

BOARD OF EQUALIZATION

Madison, Nebraska

January 21, 2009

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

Advance notice of meeting was published in the Thursday, January 15, 2009 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 Jerry McCallum, Rick Uhlir, and Lee Klein, County Assessor Jeff Hackerott, County Treasurer Donna Primrose, and County Clerk Nancy Scheer.

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

Motion was made by McCallum and seconded by Uhlir to approve the minutes of the meeting held on January 6, 2009. Roll call vote: Ayes, McCallum, Uhlir, and Klein. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Chairman Klein opened a public hearing at 9:03 A.M. to consider the following motor vehicle exemption applications presented by County Treasurer Donna Primrose:

Liberty Centre Services, Inc., 900 East Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk	2008 Chevrolet Impala
Our Savior Lutheran Church, 2500 Norfolk Avenue, Norfolk	1997 Ford Club Wagon

County Treasurer Donna Primrose reported that the County Board previously approved exemption applications for these organizations. No one appeared at the hearing to offer verbal testimony. Chairman Klein closed the hearing at 9:04 A.M.

After discussion, it was moved by McCallum and seconded by Uhlir to approve the motor vehicle exemption applications as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes, McCallum, Uhlir, and Klein. Nays, none. Motion carried.

County Assessor Jeff Hackerott submitted the following tax list corrections:

- #2461: Michael and Kristina Frauendorfer, 54621 822nd Road, Humphrey
Addition to the 2008 tax rolls in the amount of \$150.58 due to a change from dry cropland to irrigated for 2008
- #2462: Richard and Jill Frauendorfer, 312 East 3rd Avenue, Lindsay
Addition to the 2008 tax rolls in the amount of \$176.12 due to a change from dry cropland to irrigated for 2008
- #2463: Kelvin and Sandra Bonner, 54181 829th Road, Lindsay
Addition to the 2008 tax rolls in the amount of \$435.40 due to a change from dry cropland to irrigated for 2008
- #2464: Mildred Bonner, 2500 Madison Avenue, Norfolk
Addition to the 2008 tax rolls in the amount of \$412.10 due to a change from dry cropland and grassland to irrigated for 2008
- #2465: Mildred Bonner, 2500 Madison Avenue, Norfolk
Addition to the 2008 tax rolls in the amount of \$38.36 due to the addition of more irrigated acres for 2008
- #2466: August and Elsie Hintz Trustees, c/o United Farm & Ranch Management, 400 Braasch Avenue, Suite 1, Norfolk
Addition to the 2008 tax rolls in the amount of \$663.80 due to a change from dry cropland and grassland to irrigated for 2008
- #2467: Brian and Wendy Taake, 3900 North 37th Street, Norfolk
Addition to the 2008 tax rolls in the amount of \$796.92 due to the addition of irrigation for 2008
- #2468: J B Leasing LLC, P.O. Box 753, Norfolk
Deduction from the 2008 tax rolls in the amount of \$6,820.52 for removal of the 2008 personal property taxes due to the equipment being located in another county
- #2469: Dennis and Sandra Smith, 3601 Rolling Hills Drive, Norfolk
Deduction from the 2006 tax rolls in the amount of \$161.36 for correction to the square footage of the house due to a clerical error
- #2470: Dennis and Sandra Smith, 3601 Rolling Hills Drive, Norfolk
Deduction from the 2007 tax rolls in the amount of \$314.54 for correction to the square footage of the house due to a clerical error

After discussion, it was moved by Uhlir and seconded by McCallum to approve the tax list corrections as submitted. Roll call vote: Ayes, McCallum, Uhlir, and Klein. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The Board of Equalization adjourned at 9:14 A.M.

County Clerk

Chairman

COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS

Madison, Nebraska

January 21, 2009

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

Advance notice of meeting was published in the Thursday, January 15, 2009 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 McCallum 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 Jerry McCallum, Rick Uhlir, and Lee Klein, and County Clerk Nancy Scheer. Weed District Board members Eudell Feldmann and Earl Reeves were present from 9:30 A.M. to 9:42 A.M. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson joined the meeting at 10:14 A.M.

Chairman McCallum read the following consent agenda item into the record:

- 1) Approval of minutes of the January 6, 2009 meeting

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

County Clerk Nancy Scheer reported that U.S. Bank re-scheduled their appointment to another date. Motion was made by Uhlir and seconded by Klein to approve the regular agenda with removal of the agenda item with U.S. Bank regarding purchase cards. Roll call vote: Ayes, McCallum, Uhlir, and Klein. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the following reports:

- 1) County Clerk December fee report
- 2) Fund balance report
- 3) Register of Deeds December fee report
- 4) Clerk of the District Court December fee report
- 5) County Sheriff December fee report
- 6) 4th Quarter Veterans' Aid Fund financial report
- 7) December, 4th Quarter, and 2008 annual building permit reports
- 8) Planning and Zoning Department 4th Quarter fee report
- 9) Sale of surplus property report
- 10) 4th Quarter report of CASA of Northeast Nebraska

Weed District Board members Eudell Feldmann and Earl Reeves were present for discussion on the resignation of Weed District Board member Delbert Meisinger.

County Clerk Nancy Scheer read a letter of resignation submitted on behalf of Delbert Meisinger from his position as a member of the County Weed District Board. She reported that Sharon Lavalieri, daughter of Delbert Meisinger, signed the resignation letter in her capacity as Power-of-Attorney. She reported that Deputy County Attorney Gail Collins reviewed the state statutes and the power-of-attorney document submitted with the resignation, and she determined that, although this may be a gray area, the County Board could accept the resignation letter as submitted. In addition, she reported that the state law reflects that the resignation of the elected official would not take effect until accepted by the County Board and that the vacancy must be filled within 45 days after the vacancy occurs unless good cause is shown that the requirement imposes an undue burden.

Chairman McCallum questioned how many years Delbert Meisinger served on the Weed District Board and County Clerk Nancy Scheer reported that Mr. Meisinger was appointed to the Weed Board on March 5, 1996 to replace Board member Preston Olson who was moving out of the county.

After discussion, motion was made by Klein and seconded by Uhlir that the resignation of Weed District Board member Delbert Meisinger be accepted. Roll call vote: Ayes, McCallum, Uhlir, and Klein. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Weed District Board member Eudell Feldmann reported that Myron Nelson would be a good candidate to fill the vacancy. He explained that Mr. Nelson is currently in the process of moving into a home located at 206 North 1st Street in the City of Newman Grove. He stated that it is difficult to find someone who lives in town and has an interest in the Weed District Board duties. In addition, he stated that no one from the southwest corner of the county has served on the Weed District Board.

Chairman McCallum questioned what the procedure was for filling the vacancy. County Clerk Nancy Scheer recommended that the Board publish a notice regarding the vacancy on the Weed District Board and establish a deadline for submitting applications and subsequently the County Board would review the applications and possibly interview applicants prior to appointing someone to fill the vacancy.

Commissioner Uhlir questioned when the term of office for Delbert Meisinger expires and Eudell Feldmann responded that there are two years left on his term. Mr. Feldmann stated that he did not submit an application when he was appointed to the Weed District Board, but was simply appointed by the County Board.

After discussion, motion was made by Uhlir and seconded by Klein to authorize publication of a notice to seek applications to fill the vacancy on the Weed District Board and review the applications at the February 18, 2009 meeting. Roll call vote: Ayes, McCallum, Uhlir, and Klein. Nays, none. Motion carried.

Norfolk City Administrator Al Roder, Norfolk City Operations Manager Gary Miller, and Management Intern Michael Caldararo, were present to discuss economic development issues. Karen Linnenbrink, Director of Entrepreneur Programs with Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council, was also in attendance.

Mr. Roder stated that he has several issues dealing with economic development that he has shared with the Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council (EVEDC) and the Norfolk City Council members. He stated that he has concerns regarding the sustainability of EVEDC and where the organization would be one year into the future and whether there would be economic development. He explained that after he attended several review committee meetings with EVEDC representatives, he was frustrated because there was a lot of talking, but few questions were answered and there was no plan or direction. Mr. Roder stated that he prepared a proposal that addresses the financial accountability and also adds more focus to the economic development effort. He explained that his proposal includes an economic development director and continues the entrepreneurship outreach, which is an integral part of any program. He applauded the regional efforts of EVEDC and stated that these efforts need to continue. He stated that the challenge is that Norfolk is the economic engine of northeast Nebraska, but the city doesn't exist on an island and needs to be sensitive to the communities that support Norfolk. He stated that the entrepreneurship program continues to reach out to other communities and he suggested that, in addition to continuing this program, the communities shouldn't be required to make a financial contribution to be part of this program. He stated that the argument is that people want ownership of the program; however, he thinks that there is an obligation to provide this type of service and he suggested that the entrepreneur program be subsidized through the City of Norfolk. Mr. Roder explained that the proposal involves between \$150,000 and \$200,000 budget and the Norfolk City Council has directed the staff to research funding options in the city's budget. He stated that he is not asking the county for money nor to abandon EVEDC, but he is simply making sure that the county is aware of what his proposal entails and which direction the city would be heading should the council decide to proceed. He stated that he wants the County Board to know that the city has not make a decision to move forward, but the council simply wants more information and wants the staff to continue looking at options.

Mr. Roder reiterated that his main concern is for the viability of a sustainable economic development program for the City of Norfolk and Madison County. He stated that the City Council has to be willing to delegate a certain amount of authority to whoever is working on economic development and must be able to work outside the city limits of Norfolk because most of the industrial base is outside the city limits and they also need to work outside the county because a couple of the largest employers are in Stanton County. He explained that they can't be very territorial with this plan and must create a fair amount of latitude with the program. He stated that, in his opinion, elected people are the wrong individuals to serve on an economic development board and he recommended that five to eleven people from the business community serve on the economic development board, with the ideal number being seven.

Mr. Roder reported that he has invited EVEDC to come up with a plan. He stated that, in his opinion, it is EVEDC's responsibility to develop a plan. He stated that it is disappointing that EVEDC is in financial trouble, that this issue hasn't already been resolved, and there isn't a plan in place. He reported that there have been discussions about a subscription drive and raising the member dues; however, there is still no plan. Mr. Roder stated that the City of Norfolk would not move through 2009 without a plan. He stated that, if EVEDC prepares an alternative plan, he encouraged the County Board member to look at it. He stated that he doesn't have the one right answer, because there isn't only one solution.

Chairman McCallum stated that representatives from Madison, Pierce, and Stanton Counties and the City of Norfolk should meet and agree on a plan, so that if EVEDC does not come forward with a plan, there would be a plan ready to implement. He stated that he would not support any plan that banishes the regional concept. He stated that the county has a good relationship with the City of Norfolk and Pierce and Stanton Counties. He stated that EVEDC should be treated fairly and the members should carefully consider any plan developed by EVEDC. Chairman McCallum stated that Madison County can't operate without the City of Norfolk nor can the City of Norfolk operate without Stanton County being involved in economic development.

Al Roder stated that if EVEDC develops a plan, Madison County and the City of Norfolk have an obligation to review it. He stated that it is his understanding that EVEDC has a deadline for the end of January to develop a plan; so he recommended that both the city and county review the plan before contacting Pierce and Stanton Counties. He explained that they are discussing this matter early out of respect for EVEDC and for the entities that have money invested and are owed money. He explained that if they wait until the money is all gone, they are not being fair to the entities that EVEDC has liabilities with.

Chairman McCallum stated that the small communities should be serviced by their counties and within their budgets. He stated that EVEDC isn't able to sustain a budget if some communities don't pay their dues. He stated that the budget for EVEDC is not stable the way it is currently organized. He reported that some of the small communities are not continuing their membership with EVEDC because they can't afford it. Al Roder responded that proportionately, the membership costs hit the smaller communities as hard as it hits the counties.

Al Roder stated that they need to be sensitive to the fact the entrepreneurship is an integral part of any economic development program and this needs to be maintained. He stated that he would continue to promote the regional effort because it is the people in Pierce and Stanton Counties and the smaller communities that support Norfolk. He reported that sales tax is the number one revenue stream in Norfolk City's General Fund and this revenue is also coming from people outside the City of Norfolk. He explained that they must continue to keep these communities viable and also define what is a successful economic development program. Mr. Roder stated that they don't know if they have done anything worthwhile for these communities because they haven't asked the communities what they would consider a success. He stated that whatever economic development is completed for the small communities should be what they have requested.

Chairman McCallum stated that the small communities should be advised that they will not be short changed simply because they aren't being assessed. He explained that Pierce County is interested in supporting Norfolk because a large percentage of their paychecks come from Norfolk businesses. Commissioner Klein concurred that a viable plan is necessary and that the county must be involved. Chairman McCallum asked if Mr. Roder would organize a regional meeting and Mr. Roder responded that he would do that as long as there was an understanding that he would not do anything until after EVEDC has revealed its plan.

Norfolk City Operations Manager Gary Miller stated that the issue has been discussed for several months and that Mr. Roder explained that it is time to have an alternative position so both entities know what they would be faced with in preparing budgets and how funds would be allocated. He stated that it is better to complete this process early instead of at the last moment of budget planning. He agreed that Madison County and the City of Norfolk need to be together in whatever plan is approved because neither entity can afford it alone.

Karen Linnenbrink, Director of Entrepreneur Programs with Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council, stated that the regional concept is extremely important for all of northeast Nebraska. She expressed concerns that Mr. Roder's recommendation for an Advisory Board did not include members from the smaller communities and that no membership would be charged. She questioned how Mr. Roder would promote a regional concept if the smaller communities aren't at the table to discuss issues or be a partner in decision-making or have a financial investment by paying a membership fee.

Mr. Roder responded that he didn't think that having someone sit at the table is what economic development is about, but it is about service provided. He explained that, in his opinion, the obligation would be to provide service because economic development is not about elected officials or city councils, but it is about the business people that they are trying to serve. He stated that, in his opinion, the Advisory Board should not consist of 20 to 25 members, but between 5 to 11 members who understand how to move things forward, and create and maintain vision and focus. He stated that he is looking to the business community to drive the Advisory Board, not elected officials. Mr. Roder stated that economic development happens out in the field building relationships with the business people that are suppose to be served. He explained that this concept must be maintained and expanded by being more aggressive. He stated that he would rather see the small communities take their contribution that is currently going to EVEDC and put it into the businesses themselves and help the entrepreneurs because they need real hands on help.

Karen Linnenbrink responded that one thing that has made the regional concept so successful is the small communities believing in the concept by being at the table, having a part in the decision making process, and having the ability to ask questions. She explained that when they vote on anything the small communities have one voice just like the City of Norfolk. He stated that there is a balance when looking at the regional concept that gives the smaller communities the buy in to know that they are just as important to EVEDC as the City of Norfolk.

Mr. Roder responded that he didn't disagree with Ms. Linnenbrink's comments; however, he stated that an Advisory Board must not be so large that it is not manageable. He stated that his proposal is not the only option because there are many ways to be successful with economic development. Ms. Linnenbrink questioned if Mr. Roder was thinking of a seven-member board of business owners in the Norfolk area, with no more than two elected officials. Mr. Roder responded that, in his opinion, an Advisory Board comprised of 10 or 15 elected officials from Norfolk or Madison County or the smaller communities is not the right composition. He explained that it is not because they are bad people or aren't passionate about helping their community or the region. Ms. Linnenbrink questioned if the other members of the Advisory Board, aside from the elected officials, would be business people from Norfolk. Mr. Roder stated that he didn't say that the business people would all be from the City of Norfolk. He clarified that his proposal would be 5 to 7 members, with business people, but no more than two elected officials, and not all bankers or financial people because he didn't think one industry should be over represented. He stated that he has never talked about geographics or the makeup of the Board beyond the size and limiting the types of people on the Board.

Chairman McCallum stated that the EVEDC took care of the small communities even if they didn't pay the membership fees. He stated that lack of payment by members was one reason it was hard to sustain the budget. He explained that the City of Madison is not a member of the EVEDC; however, the city received help from EVEDC. He stated that it isn't about the dollars, but about the progress being made. He stated that Madison County and the City of Norfolk couldn't have economic development without involvement from other communities in the region.

Rick Hemphill, representing Bill Johnson from Stanton County Public Power District, stated that Mr. Johnson wanted to express his support for Elkhorn Valley Economic Development Council because the agency has worked well with him. He reported that because of EVEDC, Mr. Johnson is a sustaining member on the Norfolk Area Chamber of Commerce. He stated that Mr. Johnson wants to make sure that the City of Norfolk is not over represented in any organization because then the city tends to take ownership at the exclusion of all others. He reported that Mr. Johnson stated that this has happened in previous years.

The Board took no action.

Mark Mainelli, engineer with the firm Mainelli, Wagner & Associates, met with the Board to discuss projects for the county one and six-year road plan. He stated that after the County Board determines which projects to complete for the one year and six year plan, he will prepare a large map reflecting the one year projects and six year projects in conjunction with the federal and state functional classification systems.

Mr. Mainelli explained that there are state functional classification and federal functional classification requirements and that the State Board of Classification and Standards requires that the county must follow its design standards based on the functional classification of minimum maintenance, collector, arterial, or major arterial and on traffic counts. He explained that the Nebraska Department of Roads has authority of all roads and bridges in the state and that the statutes gives this agency the authority to delegate this authority to local public agencies and to distribute the highway allocation funds to the local agencies to fund infrastructure; however, the county must follow the regulations adopted by the Board of Classification and Standards to qualify for these funds. Mr. Mainelli explained that if a guideline is not found in the Board of Classifications regulations, the AASHTO guidelines adopted by the American Association of State Highway Transportation Officials must be followed for sizing culverts and bridges, site surveys, hydrology characteristics, bridge designs, design standards, and other criteria. He explained that if the County Board replaces a bridge and it is not included on the one and six year plan and it is not built to standards, the Board of Classifications and Standards has the authority to fine the county 10% of the highway allocation funds for each site not built to the required standards. He stated that in the past, if someone made a formal complaint to the Board of Classification and Standards, the agency would send someone out to review the project; however, the department is currently taking a more proactive role in this process. He explained that the department is revising the manual and has established five on-line courses and a one-week class that must be completed before individuals can be certified. Mr. Mainelli stated that the one and six year plan must reflect all projects that are not simply maintenance. He explained that both counties must execute an interlocal agreement when working on county-line projects because both counties must agree which expenses each county will pay. In addition, he stated that if another county takes the lead on a county-line project, it doesn't relieve the other county of 50% of the responsibility for the project.

Chairman McCallum questioned replacement of the bridge on the Platte County line close to the Reigle feedlot. Mark Mainelli explained that a hydraulic study must be completed to evaluate options and determine if the bridge should be rehabilitated or replaced with a bridge, box culvert, or steel culverts. He explained that after the engineer completes the study; the information should be brought to the County Board to determine if the project will be completed with county labor or contract labor. He stated that he doesn't care who constructs the project as long as it is completed according to standards.

Mark Mainelli explained that the Corp of Engineers regulates fill in all waterways and permits are required on many culvert and bridge projects. Chairman McCallum stated that before he starts on any construction projects, he asks the county engineer to approve the project. Mr. Mainelli explained that simple projects, such as culvert replacement, might require a Corps of Engineers permit. He stated that obtaining a Corps permit requires an application, photos of the site, cross-sections of the culverts, and in some cases, justification that the natural migration of aquatic life in the waterway is not impeded.

Mark Mainelli reported that he is the county highway superintendent in Stanton, Colfax, Pawnee, Nuckolls, and Nemaha Counties and he has staff in every county that supervises the day-to-day activities including assistant highway superintendents, road foremen, and secretaries. He explained that he trains staff to recognize when he needs to get involved and he assists with completion of the one and six year plans. In addition, he stated that it takes accountability so that the projects that are listed on the one and six year plan proceed to completion.

Commissioner Uhlir questioned if a one or two-inch overlay on a road is considered re-construction or maintenance. Mr. Mainelli responded that if the surface is changed from gravel to pavement it is considered reconstruction and must be included on the one and six-year plan. He explained that an asphalt overlay is considered maintenance; however, it is a major expenditure and must be included on the one and six-year plan. He stated that the county would not need an engineer involved, unless the project cost exceeds \$80,000; however, bids must be solicited when the cost exceeds \$20,000.

Commissioner Uhlir questioned what is considered a federal aid project. Mr. Mainelli responded that federal classification designates where federal funds can be obtained through the federal highway bill. He explained that STP funds are available for the major collector roads; however, minor collector roads are not eligible for these federal funds. He reported that this program pays for projects with 80% federal funds and 20% local funds and would pay for grading, gravel surfacing, paving, culverts, or many other projects. He explained that the BR program is for any eligible bridge to obtain federal funds or soft match credit. He reported this federal aid program provides money for projects with 80% federal funds, 5% state funds, and 15% local funds. He explained that if the county completes a bridge project that is eligible for soft match credit, 80% of the cost of the materials and 80% of the cost of the county labor and equipment is submitted for soft match credit. He stated that this information goes into a binder at the Nebraska Department of Roads and gets approved by the Federal Highway Administration and when the county completes a federal aid project, the local cost of the project comes from the soft match credit program. He explained that, to take advantage of this, the county must continually have projects in line for this program. He reported that some counties have 15 to 20 projects planned so that they can have several projects, possibly in different phases, moving ahead. He explained that as projects are completed, more projects are waiting for approval and that the average time for completion is three years. He reported that he completed three soft match projects in Stanton County in 2008, with three more projects in various stages for completion in 2009 and three more projects recently approved for bid letting in 2009.

Chairman McCallum stated that, in his opinion, the county needs Mr. Mainelli's recommendation on bridges that should be replaced with soft match funds. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson stated that the three bridges that had recently been closed would be eligible for soft match construction. Mr. Mainelli stated that first they need to study the design flow for the bridge and determine the sufficiency rating of the bridge, which determines eligibility for soft match credit. He explained that it is important to complete long term planning so that the county can identify which bridges are in the last 20% of their service life. He explained that the county couldn't obtain any federal aid funds unless plans are completed and waiting for consideration.

Mark Mainelli stated that the county is planning to use federal aid funds and state funding for the first phase of the Nucor Road project. He reported that he and County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson have been working with Nucor Steel representatives and they believe that they have made a commitment to assist with payment of the new service road and also work with the counties on the right-of-way acquisition. He explained that improvements to Victory Road are also close to being ready to bid and that the proposed improvements would tie into the first phase of the Nucor Road project. He stated that the bridge on the Nucor Road project in the second phase would replace the existing truss bridge on Eisenhower Avenue that will subsequently be closed. He explained that the first portion of this project would be road construction from Highway 35 to the Ethanol Plant road. Mr. Mainelli reported that the state approved splitting the Nucor Road project into three phases because the total project costs were so large that no one wanted to be involved. He stated that the project is now split into phases that can actually be funded and everyone agrees to proceed with the project.

Mark Mainelli reported that Victory Road plans are finished and the project consists of two sections, with the Eisenhower South portion being Norfolk City's section. He explained that the big issue is drainage and that he has surveyed possible detention areas. He explained that major problems are lack of storage for the water and lack of adequate outlet structures. He reported that when a six-inch rain fell in the spring of 2008, the water got up to or barely over Victory Road. He stated that a small culvert located under Victory Road didn't drain the water away fast enough, so it is ineffective. Mr. Mainelli explained that some of the water could be stored behind natural barriers, road barriers, in Woodland Park detention, Highway 35 detention area, or Eisenhower Avenue detention areas. He stated that as more development occurs in this area, more detention could potentially be lost. He further stated that he is trying to determine a realistic calibration model, but he is having trouble with the storage.

Chairman McCallum stated that, in his opinion, the Victory Road project should not be delayed because of a drainage issue. Mr. Mainelli responded that they have considered a big detention pond; however, it is too large of a drainage area for the size of basin and the amount of the storage. He reported that there are 35-acre feet of storage at Victory Road with the current conditions and that they looked at running culverts on the east and west sides of Victory Road to get under the road and over to Spring Branch. He stated that another option is to enhance the current drainage path; however, it may impede potential expansion in the area. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson stated that the City of Norfolk would pay for half of the drainage costs. He explained that if the county builds the road and then needs to tear it up at a later time, it would be an interruption for three to four businesses. Mr. Mainelli explained that he has walked the area many times and needs to complete a percolation test to substantiate his findings. He explained that if a potential problem is recognized, the county should work with the City of Norfolk to resolve the issues. He explained that a solution might be a combination of several proposals; however, a final plan hasn't been completed at this time. He stated that the plans for the road are completed, but the county is waiting for him to submit a drainage report. County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson stated that the City of Norfolk is ready with their portion of the Victory Road project.

Commissioner Klein asked about training for the road department employees and Mr. Mainelli responded that he would look to the County Board for direction because each county establishes different levels of authority for employees. He stated that he would meet with the road employees to develop plans or explain record keeping requirements.

County Highway Superintendent Richard Johnson reminded Board members that soft match projects must have construction engineering. Chairman McCallum concurred that projects must be completed as required by state regulations. Mr. Mainelli stated that the county must get aggressive on federal aid projects. He requested Board members to each bring five potential sites that they think are big, long term problems and he will narrow the project list down to three projects for each road district and consider putting them on the federal aid list. He recommended that the county also begin paperwork for road and bridge stimulus projects.

Mr. Mainelli requested the Board members to advise him of their expectations and how often the Board wants him to attend meetings. Chairman McCallum stated his main concern is that Madison County stays on top of the federal aid projects and Mr. Mainelli responded that the Board members must submit projects that can be programmed.

The Board took no action.

The following claims were audited:

GENERAL FUND

Total Net Payroll		107,057.09
Joseph Abler	Postage, Supplies, Public Defender	109.98
Account Control Technology Inc.	Garnish of Wages	115.54
Alltel	Telephone Services, Planning and Zoning	56.03
American Family Life Assurance Company	Insurance Premiums	575.66
American Planning Association	Dues, Subscriptions, Planning and Zoning	323.00
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Employee Share Retirement	6,928.92
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Employer Share Retirement	10,177.19
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Insurance Premiums	313.34
Antelope County Court	Supplies, County Court	175.27
Appeara	Mat Service, Public Defender	34.00
Appeara	Mat Service, Courthouse	265.17
Aramark Correctional Services	Meals, County Jail	16,130.60
AT&T	Telephone Service, Public Defender	99.56
Auto Zone	Supplies, County Sheriff	25.97
Barnes Mini Mart	Supplies, County Sheriff	27.99
Behavioral Health Specialists	Services, Juvenile Diversion	253.75
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service, Courthouse	833.77
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service, County Jail	725.16
Gary Bring, D.D.S.	Dental Services, County Jail	190.00

Brogan & Stafford, P.C.	Legal Services, County Court	173.80
Joanie Brugger	Mileage, Meals, Telephone Services, Victim Witness	152.89
BTS Inc.	Supplies, County Court	53.08
BTS Inc.	Repairs, County Jail	240.00
Buck's Specialty	Uniforms, County Jail	126.42
Cabela's Marketing & Brand Management Inc.	Supplies, County Sheriff	125.43
Cableone	Internet Services, Public Defender	95.00
Carney Law P.C.	Legal Services, County Court	283.35
Central United Life Insurance Company	Insurance Premiums	56.32
City of Madison	Utilities, Public Defender	429.51
City of Madison	Utilities, Courthouse	1,212.60
City of Madison	Utilities, County Jail	3,574.29
City of Norfolk	Medical Services, County Jail	550.00
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance	Insurance Premiums	99.79
Complete Pest Elimination	Services, County Jail	125.00
Connecting Point	Internet Services, Probation	18.95
Connecting Point	Internet Services, Contract Services, Courthouse	1,273.90
Constellation Energy	Fuel, Courthouse	2,111.53
Constellation Energy	Fuel, County Jail	4,926.89
Copple, Rockey & McKeever, P.C., LLO	Legal Services, County Court	1,479.79
Credit Bureau Services	Garnish of Wages	126.99
Creighton University Medical Center	Medical Services, County Jail	10,238.73
Crown Point Apartments	Rent, County Relief	300.00
Day Companies	Rent, Probation	2,400.00
DDSS Inc.	Services, Software, County Sheriff	902.40
DDSS Inc.	Services, Courthouse	1,026.24
Don's Auto Repair Inc.	Repairs, County Sheriff	30.83
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies, County Court	53.96
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies, County Attorney	529.73
Eakes Office Plus	Supplies, Services, County Jail	774.65
Electrical Engineering & Equipment	Supplies, Courthouse	514.75
Elite Court Reporting Service, Inc.	Transcript, Law Enforcement	94.70
Enviromaster Inc.	Supplies, County Jail	42.00
Faith Regional Health Services	Medical Services, County Jail	2,780.00
Field's Hardware	Supplies, County Jail	142.02
First Concord Benefits Group	Flexible Benefits Plan	1,772.60
Floor Maintenance	Supplies, County Jail	516.82

Frontier	Telephone Services, Public Defender	310.48
Daniel Fullner	Mileage, Mental Health	44.00
Gall's Inc.	Uniforms, County Jail	188.46
Gartner & Associates Co. Inc.	Repairs, Courthouse	496.20
Gordy's Towing & Repair	Repairs, County Sheriff	51.96
Kayla Grone	Services, Probation	100.00
Hall County Sheriff	Service Fees, District Court	16.16
Hartford Life Insurance Company	Deferred Compensation	175.00
Matthew Headley	Mileage, Public Defender	222.44
Jeffrey Hrouda	Legal Services, County Court	3,858.35
Humane Restraint	Supplies, County Jail	423.00
Hy-Vee Pharmacy	Medical Services, County Relief	228.25
Jack's Uniforms	Uniforms, County Sheriff	16.00
Jerry's Standard	Fuel, County Sheriff	23.08
John's Disposal	Garbage Service, Probation	44.00
Johnson, Morland, Easland & Lohrberg, P.C.	Legal Services, District Court	467.00
John Johnson	Supplies, Planning and Zoning	55.00
K & S Door Co. Inc.	Repairs, County Jail	453.20
Kensington Apartments	Rent, County Relief	250.00
Kristina Lenser	Services, Probation	100.00
Louderback Drug	Prescriptions, County Jail	1,995.71
Louderback Drug	Prescriptions, Juvenile Detention	380.70
Madison Ampride Inc.	Fuel, Courthouse	48.94
Madison Ampride Inc.	Fuel, County Sheriff	303.29
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit	39,166.20
Madison County Clerk of District Court	Fees, District Court	1,276.00
Madison County Court	Transcripts, Law Enforcement	58.50
Madison County Court	Court Costs, County Court	2,113.00
Madison County Sheriff	Court Costs, Mental Health	92.28
Madison County Sheriff	Court Costs, County Court	1,417.30
Madison County Sheriff	Court Costs, District Court	423.80
Madison County Sheriff	Dues, County Sheriff	220.00
Madison County Sheriff	Dues, Registration, County Jail	161.29
Madison County Treasurer	Insurance Reimbursement	100.00
Madison County Veterans' Service Office	Veterans' Aid Costs	2,000.00
Madison Food Pride	Supplies, Public Defender	29.51
Madison Volunteer Fire Department	Equipment, County Jail	226.78

Major Refrigeration Co. Inc.	Repairs, County Jail	271.40
Marriott Hotels & Resorts	Lodging, County Board	209.98
Matthew Bender & Company, Inc.	Publications, County Sheriff	265.80
Matthew Bender & Company, Inc.	Publications, County Attorney	227.25
Matthew Bender & Company, Inc.	Publications, County Jail	91.85
Christal McDonald	Court Reporting, Mental Health	150.00
Menards	Supplies, County Jail	20.64
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc.	Supplies, Register of Deeds	31.50
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc.	Equipment, County Court	454.00
Midwest Office Automations	Copier Maintenance, Probation	115.00
Midwest Plumbing & Heating	Repairs, County Jail	1,400.50
MIPS Inc.	Computer Support, Supplies, County Clerk	616.05
MIPS Inc.	Computer Support, County Treasurer	855.13
MOCIC	Dues, County Sheriff	150.00
Model Electric	Repairs, County Jail	985.00
Morrissey Motor Company	Repairs, County Sheriff	61.54
MS Data Services	Services, District Court	344.00
NACO	Registration, County Board	240.00
NACO	Publication, District Court	16.00
NACO Planning and Zoning	Dues, Planning and Zoning	60.00
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	759.69
Nebraska Department of Revenue	Annual Sales Tax	155.01
Nebraska Health & Human Services	State Institutions Funding	657.00
Nebraska Supreme Court Publications Office	Publications, County Court	57.00
Norfolk Daily News	Subscription, Election Commissioner	144.75
Norfolk Daily News	Publication Costs, Courthouse	139.23
Norfolk Printing Company	Supplies, District Judge	65.25
Northeast Nebraska Juvenile Services Inc.	Board of Juveniles, Juvenile Detention	15,201.25
Northeast Nebr. Association of Clerks & Register of Deeds	Dues, County Clerk	10.00
Northeast Nebr. Association of Clerks & Register of Deeds	Dues, Register of Deeds	10.00
Office Products Center	Supplies, Probation	92.00
Sherry Peterson	Mileage, Telephone Services, Juvenile Diversion	351.31
Pfeifer Auto Body Inc.	Repairs, Courthouse	241.00
Marvin Pfeifer	Snow Removal, Public Defender	190.00
Pioneer Telephone	Telephone Services, Courthouse	150.51
Postmaster	Postage, Election Commissioner	4.27
Postmaster	Box Rent, District Judge	53.00

Puppy Love	Impound Fees, County Sheriff	150.00
Quill Corporation	Supplies, County Court	731.96
Qwest	Telephone Service, Probation	461.52
Region IV Inc.	Quarterly Funding	9,147.75
Reserve Account	Postage, Courthouse	10,000.00
Retail Acquisition & Development	Supplies, County Jail	232.70
Reynoldson's Inc.	Fuel, County Sheriff	350.25
William Rusk	Meal, County Sheriff	6.62
Scheer's Ace Hardware	Repairs, Courthouse	86.46
Schroeder Land Surveying	Services, County Surveyor	1,610.00
Security Shredding	Services, Probation	60.00
Shell Fleet Plus	Fuel, Reappraisal	70.33
Short Stop	Fuel, County Sheriff	157.15
Signal 88 Security	Guard Services, County Jail	2,829.75
Standard Appraisal Service	Services, Reappraisal	7,125.00
Stanton County Court	Copies, Law Enforcement	6.50
State of Nebraska	Board of Prisoners, Medical Services, County Jail	3,329.57
State of Nebraska IMServices	Data Processing Costs, County Sheriff	2.51
Michelle Sullivan	Mileage, Juvenile Diversion	174.66
Transamerica Life Assurance Company	Insurance Premiums	9.00
U.S. Cellular	Telephone Services, Law Enforcement	108.97
David Uher	Legal Services, County Court	7,627.55
Glen Uher	Equipment, County Jail	488.56
Walmart Community	Supplies, County Assessor	10.48
West Asset Management	Medical Services, County Relief	107.23
Western Office Plus	Supplies, County Clerk	52.14
Western Office Plus	Supplies, Register of Deeds	7.49
Western Office Plus	Supplies, County Assessor	733.68
Western Office Plus	Supplies, District Court	68.83
Western Office Plus	Supplies, County Court	670.53
Western Office Plus	Supplies, Public Defender	233.32
Western Office Plus	Supplies, County Sheriff	274.98
Western Office Plus	Supplies, Copier Maintenance, County Attorney	368.16
White Star Oil Company	Fuel, Repairs, County Sheriff	217.24
York General Hospital	Medical Services, County Jail	930.55

ROAD/BRIDGE FUND

Total Net Payroll		25,264.08
American Family Life Assurance Company	Insurance Premiums	302.06
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Employee Share Retirement	1,536.62
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Employer Share Retirement	2,305.03
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Insurance Premiums	81.92
Appeara	Towel Service, District #1, #2	176.69
B & D Truck Parts Inc.	Repairs, District #1	200.00
B's Enterprises Inc.	Blades, Supplies, District #1, #3	1,066.20
Bankfirst	Repairs, District #1, #2	127.62
Battle Creek Farmers Coop	Fuel, District #1, #3	5,794.18
Bauer Built Inc.	Repairs, District #2, #3	1,392.63
Black Hills Energy	Gas Service, District #1	341.86
Brandl Electric	Repairs, District #1	80.55
Carquest Auto of Norfolk	Repairs, District #1	19.34
Colonial Life and Accident Insurance	Insurance Premiums	121.80
Constellation Energy	Gas Service, District #1, #3	2,130.91
D & L Towing LLC	Services, District #2	200.00
D & M Machinery	Repairs, District #3	38.76
Larry Dittrich	Repairs, District #3	144.54
Eisenmann Supplies Inc.	Supplies, District #1	191.70
Electrical Engineering & Equipment	Supplies, District #3	34.32
First Concord Benefits Group	Flexible Benefit Plan	477.27
Ken's Trailer Sales & Repair	Repairs, District #3	71.50
Kimball Midwest	Repairs, Supplies, District #1, #2	317.88
Linweld Inc.	Supplies, District #1, #2, #3	546.70
Loup Power District	Utilities, District #1	165.00
M & M Farm Supply	Supplies, District #1	21.10
Madison Ampride	Fuel, District #1	613.00
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit	8,633.91
Meisinger Oil Company Inc.	Fuel, District #1	3,659.54
Menards	Supplies, District #1	52.50
NAPA Auto Parts of Norfolk	Repairs, District #3	10.97
Nebraska Child Support Payment Center	Garnish of Wages	230.77
Norfolk Auto Supply	Repairs, District #3	1,547.91
Norfolk Chevrolet	Repairs, District #3	56.09
Pioneer Telephone	Telephone Services, District #1, #3	46.41

Quick Serve Oil Co. Inc.	Fuel, District #3	289.10
Red Bud Inc.	Supplies, Equipment, District #3	3,945.85
Rich-N-Stitch	Repairs, District #3	195.00
Schaben Industries	Repairs, Equipment, District #1	17,481.96
Scheer's Ace Hardware	Repairs, District #1, #2	882.12
Stanley Petroleum Maintenance Inc.	Repairs, District #3	55.40
The Grove	Fuel, District #1	109.95
Transamerica Life Assurance Company	Insurance Premiums	44.57
Truck Center of Norfolk	Repairs, District #1, #2	224.15
Weldon Industries, Inc.	Repairs, District #2	276.96
West Lumber Company	Supplies, District #1	10.65
White Star Oil Company	Supplies, District #1	72.18

LAW ENFORCEMENT OPERATING FUND

Madison County Sheriff	Postage, Supplies	1,303.40
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NOXIOUS WEED FUND

Total Net Payroll		2,435.25
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Employee Share Retirement	102.42
Ameritas Life Insurance Corporation	Employer Share Retirement	153.63
First Concord Benefits Group	Flexible Benefit Plan	50.00
Madison County Clerk	Tax Deposit	721.53

911 EMERGENCY FUND

Qwest	Telephone Service, Equipment	12,167.59
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Motion was made by Uhlir and seconded by Klein that the claims be approved as audited and that checks be drawn for payment. Roll call vote: Ayes, McCallum, Uhlir, and Klein. Nays, none. Motion carried.

The Board adjourned at 12:04 P.M. to Tuesday, February 3, 2009 at 9:30 A.M.

County Clerk

Chairman