Ct)	Insurance Premiums	183.35
	Total Road Bridge Claims with Payroll	294,655.34

### FEDERAL AID SECONDARY FUND

M.E. Collins Contracting Co Inc.	Capital Outlay Contracts	138,122.23
Midwest Coatings Company, Inc.	Armor Coating Projects	318,403.01
	Total Federal Aid Secondary Fund	456,525.24

### VISITORS PROMOTION FUND

Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau	Administration Fees	2,000.63
	Total Visitors Promotion Fund	2,000.63

### VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND

Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau	Administration Fees	9,450.65
	Total Visitors Improvement Fund	9,450.65

### COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN FUND

City Of Newman Grove	Request for Reimbursement #5	13,750.00
Murphy Tractor & Equipment Co Inc.	Motor Graders & Loaders	470,736.57
Tek84 Inc.	Correctional Facility Equipment	181,500.00
	Total Covid American Rescue Plan Fund	665,986.57

### DRUG COURT FUND

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Jay B Putters	Incentives	35.00
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc.	Drug Testing	21.00
	Total Drug Court Fund	<u>56.00</u>
	Total Claims with Payroll	2,083,220.54

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

The Board adjourned at 11:30 A.M. to Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST:



Anne M. Pruss  
County Clerk

Troy Uhlir, Chairman  
County Board of Commissioners