

Commissioner’s Record No. 28

MADISON COUNTY, NEBRASKA

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

July 29, 2025

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

Advanced notice of meeting was published in the Wednesday, July 23, 2025 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.

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, and Troy Uhlir, County Clerk Anne Pruss, County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson, County Sheriff Todd Volk, Citizen – one, and Norfolk Daily News reporter Ben Drozd. Absent: Ronald Schmidt

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

- 1) Approval of minutes of July 15, 2025
- 2)

RESOLUTION #2025-34

WHEREAS, Check No. 25070019, dated July 1, 2025, and drawn on the General Fund in the amount of eleven dollars and forty-eight cents (\$11.48), was made payable to Douglas County Sheriffs Office, 3601 North 156th Street, Omaha Nebraska, 68116, and

WHEREAS, Electronic Contracting Company requested cancellation of duplicate payment,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Check No. 25070019, dated July 1, 2025, and drawn on the General Fund in the amount of eleven dollars and forty-eight cents (\$11.48), is hereby cancelled.

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

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

County Clerk Anne Pruss initiated the discussion by presenting updated 2025-2026 fiscal budget spreadsheets, emphasizing revisions related to claims, safety equipment, and capital outlay. She noted a \$2,500 legal claim had been submitted recently, marking the second claim this fiscal year involving the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP).

Discussion turned to safety equipment budgeting, particularly for Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs), tourniquets, choking devices, and first aid kits across various county locations such as the Public Defender’s Office, Extension, and Veteran Services. Commissioners contemplated reducing first aid kit funding while maintaining supplies for replacements and pads, proposing an \$18,000 allocation for safety equipment.

Dick Johnson, representing Roads and Bridges, reported on the status of bridge projects and Boone County Line Road. Agreements with Boone County were anticipated within two weeks, with a 50% reimbursement expected. Bridge construction timing was coordinated to minimize road closures, with recognition that the new Producers Road bridge could not be built while the old bridge remained open due to alignment issues.

There was detailed discussion about upcoming overlay projects on Producers Road and others, with a tentative plan to focus on approximately 10 miles of road improvements next fiscal year. Gravel usage and supply challenges were highlighted, noting a \$140,000 budget increase due to scarcity and weather damage causing washouts and repairs. Innovative ideas for gravel reclamation using street-cleaner-like equipment were humorously suggested.

Equipment budgets reflected payments for motor graders and excavators, including a motor grader purchase budgeted at approximately \$316,000 and an excavator around \$230,000. Equipment rental costs, especially for tractors used in drag operations, were reviewed, with local options potentially reducing hourly rates. Engineering fees, fuel, steel products, lumber, traffic control, and pavement

County Clerk Anne Pruss presented three wage budget scenarios:

- 1. Original office submissions.
- 2. Adjusted wage budgets based on corrected hourly calculations, reducing total wages by about \$300,000.
- 3. A conservative scenario capping raises at \$2/hour, eliminating overtime pay, and removing unfunded vacant positions, yielding nearly \$500,000 in savings.

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Commissioners acknowledged the impact of recent minimum wage increases, approximating a 15% rise over two years, affecting all county departments and contractors. The need for transparency with taxpayers regarding pay increases was emphasized by Commissioner Eric Stinson, who also noted the rising costs of materials and services as additional budget pressures.

The Board reviewed property tax levy projections, with preliminary estimates indicating a 9.9% increase. However, Commissioners expressed a preference to limit the “ask” to a 2–3% increase over the previous year’s \$18 million to avoid triggering the levy increase “pink card.” It was noted that property valuation increases could offset the need for a higher levy rate, effectively lowering the rate despite slightly higher revenue.

No action taken.

The following written report and correspondence were reviewed:

- 1) Fund balance report
- 2) County Sheriff fee reports, April, May, & June 2025
- 3) Planning and Zoning 2nd Quarter report, 2025
- 4) APRA Quarterly reports from City of Battle Creek and Village of Meadow Grove
- 5) City of Norfolk & Norfolk Area Economic Development reports for April, May, & June 2025
- 6) Annual Audit report for The Well fiscal year 2023-2024
- 7) Notice of Public Hearing from City of Norfolk for Redevelopment Plan for the Fox Ridge Redevelopment Project
- 8) Notice of Public Hearing from Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District for Battle Creek Watershed

The following claims were audited:

GENERAL FUND		
Total Net Payroll		220,157.71
Mark D Albin	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	1,126.65
Albracht Disposal Inc.	Garbage, County Jail	120.00
Allo Business	Subscription, Contract Services, Supplies, Probation Office	554.01
Allo Business	License, Computer Consultant, Security Costs, County Offices	12,972.47
Allstate Benefits	Insurance Premiums	526.57
American Family Life Assurance Co.	Insurance Premiums	1,262.22
Anderson Auto Group	Truck Purchase, K-9	49,249.00
Appeara	Towel Services, Public Defender	51.25
Appeara	Towel and Mop Services, Courthouse	65.90
A1 Storage	Rent, County Sheriff	960.00
Big Red Printing Inc.	Office Supplies, Extension Office	133.33
Big Red Printing Inc.	Office Supplies, County Sheriff	408.81
Bishop Business Equipment	Copier Contract, Extension Office	680.73
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	202,297.49
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	6,203.13
Bomgaars Supply Inc.	Building and Grounds Supplies, Courthouse	384.98
Brockhaus Funeral	Autopsy, Law Enforcement	250.00
Brogan & Stafford PC	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	1,323.77
Champs Inc.	Maintenance Contract, County Jail	2,500.00
City Of Madison	Utilities, Public Defender	187.37
City Of Norfolk	Utilities, Extension Office	297.36
City Of Norfolk	Utilities, Veterans Service	26.07
Colonial Life & Accident Insurance	Insurance Premiums	191.27
Constellation Newenergy Gas Div. LLC	Heating Fuels, County Jail	522.36
Custom Sports	Uniforms, County Jail	200.00
Datapilot, Inc.	Data Processing, County Sheriff	4,285.00
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, County Treasurer	1,217.11
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, Register of Deeds	4,868.44
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, Planning and Zoning	1,217.11
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, District Court	3,651.33
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, County Court	1,217.11
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, Public Defender	8,764.49
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, County Attorney	7,302.66
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, Juvenile Accountability	4,868.44
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, Veterans Service	1,217.11
Dell Marketing L.P.	Computer Purchase, County Offices	4,868.44
Dept Of Correctional Svcs	Medical Treatment, County Jail	319.84
Eakes Inc.	Copier Contract, County Attorney	504.63
Eakes Inc.	Janitorial Supplies, Courthouse	184.68
Egley Fullner Montag Morland & Easland	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	1,587.15
Elite Court Reporting Service	Deposition, Law Enforcement	450.05
Elite Court Reporting Service	Court Reporting, District Court	1,942.20
Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust	Health Savings Account	220.00
Ewalt Law Office PC LLO	Contract Legal Services	18,354.67
First Concord Benefits Group	Insurance Premiums	5,879.66
Floor Maintenance and Paper Supply	Janitorial Supplies, Courthouse	144.77
Pamela A Graber	Mileage, Extension Office	19.60

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Francotyp-Postalia Inc.	Postal Service, Public Defender	141.00
Galyen Boettcher Baier PC LLO	Legal Services, Juvenile Court	2,023.90
Garcia Clinical Laboratory Inc.	Medical Treatment, County Jail	28.00
Leonardo Gonzalez	Mileage, Extension Office	98.00
Guaranteed Lawn Care	Lawn Service, Extension Office	180.00
Guaranteed Lawn Care	Lawn Service, Veterans Service	120.00
Hi-Way Service	Vehicle Maintenance, Noxious Weeds	55.31
Jack's Uniforms & Equipment	Law Enforcement Supplies, County Sheriff	348.19
Justice Works	IT Consultant Services, Public Defender	175.00
Erin Kampbell	Mileage, Extension Office	58.80
Jayd Krueger	Mileage, Extension Office	266.00
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit and Retirement	117,410.81
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, County Court	455.00
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, District Court	225.67
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, Mental Health	87.64
Madison County Sheriff	Civil Process Fees, Law Enforcement	158.04
Madison County Treasurer	Blue Cross Blue Shield Reimbursement	100.00
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insurance Premiums	588.77
Mahoney Fire Sprinkler Inc.	Inspections, County Jail	420.00
Christal K McDonald	Court Reporting, Mental Health	200.00
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc.	Microfilming, County Court	629.50
Midwest 911 Cars, Inc.	Law Enforcement Supplies, County Sheriff	43,013.66
Motorola Solutions Credit Co. LLC	Safety Equipment, County Sheriff	21,628.00
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	1,698.80
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	210.93
Nebraska Health & Human Services	Institutional Costs	972.00
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Planning and Zoning	58.68
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Extension Office	712.39
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Noxious Weeds	93.39
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities, Veterans Service	474.92
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs, Planning and Zoning	58.86
Norfolk Daily News	Subscription, Extension Office	235.00
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs, County Office	368.71
Nykodym Lawn Service	Lawn Service, Public Defender	265.00
Wayne J Ohnesorg	Mileage, Extension Office	124.60
Olson's Pest Technicians	Pest Control, Extension Office	88.80
Olson's Pest Technicians	Pest Control, Veteran Service	59.20
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, County Clerk	168.48
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, County Treasurer	76.07
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, Register of Deeds	8.72
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, County Court	285.78
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, Public Defender	303.91
One Office Solution	Office Supplies, Extension Office	33.15
Pathology Medical Services	Medical Treatment, County Jail	202.40
Physicians Laboratory Services Inc.	Autopsy, Law Enforcement	456.00
C A Enterprises Inc.	Office Supplies, County Treasurer	219.50
Sarah Polacek	Mileage, Extension Office	268.80
Redwood Toxicology Laboratory Inc.	Contract Services, Probation Office	164.00
Region IV Inc.	Quarterly Funding	9,147.75
Regional Pathology Services	Medical Treatment, County Jail	166.15
Renner Auto Body	Repairs, County Sheriff	1,781.80
Monica J Rotherham	Jury Supplies, District Court	40.84
Schneider Geospatial, LLC	GIS Service, Computer Consultant, County Clerk	2,152.60
Schneider Geospatial, LLC	GIS Service, Computer Consultant, County Assessor	29,705.88
Schneider Geospatial, LLC	GIS Service, Computer Consultant, Election Commission	2,152.60
Schneider Geospatial, LLC	GIS Service, Computer Consultant, Planning and Zoning	2,583.12
Stealth Broadband	Internet and Phone Service, Planning and Zoning	146.50
Stealth Broadband	Internet and Phone Service, Public Defender	547.72
Stealth Broadband	Internet and Phone Service, Extension Office	280.41
Stealth Broadband	Internet Service, Probation	410.00
Stealth Broadband	Internet and Phone Service, Noxious Weeds	146.50
Stealth Broadband	Phone Service, Veterans Service	177.07
Stealth Broadband	Internet and Phone Service, County Offices	2,520.81
Norfolk Funeral Services Inc.	Autopsy, Law Enforcement	250.00
Summit Food Service LLC	Inmate Meals, County Jail	12,548.05
Donald G Svitak	Postage, Noxious Weeds	156.70
US Corporate Bank System	Conference and Subscription, County Attorney	1,474.29
Tina Uttecht	Mileage, Veteran Service Office	20.30
Vanguard Appraisals Inc.	Contract Services, Reappraisal	6,045.00
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Service, County Sheriff	1,906.88
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Service, Law Enforcement	52.98
Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premiums	751.03
Winsupply Of Norfolk	Janitorial Supplies, Courthouse	512.04
Woods & Aitken LLP	Legal Fees	2,537.00

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Total General Claims with Payroll		849,970.34
ROAD BRIDGE FUND		
Total Net Payroll		41,182.27
Allstate Benefits	Insurance Premiums	76.37
American Family Life Assurance Co.	Insurance Premiums	359.77
Appeara	Towel and Uniform Service	475.93
B's Enterprises Inc.	Culverts and Traffic Control	1,103.50
Bauer Built Inc	Tire Repair	110.00
Blue Cross Blue Shield Of Nebraska	Insurance Premiums	58,225.49
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Bomgaars Supply Inc.	Shop Supplies and Traffic Control	103.23
Cintas	Shop Supplies	6.19
City Of Norfolk	Utilities	44.60
Colonial Life & Accident Insurance	Insurance Premiums	315.27
Constellation Newenergy Gas Div. LLC	Heating Fuels	92.52
Cornhusker International Trucks Inc.	Parts and Repairs	1,373.30
Credit Bureau Services Inc.	Garnish of Wages	283.70
D & D Welding & Repair	Parts and Repairs	600.00
Dale R Johnson Ent Inc.	Gravel and Hauling	31,374.22
Elite Door LLC	Building Repairs	870.00
Elkhorn Valley Bank & Trust	Health Savings Account	20.00
First Concord Benefits Group	Insurance Premiums	1,598.93
Grubb Grinding LLC	Parts and Repairs	11,739.76
Kimball Midwest	Shop Supplies	108.44
Neil Kreikemeier	Reimbursement of Insurance Premiums	100.73
Lawson Products	Shop Supplies	495.05
Loup Power District	Utilities	59.49
M & K Welding & Repair LLC	Parts and Repairs	268.61
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit and Retirement	21,078.49
Madison National Life Insurance Co.	Insurance Premiums	152.83
Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc.	Engineering Fees	26,092.70
Matteo Sand & Gravel Co. Inc.	Gravel	2,720.97
Meisinger Oil Co. Inc.	Fuel	208.01
Menards	Shop Supplies	144.88
Nationwide Retirement Solutions	Deferred Compensation	1,275.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	446.31
Nebraska Public Power District	Utilities	252.26
NMC Exchange LLC	Parts	866.55
NAPA	Parts	206.36
Quick Serve Oil Co. Inc.	Fuel and Tire Repair	11,521.32
RDO Truck Centers LLC	Parts and Repairs	5,969.21
Road Builders Machinery & Supply Co.	Parts	73.33
Schneider Geospatial, LLC	GIS Service, Computer Consultant	6,457.80
Stealth Broadband	Internet and Phone Service	896.80
Jesse W Stueckrath	Equipment Rental	6,340.00
Truck Center Co. - Parts & Service	Parts and Fuel	201.38
Vision Service Plan	Insurance Premiums	157.78
Weldon Parts Inc.	Parts	76.60
White Star Oil Company	Fuel	452.93
Zoubek Oil Co. Inc.	Fuel	4,641.11
Total Road Bridge Claims with Payroll		242,857.02
FEDERAL AID SECONDARY FUND		
Knife River Midwest LLC	Capital Outlay Contracts	177,441.83
Mainelli Wagner & Associates Inc.	Engineering Fees	236,783.00
Western Engineering Co. Inc.	Capital Outlay Contracts	77,224.06
Total Federal Aid Secondary Fund		491,448.89
VISITORS PROMOTION FUND		
Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau	Administration Fees	13,684.16
Total Visitors Promotion Fund		13,684.16
VISITORS IMPROVEMENT FUND		
Norfolk Area Visitors Bureau	Administration Fees	7,879.60
Total Visitors Improvement Fund		7,879.60
COVID AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN		
City Of Battle Creek	Capital Contract Services	146,427.28
Midland Contracting Inc.	Capital Contract Services	117,675.70
Total Covid American Rescue Fund		264,102.98
911 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FUND		
City Of Norfolk	Contract Services	7,452.52

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Total 911 Emergency Management Fund		7,452.52
LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING FUND		
Department Of Correctional Services	Safekeeper	2,710.50
Sports Illustrated	Subscription	126.50
Total Law Enforcement Operating Fund		2,837.00
DRUG COURT FUND		
Eakes Inc.	Office Supplies	26.36
US Corporate Bank System	Incentives and Office Supplies	82.96
Total Drug Court Fund		109.32
Total Claims with Payroll		1,880,341.83

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

The Board adjourned at 10:57 A.M. to Tuesday, August 12, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

ATTEST:



County Clerk Anne M. Pruss

Troy Uhlir, Chairman
County Board of Commissioners