

Jefferson County and Thayer County

Nebraska

Comprehensive Juvenile Services

Combined Community Plan

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Jefferson County Introduction

Jefferson County was founded in 1871 and sits in the southeast region of Nebraska, bordering Kansas to the south. There is a lot of history in Jefferson County that can still be seen today through visits to Rock Creek Station, the Rock Island Railroad Museum, the Fairbury City Museum and the annual Steele City Flea Market and Antique Farm Machinery Show.

Hunting and fishing are ideal in Jefferson County. There are six designated Wildlife Management Areas totaling more than 2,800 acres showcasing the unspoiled beauty and diversity of the terrain.

As of 2020, the total population in Jefferson County was 6,963, with a median age of 45.7 and a median household income of \$43,295. The county is 97.03% white and 2.64% Hispanic. 56% of our population is 18 to 65 years of age, 22% is over age 65 and 22% is under age 18.

12% of the population live below the national poverty line in Jefferson County, a number that is lower than the national average of 13.1%. The largest demographic living in poverty are Females 25 - 34, followed by Females 55 - 64 and then Females 75+.

Agriculture is our largest industry with a deep history of family-owned farms, followed by manufacturing, retail trades, healthcare and social assistance.

There are five school districts in Jefferson County: Meridian Public Schools, Tri-County Public Schools, Diller-Odell Public Schools, Fairbury Public Schools and St. Paul's Lutheran School.

Thayer County Introduction

Thayer County is located in southeast Nebraska and was created in 1856 and originally named Jefferson County. The County was reorganized in 1870-1871 and then renamed for General and Governor John Milton Thayer. Thayer County lies just north of that noted Fortieth north parallel; and west of the Sixth Principal Meridian, which, by its citizens, is considered a most favorable location and being very near if not quite the geographical center of the United States. It is about one hundred miles west of the Missouri River, and is bounded on the north by Fillmore, and east by Jefferson County, by the State of Kansas, on the south, and on the west by Nuckolls County. It is twenty-four miles square, and contains 368,640 acres.

As of 2019, the population stood at 5,098. The five largest ethnic groups in Thayer County, NE are White (Non-Hispanic) (95.3%), White (Hispanic) (1.77%), Two+ (Non-Hispanic) (1.63%), Black or African American (Non-Hispanic) (0.451%) , and 99.7% are U.S. citizens.

Communities in Thayer County include Alexandria, Belvidere, Bruning, Byron, Carleton, Chester, Davenport, Deshler and Gilead. The median age is 47, median income is \$50,734.

Thayer County employs 2.61k people. The largest industries in Thayer County are Health Care & Social Assistance (504 people), Manufacturing (338 people), and Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing & Hunting (297 people), and the highest paying industries are Administrative & Support & Waste Management Services (\$53,472), Transportation & Warehousing (\$52,778), and Transportation & Warehousing, & Utilities (\$50,833).

Jefferson County Data Summary

- Jefferson County has a larger Native American youth population as compared to the rest of the state (more males than females). Census data reflects that less than 1% of the population are other minority groups. Hispanic youth account for 1.5%.
- The schools report much higher percent of the population as Hispanic (5-7%), and an even higher percent (19%) have problems with chronic absenteeism, which indicate over representation. While we could not get race/ethnicity data for chronic absenteeism in this community because the frequency was too low to report, Native American, and Black youth are over-represented statewide in chronic absenteeism. (Even when it is few cases.)
- Free and reduced lunch are slightly higher than the rest of the state.
- IDEA plans are quite a bit higher than the rest of the state,
- High school graduation rates are higher than the overall state average.
- Jefferson County 10th and 12th graders reporter higher rate of loss of sleep from worry, depression. Slightly more 12th graders reported attempting or considering suicide as compared to the state average.
 - However, data also shows that 8th and 12th graders were more hopeful for the future in the past week (at the time of the survey).
- Jefferson County has lower rate of vaping than the rest of the state. However, we are seeing rising numbers of this in 2020.
- Overall juvenile crime was up slightly (by 35%) and although there are few cases, crimes like burglary and other assaults went up. All other offenses went down from 11 to 4.
- Jefferson County's has similar poverty rates as compared to the rest of the state (13.3% compared to 14.8%), and comparable levels (29%) of extreme poverty (185% below poverty level.)
 - Lower number of people have college education.
 - Many youth have access to a computer (97.7%), but fewer have an internet subscription at home -86.5% (this may have gone up in 2020).
 - Higher percent of homeowner rates compared to the entire state.
- 12th graders report a higher rate of having an adult who listens at school, but lower at home.
- Relatively few acts of violence in Jefferson County families (over a year).
- Of the 161 CPS complaints assessed, only 6% were found to be "substantiated," which is much lower than the rest of the state.
- Youth in 12th grade do not think their parents find alcohol, marijuana, and cigarettes wrong, compared to the state.

Thayer County Data Summary

- Thayer County has a relatively small minority population compared to the rest of the State, with 91%-96% youth reported as White.
- Dept. of Education data show the youth enrolled match closely to census data.
- Chronic absenteeism for Hispanic, Asian, Black or Native American or Hawaiian was too low to report, but it appears that the 40-60 youth were White.
- IDEA rates are slightly higher than the rest of the state. While the percent of youth on free and reduced lunch is lower than the rest of the state.
- High school graduation rates are quite high compared to the rest of the state.
- Youth report worry and depression at lower rates than the rest of the state but binge drinking is higher across all three age groups. (8th, 10th and 12th grades). Marijuana use is lower – but tobacco (not vaping) is higher than the rest of the state. Many of your seniors report feeling hopeful.
- None of the 10th and 12th graders reported gang involvement.
- Adult crime was down by 32.7% and very few youth committed crimes.
- Thayer County did not have recorded diversion cases from 2015-2019.
- Probation data indicates 15-20 youth on probation and minority youth do not appear to be as successful as White youth.
- A disproportionate number of Black and Hispanic youth are on probation, and both had high rates of revocation (small number of cases).

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Jefferson County Comprehensive List of Services

SYSTEM POINT: PREVENTION (includes programs that aim to intervene before and after problematic behaviors are identified)		
JEFFERSON COUNTY Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Jefferson County Diversion Services: Juvenile Diversion	11-18	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time, criminal behavior
Jefferson County Attendance Support:	K – 12 th grade	Chronic absenteeism/truancy
Nebraska Department of Labor	16-24	Connects youth with employment & education opportunities/tutoring/educational funding/leadership development opportunities/entrepreneurial skills training/ on the job training
Blue Valley Behavioral Health	K – 12 th grade	Mental health therapy – individual and family/substance abuse evaluations & counseling/Medication management
Jefferson County Public Schools	K-12 th grade	Education/Absenteeism/mental health counseling/Risky behaviors/Food insecurity
Southeast Nebraska CASA	0-18	Recruit, train & support community volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children who are in the court system through no fault of their own.
KGMT/KUTT Radio	0-18	Connects youth to positive activities and can direct them to mental health resources through Public Service Announcements
Jefferson Community Health & Life	0-18	Depression/drug and/or alcohol use/mental health/Prosocial activities
Public Health Solutions	0-18	Social/emotional growth, risky behaviors, abuse, trauma, self-worth.
Whispering Acres High Hopes Equine Assisted Learning Center	any	Drug and alcohol use, bullying, suicidal thoughts, depression
Hope Crisis Center	any	Emergency assistance for Domestic and sexual violence victims
District #1 Juvenile Probation	11-18	Juvenile intake screening; pre-adjudication supervision if court ordered, pre-disposition supervision if court ordered, provide pre-disposition supervision reports for the court if ordered, supervise youth placed on Probation; assist in gaining substance abuse evaluations, psychological evaluations and co-occurring evaluations if court ordered or part of a sanction for substance abuse evaluations.
Blue Valley Community Action	0-18	Low income households, homeless, near homeless, unsupported youth, at-risk youth
Nebraska Dept. of Health & Human Services-Children and Family Services	0-18	Poverty, Child Abuse and Neglect, Safety and Well Being, Dependency
Nebraska Extension Office Jefferson County	6-18	Prosocial activities such as workshops, trainings, community clubs, contests, county fair, overnight camping, school enrichment, Washington D.C. citizenship trip

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Tri-County Public Schools	6-18	Academic, behavioral, emotional, attendance, discipline
1 st Judicial District Eyes of the Child Team	0-18	Does not provide direct services to youth, but coordinates resources and educates team members who are all representatives in juvenile welfare or juvenile justice systems.
Region V Systems	0-18	Prevention programming; Family youth investment programs; Network of treatment providers; School Community Intervention program; Wellness Recovery Action Plans
Family & Youth Involvement Center: CASTLE After-School Program	11-18	Prevention programming: Supports healthy development & youth success with programming in academic assistance, social emotional learning, prosocial activities, positive youth/adult mentoring, risky behavior prevention, volunteer/community service opportunities, leadership skill development, computer technology, arts & crafts and fitness & recreation.

SYSTEM POINT: DIVERSION SERVICES
(diversion and services available to youth on diversion)

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Jefferson County Diversion Services: Juvenile Diversion	11-18	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time, criminal behavior
Jefferson County Attendance Support:	11-18	Chronic absenteeism/truancy
Nebraska Department of Labor	16-24	Connects youth with employment & education opportunities/tutoring/educational funding/leadership development opportunities/entrepreneurial skills training/ on the job training
Blue Valley Behavioral Health	11-18	Mental health therapy – individual and family/substance abuse evaluations & counseling/Medication management
Jefferson Community Health & Life	11-18	Depression/drug and/or alcohol use/mental health
Public Health Solutions	11-18	Social/emotional growth, risky behaviors, abuse, trauma, self-worth.
Whispering Acres High Hopes Equine Assisted Learning Center	11-18	Drug and alcohol use, bullying, suicidal thoughts, depression
Hope Crisis Center	11-18	Domestic and sexual violence victims
Character Strong Mentoring Program	6th-12 th grade	Lessons focus on social-emotional learning, character development, positive class/campus relationship, community building and self-regulation skills.
Family Youth Involvement Center	11-18	Programs focus on building leadership skills and personal empowerment in youth
Blue Valley Community Action	11-18	Low income households, homeless, near homeless, unsupported youth, at-risk youth
Nebraska Dept. of Health & Human Services-Children and Family Services	11-18	Safety and Well Being, Dependency
Nebraska Extension Office Jefferson County	11-18	Prosocial activities such as workshops, trainings, community clubs, contests, county fair, overnight

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		camping, school enrichment, Washington D.C. citizenship trip
Tri-County Public Schools	11-18	Academic, behavioral, emotional, attendance, discipline
Region V Systems	0-18	Family youth investment programs; Network of treatment providers; School Community Intervention program; Wellness Recovery Action Plans

SYSTEM POINT: ALTERNATIVES TO DETENTION FOR PRE-ADJUDICATED YOUTH ONLY

(include any programs that allow youth to remain in the community after any contact with law enforcement)

Program/ Agency Name	Eligible age	Risk or need
Jefferson County Diversion Services: Juvenile Diversion	11-18	Drug/alcohol use, lack of supervision, lack of concern for others, inappropriate use of time, criminal behavior
Juvenile Justice Resources Alternative Program: Electronic Monitoring	11-18	Advocate against social acceptance of underage alcohol and drug use, and prevent and reduce these and other at-risk behaviors such as irresponsible social media usage, bullying and sexual promiscuity.
Juvenile Justice Resources Alternative Program: Tracker Services	11-18	Advocate against social acceptance of underage alcohol and drug use, and prevent and reduce these and other at-risk behaviors such as irresponsible social media usage, bullying and sexual promiscuity.
Juvenile Justice Resources Alternative Program: Family Support	11-18	Advocate against social acceptance of underage alcohol and drug use, and prevent and reduce these and other at-risk behaviors such as irresponsible social media usage, bullying and sexual promiscuity.

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Jefferson County Juvenile Diversion	11-18	Support groups for kids whose parents are addicts such as Ala-Teen and Ala-Non. Grief support groups for kids and a support group for kids whose parents are divorced. A school resource officer to help enforce attendance.
Mental Health Resources in schools	K-12 th grade	It is often difficult for parents to bring their child to therapy due to lack of transportation, work schedule, finances and/or not wanting to take the child out of school
Mental Health Therapists	All ages	Need more mental health therapists and office hours locally/In-home and in-school therapy
Affordable Housing	All ages	Unsuitable living conditions for children
Employment	16-18	Need more employers to be open to hire teens
Alternative schools	K-12 th	Need more alternative schools throughout the county

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Child Advocates	0-18	Need more volunteers to advocate for the children of Jefferson County
Alternative therapies	0-18	More alternative services (i.e. equine therapy) for mental/behavioral health
Positive Norms Campaign	0-18	Need a <i>consistent</i> public service campaign for youth and their parents for mental health/behavioral health and assistance/treatment options.
Juvenile Probation	11-18	We only have one level of substance abuse or mental health treatment for Juvenile i.e. outpatient. The next level Intensive Outpatient is not available in our 10 County District. The closest is Hastings, Grand Island or Lincoln. Often transportation is a gap, not only locating it, but the time a youth spends on the road to attend and return.
Nebraska Dept. of Health & Human Services- Children and Family Services	0-18	More offerings of Circle of Security parenting classes; additional programming and pro-social activities for juveniles
Nebraska Extension Office Jefferson County	6-18	I think it would be great if there was some sort of meth education prevention program for youth since that is such a huge issue in Jefferson County
Tri-County Public Schools	PreK-12 th grade	Support for students and families who do not attend school / Mental health support / Legal “pressure” to get students to come to school / Access to a wider network of student/family support services
Region V Systems	0-18	Due to socio-economic challenges, there seems to be struggles with resource availability for many.

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Blue Valley Behavioral Health	K – 12 th grade	Mental health therapy – individual and family/substance abuse evaluations & counseling/Medication management
Southeast Nebraska CASA	0-18	Recruit, train & support community volunteers who advocate for abused and neglected children who are in the court system through no fault of their own.
Public Health Solutions	0-18	Social/emotional growth, risky behaviors, abuse, trauma, self-worth.
Thayer County Healthy Communities Coalition	0-18	Works with schools, community members, parents and kids with underage drinking and risky behaviors
District #1 Juvenile Probation	11-18	Juvenile intake screening; pre-adjudication supervision if court ordered, pre-disposition supervision if court ordered, provide pre-disposition supervision reports for the court if ordered, supervise youth placed on Probation; assist in gaining substance abuse evaluations, psychological evaluations and co-occurring evaluations if court ordered or part of a sanction for substance abuse evaluations.
Thayer County Attorney Juvenile minor in possession program	11-18	Risky behaviors/alcohol and/or drug use
Blue Valley Community Action	0-18	Low income households, homeless or near homeless, unsupported youth, at-risk youth
Public Schools	K-12 th grades	Education/Absenteeism/mental health counseling/Risky behaviors/Food insecurity
Thayer County Health Services	0-18	
Healthy Communities Coalition	0-18	

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Region V Systems	0-18	Family youth investment programs; Network of treatment providers; School Community Intervention program; Wellness Recovery Action Plans
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Mental Health Resources in schools	K-12 th grade	It is often difficult for parents to bring their child to therapy due to lack of transportation, work schedule, finances and/or not wanting to take the child out of school
Mental Health Therapists	All ages	Need more mental health therapists and office hours locally/In-home therapy
Affordable Housing	All ages	Unsuitable living conditions for children
Employment	16-18	Need more employers to be open to hire teens
Alternative schools	K-12 th	Need more alternative schools throughout the county
Child Advocates	0-18	Need more volunteers to advocate for the children of Jefferson County
Alternative therapies	0-18	More alternative services (i.e. equine therapy) for mental/behavioral health
Juvenile Diversion	11-18	Need to consider a juvenile diversion program to help juveniles from entering the juvenile justice system.
Juvenile Probation	11-18	We only have one level of substance abuse or mental health treatment for Juvenile i.e. outpatient. The next level Intensive Outpatient is not available in our 10 County District. The closest is Hastings, Grand Island or Lincoln. Often transportation is a gap, not only locating it, but the time a youth spends on the road to attend and return.
Nebraska Dept. of Health & Human Services-Children and Family Services	0-18	More offerings of Circle of Security parenting classes; additional programming and pro-social activities for juveniles
Thayer County Health Services	0-18	Behavioral health and counseling services
Region V Systems	0-18	Due to socio-economic challenges, there seems to be struggles with resource availability for many.

Jefferson County Community Analysis and Response (CAR) Final Worksheet

COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth who commit minor crimes	Juvenile Diversion Program	11-18 years	This program does accomplish the majority of the desired change, however, this program cannot serve ages 19-21.
School youth with high percent of absenteeism	Attendance Support	6-18 years	This program is a work in progress for accomplishing change. While some parents cooperate and work with us, others do not.
Alcohol and drug use in youth	Blue Valley Behavioral Health	6-18 years	This program does help, however, more hours of operation and therapists are needed. Also having the availability of therapists in the schools would eliminate parents having to leave work to take youth to appointments and youth missing school.
Alcohol and drug use in youth	Public Health Solutions	6-18 years	PHS has implemented a Positive Norms campaign to deter youth from using drugs and alcohol. Increasing this campaign in more areas of media to reach a larger audience of youth is needed.
Recreational activities for low income youth	Family Youth Involvement Center	9-18 years	This program does many activities for those youth who are financially insecure. With more funding, they could increase their programming to include more youth.

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Jefferson County
Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

GAPS IN THE CONTINUUM			
Brief Data Snapshot	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
39% of 10 th graders and 38% of 12 th graders report being depressed.	Blue Valley Behavioral Health; Jefferson Community Health & Life; All Jefferson County Public Schools	11-18	These programs help as many youth as possible with the limited resources available in Jefferson County, however, more therapists and office hours, in-home and at-school therapy is needed.
12% of 8 th graders, 13% of 10 th graders and 18% of 12 th graders reported they considered/attempted suicide	Blue Valley Behavioral Health; Jefferson Community Health & Life; All Jefferson County Public Schools	11-18	These programs help as many youth as possible with the limited resources available in Jefferson County, however, more therapists and office hours, in-home and at-school therapy is needed.
16% of 8 th graders, 26% of 10 th graders and 31% of 12 th graders report losing sleep from worry.	Blue Valley Behavioral Health; Jefferson Community Health & Life; All Jefferson County Public Schools	11-18	These programs help as many youth as possible with the limited resources available in Jefferson County, however, more therapists and office hours, in-home and at-school therapy is needed.
27% of 12 th graders report using alcohol with 13% reporting current binge drinking.	Public Health Solutions; Diversion Services; Blue Valley Behavioral Health; All Jefferson County Public Schools	11-18	An increase to our Positive Norms Campaign to show the dangers of early alcohol use and that it is not considered normal behavior in our community is needed.
23% of 10 th graders and 34% of 12 th graders reported vaping.	Public Health Solutions; Diversion Services; All Jefferson County Public Schools	11-18	An increase to our Positive Norms Campaign to show the dangers of vaping and that it is not considered normal behavior in our community.
97% of 8 th graders, 87% of 10 th graders and 91% of 12 th graders reported that they talked on	Public Health Solutions; Diversion Services; All Jefferson County Public Schools	14-18	An increase to our Positive Norms Campaign to show the dangers of distracted driving and that it is not

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talked on their cell phones while driving.			considered normal behavior in our community.
96% of 8 th graders report that they feel that their parents feel that smoking marijuana is wrong vs. 86% of 10 th graders and 78% of 12 th graders.	Public Health Solutions; Diversion Services; All Jefferson County Public Schools	11-18	It appears that as the youth age, the parents are less opposed to them smoking marijuana. Increasing our Positive Norms Campaign to show this is not an accepted behavior in the community is needed.
91% of 8 th graders report that they feel that their parents feel that drinking alcohol is wrong vs. 74% of 10 th graders and 64% of 12 th graders.	Public Health Solutions; Diversion Services; All Jefferson County Public Schools	11-18	It appears that as the youth age, the parents are less opposed to them drinking alcohol. Increasing our Positive Norms Campaign to show this is not an accepted behavior in the community is needed.
93% of 8 th graders report that they feel that their parents feel that smoking cigarettes is wrong vs. 87% of 10 th graders and 72% of 12 th graders.	Public Health Solutions; Diversion Services; All Jefferson County Public Schools	11-18	It appears that as the youth age, the parents are less opposed to them smoking cigarettes. Increasing our Positive Norms Campaign to show this is not an accepted behavior in the community is needed.

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COMMUNITY ANALYSIS & RESPONSE WORKSHEET			
Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth who commit minor crimes	Juvenile Diversion Program	11-18 years	Alternative to Detention and Juvenile Diversion may be needed.
Youth with high percent of absenteeism	Attendance Support	6-18 years	With assistance of the schools, ESU #5, in-school therapy the majority of the schools are accomplishing the desired change.

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Thayer County Gaps to be Filled Worksheet

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Identified Need	Existing Program, Agency or Resource	Eligible age	Does this program accomplish the desired change? If no, what is missing?
Youth who commit minor crimes	Juvenile Diversion program	11-18 years	Development of a juvenile diversion program to allow youth to accept responsibility and stop offending.
Youth with high percent of absenteeism from school	Attendance Support	6-18 years	This program works with the schools, DHHS and all involved parties to establish the barriers and how they can be overcome to improve attendance.
Food insecure families	Public Schools	6-18 years	Need a food program for families during the summer months.
Career Education	Public Schools	11-18 years	Need more exposure to a variety of career opportunities.
Educating Parents of Available Services	Public Health Solutions	6-18 years	This program does accomplish part of the desired change, however, educating parents of available services for their children and how to access them is needed.
Adult Volunteers	Southeast Nebraska CASA	0-18 years	This program does accomplish part of the desired change, however, there is currently not enough volunteers to advocate for the children of Thayer County.
Alternative Therapy Services	Whispering Acres High Hopes Equine Assisted Learning Center	6-18 years	This program does accomplish part of the desired change, however, more alternative therapy services could be added.

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Prosocial activities for juveniles	NDHHS	11-18 years	Additional prosocial activities for juveniles is needed.
Parenting Classes	Circle of Security	0-18 years	More parenting classes are needed throughout the county.
Behavioral Health Therapy	Blue Valley Behavioral Health	6-18 years	More behavioral health and counseling services are needed throughout the county.
Alternative Education	None	11-18 years	An alternative education program should be implemented for those youth who cannot function within a standard classroom.

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Jefferson County List of Team Members

Description of Team

The Jefferson County Juvenile Services Team was originally organized in October 2004 as a subcommittee of the Jefferson Community Planning Team. In 2020 it was determined that the Juvenile Services Team would become its own entity and join with Thayer County as one cohesive team. The previously established code of by-laws, vision, mission statements, goals and objectives are still the core of the group. The JS Team currently meets up to 4 times a year. The mission is to reduce substance use among youth and to develop a safe and healthy community through collaborative planning, community action and policy advocacy. The vision of the team is to assure a high quality of life for all citizens of Jefferson County through community development and involvement.

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Thayer County List of Team Members

Description of Team (how formed, how long meeting, how often meet/met, structure, etc.)

The Thayer County Juvenile Services Committee was originally formed in May 2018 after a meeting was held with county school representatives, Probation, CASA, the County Attorney and health service representatives and ministerial groups to discuss addressing attendance concerns within the county. The members were made aware that other counties were utilizing Nebraska Crime Commission funds to fund an attendance support program. The County Attorney agreed to form a Committee to begin drafting a Three Year Plan Document. The group met in July, September, and October of 2018 to develop the document. With the development of the Three Year Plan document, the committee agreed to continue meeting quarterly throughout the upcoming years. In 2020, Thayer County and Jefferson County combined to become one cohesive team.

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Closing Comments

Since the formation of the Juvenile Services teams in both Jefferson and Thayer County in 2018, several programs have been developed and put in place to begin to make positive changes. While the process is slow, with every year, we gain more ground in having fewer juveniles involved with the justice system (partly due to our Diversion program and mental health professionals) and we will hopefully, show more youth attending school on a regular basis in the coming years thanks to our Attendance Support Program.

While our counties are small in population compared to the rest of the state, we are big on hometown values. Like every other county across the country, we face many challenges that, at times, seems overwhelming. Things like drug and alcohol use by both adults (who are the influencers) and juveniles. We want our kids to grow up in a clean, safe, friendly environment. We want them to have a good life and do good things. We do this by forming groups like the Juvenile Services Team who will search for ways to help our kids stay on track or get back on track to living a clean, healthy life. Even if the life they live at home isn't so clean and healthy. We want to help those who want to help themselves.

We have an abundance of resources in our state to help families. The problem is getting those resources and funds to our area to make an impactful difference. We are slowly making headway on this, but again, it is a slow process. Increasing our mental and behavioral health therapy accessibility, adding new alternative therapies, as well as educating the general public that there is no shame in seeking mental or behavioral health therapy is, and will continue to make a huge difference in the years to come.

By forming our teams and working together as a community to refer those who need assistance to the right organization(s) and finding the barriers that families face which prohibits regular school attendance, we can then find resources to help them get past those barriers and live a clean, healthy and (hopefully) crime-free life. We will only get better as time goes on.

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Youth Level

- Table 1: Jefferson County has a larger Native American youth population as compared to the rest of the state (more males than females). Census data reflects that less than 1% of the population are other minority groups. Hispanic youth account for 1.5%.
- Table 2-3: The schools report much higher percent of the population as Hispanic (5-7%), and an even higher percent (8019%) have problems with chronic absenteeism, which indicate over representation. While we could not get race/ethnicity data for chronic absenteeism in this community because the frequency was too low to report, Native American, and Black youth are over-represented statewide in chronic absenteeism. (Even when it is few cases.)
- Free and reduced lunch are slightly higher than the rest of the state.
- IDEA plans are quite a bit higher than the rest of the state,
- High school graduation rates are higher than the overall state average.
- Table 6: Jefferson County 10th and 12th graders reporter higher rate of loss of sleep from worry, depression. Slightly more 12th graders reported attempting or considering suicide as compared to the state average.
 - However, data also shows that 8th and 12th graders were more hopeful for the future in the past week.
- Jefferson County has lower rate of vaping than the rest of the state.
- Table 12: Overall juvenile crime was up slightly (by 35%) and although there are few cases, crimes like burglary and other assaults went up. All other offenses went down from 11 to 4. Reporting can be an issue, so please verify with local law enforcement.
- A relatively high percent of 12th graders reported gang involvement.
- Table 13: There are empty spaces under Risk Assessment Domains. This is because these are issued at diversion, and Jefferson County did not have recorded cases 2015-2019. However, a statewide tool is on the horizon. A validated tool can help design interventions (using the 8 domains).
- Table 14: It would be helpful for your planners to gather race and ethnicity data on the 183 youth who had citation (per NCC). Data illustrate that Black youth are more likely to be charged / or have multiple offenses. A disproportionate number of Hispanic youth are on probation, and a smaller percent are successful on probation. Black youth appear to be more likely to be successful on probation.

Table 1.
 Distribution of the Population Age 10-17 by Race/Ethnicity and Gender (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Males

Geographic Area Name	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	108,494	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
Jefferson	266	94.4%	1.5%	0.0%	4.1%	0.0%	0.0%



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Females

Geographic Area Name	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	69.9%	15.8%	5.2%	1.2%	2.5%	5.4%
Jefferson	441	84.6%	3.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	11.6%

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Table 2.
 School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Jefferson	1,547	5.88%	0.06%	0.65%	1.03%	0.13%	90.63%	1.62%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Jefferson	1,519	6.65%	0.13%	0.72%	0.99%	0.20%	89.40%	1.91%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Jefferson	1,531	7.05%	0.13%	0.65%	0.85%	0.26%	88.83%	2.22%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Jefferson	1,571	6.24%	0.32%	0.64%	0.95%	0.06%	89.24%	2.55%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Jefferson	1,552	6.51%	0.26%	0.45%	0.97%	0.06%	88.92%	2.84%
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

Table 3.
 Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity and School Year (2014 - 2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Jefferson	131	8.40%	*	*	*	*	91.60%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Jefferson	131	8.40%	*	*	*	*	91.60%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Jefferson	136	10.29%	*	*	*	*	89.71%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
	Jefferson	142	9.86%	*	*	*	*	90.14%	*



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2017-2018	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389
2018-2019	Jefferson	142	8.45%	*	*	*	*	91.55%	*
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

Per the Nebraska Department of Education, the * represents masked data, which they define as 10 or fewer students, for the confidentiality of the students

Table 4.

Disabilities, English Proficiency, Eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch and School Year (2014 – 2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Jefferson	1,547	22.17%	*	0.84%	46.41%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Jefferson	1,519	20.74%	0.92%	1.65%	48.52%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Jefferson	1,531	20.90%	1.11%	2.48%	47.29%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Jefferson	1,571	22.15%	0.83%	1.97%	45.77%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Jefferson	1,552	22.23%	0.84%	1.74%	49.87%
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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Table 5.

Nebraska Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rates by County (5-year estimates, 2015-2019) ^c

County	Total in Last 5 Years		Yearly Averages		Graduation Rate	Rank
	Graduates	Students	Graduates	Students		
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	n/a
Jefferson	519	557	34.6	37.1	93.2%	59

Data are only for public school districts and their associated high schools. The figures are aggregated based on the location of the school, not the residential location of the student. The figures for Dawes County are impacted by a vocational school where graduation rates are less than 25%; in the rest of the county graduation rates equal 93%.

Table 6.



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Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Jefferson	Loss of sleep from worry	15.8%	26.3%	31.1%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Jefferson	Depressed	25.7%	39.4%	37.8%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%
Jefferson	Considered/Attempted suicide	11.9%	13.1%	17.8%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Jefferson	Current alcohol	9.0%	14.1%	27.0%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Jefferson	Current binge drinking	1.0%	4.0%	13.3%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Jefferson	Current marijuana	2.0%	6.1%	12.2%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Jefferson	Current tobacco	4.0%	7.1%	12.2%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Jefferson	Current vaping	6.9%	23.2%	34.4%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Jefferson	Hopeful for future (past week)	82.2%	73.7%	78.9%
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

**** JJI is currently waiting for the legal team at DHHS to approve providing this data**

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services ^e

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis ^e

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^e

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized ^e

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) ^d



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		8 th	10 th	12 th
Jefferson	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	4.0%	1.0%	5.7%
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%

Table 12.
Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change ^f

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
Summary Arrest Date	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Jurisdiction by Geography	JEFFERSON COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	92	242	163.04	23	31	34.78
Rape Total	1	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00
Robbery Total	-	1	-	-	-	-
Aggravated Assault Total	1	3	200.00	-	1	-
Burglary Total	2	7	250.00	1	5	400.00
Larceny-Theft Total	6	9	50.00	1	1	0.00
Other Assaults	19	48	152.63	8	11	37.50
Forgery and Counterfeiting	-	1	-	-	-	-
Fraud	1		-100.00	-	-	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	-	3	-	-	-	-
Vandalism	1	6	500.00	-	-	-
Weapons; Carrying, Possessing, etc.	2	7	250.00	0	0	-
Sex Offenses (Except Rape and Prostitution)	-	2	-	-	2	-
Drug Violations - Sale/Manufacturing	1	1	0.00	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	11	21	90.91	0	1	-
Offenses Against Family and Children	-	9	-	-	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	7	12	71.43	0	0	-
Liquor Laws	8	42	425.00	0	5	-
Disorderly Conduct		3	-	-	1	-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	31	67	116.13	11	4	-63.64
Runaways	1	-	-100.00	1	-	-100.00

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Table 13.
 Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ⁹

Score	Jefferson			All NYS Counties		
	0	1	2	0	1	2
Family Circumstance/Parenting	--	--	--	60.1%	26.7%	13.1%
Education/Employment	--	--	--	43.0%	44.0%	13.1%
Peer Relationships	--	--	--	44.7%	46.6%	8.6%
Substance Use	--	--	--	61.4%	30.3%	8.3%
Leisure/Recreation	--	--	--	50.6%	33.0%	16.5%
Personality/Behavior	--	--	--	50.1%	39.4%	10.4%
Attitudes/Orientation	--	--	--	61.3%	33.7%	5.0%
Mean Score	<i>M = --, SD = --, --</i>			<i>M = 5.64, SD = 3.65, 0-17</i>		

Could not compute because county did not have any risk assessments completed

Table 14.
 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) ¹

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*Data were not separated by year because there were too few cases

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	183*	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth enrolled in diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Successful completion diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth with multiple charges	19	0%	0%	5.30%	0%	0%	84.20%	10.50%
Filed on in adult court	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	66.70%	33.30%
RAI Override: More Severe	8	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%



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RAI Override: Less Severe	5	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	53	0%	0%	1.90%	11.30%	0%	0%	86.80%
Successful probation	75	0%	0%	4.0%	9.30%	6.70%	0%	80%
Revocation of probation	32	0%	0%	0%	3.10%	3.10%	0%	93.80%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

*Jefferson County sheriff did not report to NCC 2016-2017; Fairbury PD (closed) did not report to NCC 2018

Family Level

- Table 15: Jefferson County’s has similar poverty rates as compared to the rest of the state (13.3% compared to 14.8%), and comparable levels (29%) of extreme poverty (185% below poverty level.)
 - Lower number of people have college education.
 - We looked at broadband internet access for purposes of COVID. Many youth have access to a computer (97.7%), but fewer have an internet subscription at home -86.5% (this may have gone up in 2020).
 - Higher percent of home owner rates compared to the entire state.
- Table 16: 12th graders report a higher rate of having an adult who listens at school, but lower at home.
- Table 17: Relatively few acts of violence in your families (over a year).
- Table 18: Of the 161 CPS complaints assessed, only 6% were found to be “substantiated,” which is much lower than the rest of the state.

Table 15.
 Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Measurement		Jefferson	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	13.3%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	156	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	29.0%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	15.3%	31.3%
	County Rank	90	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	24.2%	23.0%
	County Rank	47	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	91.2%	91.1%
	County Rank	61	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	97.7%	96.9%
	County Rank	59	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	86.5%	91.0%



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	County Rank	72	-
	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	86.5%	90.8%
	County Rank	71	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	2,364	498,567
	Total households	3,283	754,063
	Owner %	72.0%	66.1%
	Renters	919	255,496
	Renter %	28.0%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	149	40,465
	Total households	3,283	754,063
	No vehicle %	4.5%	5.4%

Table 16.
 Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Jefferson	Adult at home who listens	94.9%	89.9%	83.1%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Jefferson	Adult at school who listens	89.3%	82.8%	93.3%
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.
 Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means (2019) ^h

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
Jefferson	4	4	10	9
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.
 Child Abuse and Neglect Reports (2018) ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Jefferson	161	44%	6%	85%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

Community Level

Youth in 12th grade do not think their parents find alcohol, marijuana, and cigarettes wrong, compared to the state.

- Table 21: Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others may be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment). This County does a nice job of sealing cases where the youth was filed as an adult- and has a relatively high

Data for race and ethnicity at each juvenile justice system point is imperative for an accurate Racial and Ethnic Disparities (RED) analysis.

Table 19.
 Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ⁱ

Type of Violence	Jefferson	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	0	264
Robbery	1	367
Aggravated Assault	3	1,639
Other Assaults	48	8,782

Table 20.
 Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Jefferson	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	95.9%	85.7%	78.2%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Jefferson	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	90.9%	74.5%	64.0%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Jefferson	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	92.9%	86.7%	71.9%
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%



Table 21.
 Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^m

see [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	47	56	83.9%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	359	531	67.6%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	13	13	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	419	603	69.5%

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

Policy, Legal and System Level

- Table 22: This County is not county required to provide counsel under statute, consequently counsel is fairly low.
- Table 23-24: There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court, which is positive because these cases are usually better handled outside court system.
- Table 25: County funded diversion. Diversion practices and procedures are consistent with evidence-based practices. The community may want to consider:
 - Whether or not a case must always be filed on if the youth doesn't complete 100% of the diversion requirements.
 - Allowing warning letters for the lowest risk youth

Table 22.
Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) ⁿ

	Jefferson	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	20.0% -- 39.9%	73.5%

Neb. Rev. 43-272. Right to counsel; appointment; payment; guardian ad litem; appointment; when; duties; standards for guardians ad litem; standards for attorneys who practice in juvenile court.

(1)(a) In counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, when any juvenile shall be brought without counsel before a juvenile court, the court shall advise such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian of their right to retain counsel and shall inquire of such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian as to whether they desire to retain counsel.

(b) In counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants, when any juvenile court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247, counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile.

Table 23.
Frequency of Youth with a Curfew Violation (2015 – 2019) ^m

	Jefferson	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	4	352



Table 24.
Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) ^m

Filed Subtype	Jefferson					Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	0	0	5	2	5	12
3B - Uncontrollable	0	4	4	0	0	8
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	0	0	0	0	0	0

Filed Subtype	Nebraska					Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	2	0	2	3	7
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	96	510	493	423	475	1997
3B - Uncontrollable	47	118	125	119	82	491
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	22	48	37	22	23	306

Table 25.
County Diversion Procedures and Protocols Compared to Statewide Responses (2020) ^o

	Jefferson	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	No	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Always	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	No	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Yes; felony charges, except for criminal mischief	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	No	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	No	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9%



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		Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Yes; \$25	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Yes; may include additional activities	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Yes; all juvenile records are sealed once they complete the program agreement	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%

*responses included 44 juvenile diversion programs; representing 68 counties/tribe (91.9% response rate)

Community Team Level

- Table 26: A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues, your response rate was almost 29%, higher than the state average.
- Table 27: In most instances, you had slightly lower collective impact scores than the rest of the state. You average went down from 2019 to 2020.
- Table 28: The community team should be representative of the population of that community, but it might be beneficial to add diversity to your team (especially since Black and Hispanic youth have lower rates of success on probation).
 - On the survey—no representation from DHHS, defense counsel, treatment provider, government official on your team.
 - Good representation of persons formerly involved in the system.
 - 15% of the team (2 people) who responded, reported “not feeling heard,” in meeting.

Table 26.
Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

Year of survey	Jefferson		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	24	45	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	8	13	221	345
Response rate	33.3%	28.9%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.
Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

Year of survey	Jefferson		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	4.87	4.58	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	4.73	4.67	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	5.41	4.58	5.21	5.45



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Continuous communication	4.98	3.98	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	5.12	5.17	5.52	5.78

The five elements of Collective Impact are:

- **Common agenda:** Participants have a shared vision and common understanding of both the problem and potential solutions to that problem.
- **Mutually reinforcing activities:** Participant activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.
- **Shared measurement:** Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
- **Continuous communication:** Consistent and open communication is needed across stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.
- **Backbone support:** Creating and managing Collective Impact often requires a separate organization(s) with staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and to coordinate participating organizations ⁹

Table 28.
Community Planning Team Diversity ^P

	Jefferson		Nebraska	
	N = 13	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	3	23.1%	101	29.3%
Female	10	76.9%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30	1	7.7%	19	5.6%
30-39	2	15.4%	68	19.6%
40-49	3	23.1%	88	25.4%
50-59	4	30.8%	90	25.8%
60 and over	2	15.4%	44	13%
Missing	1	7.7%	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	7	53.8%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%



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Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	4	30.8%	63	18.3%
Missing	2	15.4%	19	5.5%
Previous System Involvement				
Yes	4	30.8%	98	28.4%
No	9	69.2%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
System Point*				
Law enforcement	1	7.1%	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	1	7.1%	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	2	14.3%	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	--	--	10	2.3%
Diversion	1	7.1%	55	12.6%
Probation	2	14.3%	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	--	--	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	--	--	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	5	35.7%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	1	7.1%	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	--	--	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other	1	7.1%	16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	11	84.6%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	2	15.4%	75	21.7%

*note. Team members could have selected more than one system point; as such, they do not add up to 100%

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Appendix: Sealed Records by Year

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

2015	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	10	10	100.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	115	132	87.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	6	6	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	131	151	86.8%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	10	10	100.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	72	130	55.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	5	5	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	87	145	60.0%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	14	14	100.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	95	139	68.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	110	154	71.4%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	11	20	55.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	66	102	64.7%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	78	123	63.4%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	2	2	100.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	11	28	39.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	--	--	--
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	13	30	43.3%



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Youth Level

- Table 1: Thayer County has a relatively small minority population compared to the rest of the State, with 91%-96% youth reported as White.
- Table 2: Dept. of Education data show the youth enrolled match closely to census data.
- Table 3: We could not get data for chronic absenteeism for Hispanic, Asian, Black or Native American or Hawaiian because the frequency was too low to report, but it appears that the 40-60 youth were White.
- Table 4: IDEA rates are slightly higher than the rest of the state. While the percent of youth on free and reduced lunch is lower than the rest of the state.
- Table 5: High school graduation rates are quite high compared to the rest of the state.
- Table 6: Youth report worry and depression at lower rates than the rest of the state but binge drinking is higher across all three age groups. (8th, 10th and 12th grades). Marijuana use is lower – but tobacco (not vaping) is higher than the rest of the state. Many of your seniors report feeling hopeful.
- Table 7- 11 Data not available.
- Table 11: None of your 10th and 12th graders reported gang involvement!
- Table 12: Adult crime was down by 32.7% and very few youth committed crimes.
- Table 13: There are empty spaces under Risk Assessment Domains. This is because these are issued at diversion, and Thayer County did not have recorded cases 2015-2019. However, a statewide tool is on the horizon. A validated tool can help design interventions (using the 8 domains).
- Table 14: It might help to verify all law violations with local law enforcement. We see only 3 youth were issued citations (per NCC website). However, probation data indicate 15-20 youth on probation and minority youth do not appear to be as successful as White youth.
 - A disproportionate number of Black and Hispanic youth are on probation, and both had high rates of revocation (small number of cases).

Table 1.
 Distribution of the Population Age 10-17 by Race/Ethnicity and Gender (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Males

Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	108,494	70.4%	16.2%	5.7%	1.4%	2.0%	4.4%
Thayer	282	90.8%	5.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	3.5%

Females



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Geographic Area	Total Count	Non-Hispanic White	Hispanic or Latino	Black	American Indian	Asian or Pacific Islander	2+ Races
Nebraska	102,658	69.9%	15.8%	5.2%	1.2%	2.5%	5.4%
Thayer	205	96.1%	2.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.0%

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Table 2.
 School Membership by Race/ Ethnicity and School Year (2014-2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Thayer	854	2.58%	0.70%	0.23%	1.64%	0.00%	93.91%	0.94%
	Nebraska	312,281	17.74%	2.43%	1.42%	6.70%	0.13%	68.20%	3.38%
2015-2016	Thayer	876	3.31%	0.68%	0.00%	1.48%	0.00%	93.95%	0.57%
	Nebraska	315,542	18.08%	2.53%	1.38%	6.67%	0.14%	67.72%	3.47%
2016-2017	Thayer	886	2.93%	0.56%	0.23%	1.02%	0.00%	94.47%	0.79%
	Nebraska	318,853	18.61%	2.66%	1.38%	6.69%	0.15%	66.92%	3.59%
2017-2018	Thayer	910	3.52%	0.44%	0.22%	0.77%	0.00%	94.40%	0.66%
	Nebraska	323,391	18.80%	2.76%	1.35%	6.67%	0.14%	66.50%	3.78%
2018-2019	Thayer	917	4.58%	0.11%	0.33%	1.09%	0.00%	93.57%	0.33%
	Nebraska	325,984	19.13%	2.83%	1.33%	6.63%	0.15%	66.02%	3.91%

Table 3.
 Chronic Absenteeism by Race/Ethnicity and School Year (2014 - 2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Youth with Chronic Absenteeism	Hispanic	Asian	American Indian or Alaska Native	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific islander	White	Two or More Races
2014-2015	Thayer	43	*	*	*	*	*	100.00%	*
	Nebraska	35,638	24.54%	1.64%	4.42%	12.93%	0.19%	51.61%	4.68%
2015-2016	Thayer	61	*	*	*	*	*	100.00%	*
	Nebraska	38,812	25.73%	1.55%	4.27%	13.68%	0.27%	49.68%	4.83%
2016-2017	Thayer	58	*	*	*	*	*	100.00%	*
	Nebraska	42,290	26.90%	1.66%	4.40%	14.22%	0.24%	47.66%	4.92%
2017-2018	Thayer	50	*	*	*	*	*	100.00%	*
	Nebraska	46,365	26.81%	1.77%	4.18%	14.49%	0.22%	47.37%	2389

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2018-2019	Thayer	41	*	*	*	*	*	100.00%	*
	Nebraska	46,356	27.64%	1.76%	4.16%	14.71%	0.23%	46.27%	5.23%

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Table 4.
Disabilities, English Proficiency, Eligibility for Free/Reduced Lunch and School Year (2014 – 2019) ^b

Year	Geographic Area	Total Count	IDEA	504 Plan	Limited English Proficiency	Free/Reduced Lunch
2014-2015	Thayer	854	17.68%	*	*	30.21%
	Nebraska	312,281	13.66%	0.76%	5.97%	44.53%
2015-2016	Thayer	876	20.55%	*	*	35.05%
	Nebraska	315,542	13.64%	0.90%	5.90%	44.23%
2016-2017	Thayer	886	21.33%	*	*	34.88%
	Nebraska	318,853	13.80%	0.93%	6.99%	44.76%
2017-2018	Thayer	910	23.85%	*	*	35.27%
	Nebraska	323,391	15.87%	0.88%	6.59%	46.24%
2018-2019	Thayer	917	21.16%	*	*	35.44%
	Nebraska	325,984	16.13%	0.85%	6.78%	45.42%

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Table 5.
Nebraska Public High School 4-Year Graduation Rates by County (5-year estimates, 2015-2019) ^c

County	Total in Last 5 Years		Yearly Averages		Graduation Rate	Rank
	Graduates	Students	Graduates	Students		
Nebraska	100,111	112,857	20,022.2	22,571.4	88.7%	-
Thayer	316	326	21.1	21.7	96.9%	18

Data are only for public school districts and their associated high schools. The figures are aggregated based on the location of the school, not the residential location of the student. The figures for Dawes County are impacted by a vocational school where graduation rates are less than 25%; in the rest of the county graduation rates equal 93%.

Table 6.
Youth Who Report Mental Health Symptoms and Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Thayer	Loss of sleep from worry	21.0%	18.2%	23.2%
Nebraska		18.0%	20.6%	21.6%
Thayer	Depressed	32.3%	27.8%	32.1%
Nebraska		31.1%	34.8%	35.3%



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Thayer	Considered/Attempted suicide	16.1%	10.9%	14.3%
Nebraska		22.9%	18.2%	16.2%
Thayer	Current alcohol	11.5%	25.5%	33.9%
Nebraska		9.8%	20.1%	34.2%
Thayer	Current binge drinking	3.2%	7.1%	16.1%
Nebraska		1.3%	6.2%	15.0%
Thayer	Current marijuana	1.7%	3.6%	8.9%
Nebraska		3.0%	7.3%	13.9%
Thayer	Current tobacco	6.5%	12.5%	21.4%
Nebraska		3.7%	8.0%	15.3%
Thayer	Current vaping	6.5%	21.8%	26.8%
Nebraska		10.4%	24.7%	37.3%
Thayer	Hopeful for future (past week)	68.3%	71.4%	80.4%
Nebraska		78.0%	76.1%	77.6%

****JJI is currently waiting for the legal team at DHHS to approve providing this data**

Table 7.

Juveniles Referred to Services ^e

Table 8.

Juveniles Referred to Services by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Mental Health Diagnosis ^e

Table 9.

Juveniles Who Utilized Services ^e

Table 10.

Types of Services Utilized ^e

Table 11.

Youth Who Report Gang Involvement by Grade (2018) ^d

		8th	10th	12th
Thayer	Youth Reported Gang Involvement	3.2%	0.0%	0.0%
Nebraska		3.8%	4.4%	3.8%

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Table 12.
Arrest Rates for Adults and Juveniles for 2018 and 2019 with Percent Change ^f

Arrestee Age	All Arrestee Ages			Under 18		
	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %	2018	2019	2018 - 2019 Growth %
Summary Arrest Date						
Jurisdiction by Geography	THAYER COUNTY					
Arrest Offense						
Total	52	35	-32.69	0	3	-
Rape Total	-	1	-	-	1	-
Aggravated Assault Total	2	2	0.00	0	-	-
Burglary Total	1	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Larceny-Theft Total	1	2	100.00	0	-	-
Motor Vehicle Theft Total	-	1	-	-	-	-
Other Assaults	7	13	85.71	0	1	-
Fraud	4	1	-75.00	0	1	-
Stolen Property; Buying, Receiving, Possessing	-	1	-	-	-	-
Drug Violations - Possession	7	5	-28.57	0	0	-
Offenses Against Family and Children	2	-	-100.00	0	-	-
Driving Under the Influence	8	1	-87.50	0	0	-
Liquor Laws	18	6	-66.67	0	0	-
All Other Offenses (Except Traffic)	2	2	0.00	0	0	-

Table 13.
Risk Assessment Domains for Youth Assessed on Diversion (2015 - 2017) ^g

Score	Thayer			All NYS Counties		
	0	1	2	0	1	2
Family Circumstance/Parenting	--	--	--	60.1%	26.7%	13.1%
Education/Employment	--	--	--	43.0%	44.0%	13.1%
Peer Relationships	--	--	--	44.7%	46.6%	8.6%
Substance Use	--	--	--	61.4%	30.3%	8.3%
Leisure/Recreation	--	--	--	50.6%	33.0%	16.5%
Personality/Behavior	--	--	--	50.1%	39.4%	10.4%
Attitudes/Orientation	--	--	--	61.3%	33.7%	5.0%
Mean Score	<i>M = --, SD = --, --</i>			<i>M = 5.64, SD = 3.65, 0-17</i>		

Could not compute because county did not have any risk assessments completed

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Table 14.
 Racial and Ethnic Disparities Descriptives (2015-2019) ¹

[Click here to see Census and School Population Data](#)

*Data were not separated by year because there were too few cases

System Point	N	Amer. Indian/ Alaskan Native	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Black	Hispanic/ Latino	Multiple/ Other	Unspec/ Missing	White
Law enforcement contact	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth taken to temporary custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth issued citation/referral	3	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth referred to diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth enrolled in diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Successful completion diversion	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth with multiple charges	7	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%	0%
Filed on in adult court	2	0%	0%	0%	50%	0%	50%	0%
RAI Override: More Severe	2	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
RAI Override: Less Severe	3	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	100%
Probation intake	13	7.70%	0%	7.70%	0%	0%	0%	84.60%
Successful probation	21	0%	0%	4.80%	4.80%	4.80%	0%	85.70%
Revocation of probation	18	5.60%	0%	22.20%	11.10%	0%	0%	61.10%
Youth in OJS custody	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
OJS custody: placed in detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Youth booked into detention more than once	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

Family Level

- Table 15: Thayer County has slightly lower poverty rates as compared to the rest of the state (10.8% compared to 14.8%), and comparable levels (26% vs 29%) of extreme poverty (185% below poverty level.)
 - Lower number of people have college education, but 92.7% graduate HS.
 - We looked at broadband internet access for purposes of COVID. Many youth have access to a computer (95.4%), but fewer have internet access at home – 90.0% (this may have gone up in 2020).
 - Higher percent of home owner rates compared to the entire state.
- Table 16: Both 8th and 12th graders report a higher rate of having an adult who listens at home, 8th graders also report having an adult at school.
- Table 17: Relatively few acts of violence in your families (over a year).
- Table 18: Of the 88 CPS complaints assessed, only 11% were found to be “substantiated,” which is slightly lower than the rest of the state.

Table 15.
Poverty/SES, Educational Attainment, Technology and Computers in Home, Housing, and Transportation (5-year estimates, 2014-2018) ^a

Measurement		Thayer	Nebraska
Poverty/SES	Children <18 in Poverty	10.8%	14.8%
	Number of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	103	43,814
	Percent of children 12-17 below 185% poverty	26.9%	28.9%
Educational attainment	Age 25+ with B.D.	19.8%	31.3%
	County Rank	59	-
	Age 25+ with some college, no degree	23.5%	23.0%
	County Rank	56	-
	Age 25+ with HS degree	92.7%	91.1%
	County Rank	44	-
Technology and computers in the home	% under 18 with a computer at home	95.4%	96.9%
	County Rank	78	-
	% under 18 with an internet subscription at home	90.1%	91.0%
	County Rank	55	-



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	% under 18 with broadband internet access at home	89.9%	90.8%
	County Rank	53	-
Housing	Owner-occupied households	1,797	498,567
	Total households	2,283	754,063
	Owner %	78.7%	66.1%
	Renters	486	255,496
	Renter %	21.3%	33.9%
Transportation	Households with no vehicle available	101	40,465
	Total households	2,283	754,063
	No vehicle %	4.4%	5.4%

Table 16.
 Youth Who Report Supportive Adults by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Thayer	Adult at home who listens	88.7%	83.9%	87.5%
Nebraska		87.3%	85.0%	85.6%
Thayer	Adult at school who listens	87.3%	80.4%	87.5%
Nebraska		85.2%	85.0%	87.4%

Table 17.
 Domestic Violence Reports and Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means ^h

	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Reported	Aggravated Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means	Simple Domestic Assaults Reported	Simple Domestic Assaults Cleared by Arrest or Exceptional Means
Thayer	2	2	1	1
Nebraska	562	402	2512	2019

Table 18.
 Child Abuse and Neglect Reports ⁱ

	Abuse/Neglect Calls	Reports Assessed	Substantiated	Unfounded
Thayer	88	31%	11%	81%
Nebraska	36,480	33.4%	16.0%	68.3%

Community Level

- Table 19: Measures of community violence were not bad compared to other counties, only 13 assaults.
- Table 20: Youth in your community think adults are opposed to Marijuana use, but 12th graders report that adults are more accepting of alcohol use.
- Table 21: Sealing juvenile records is problematic. Juvenile record sealing is not “automatic” even if statute requires it to seal. Sealing a record requires administrative staff to initiate the process. Dismissed or dropped cases should be sealed at a rate of 100%. All others should be sealed at the rate to which youth successfully complete their court requirements (completion of diversion, probation, restorative practice, or other treatment).

Table 19.

Community Violence Measured by Arrests for Violent Crime (2019) ⁱ

Type of Violence	Thayer	Nebraska
Murder and Nonnegligent manslaughter	0	34
Rape	1	264
Robbery	0	367
Aggravated Assault	2	1,639
Other Assaults	13	8,782

Table 20.

Youth Perceptions of Community Attitudes on Substance Use by Grade (2018) ^d

		8 th	10 th	12 th
Thayer	Wrong/very wrong – Marijuana	96.8%	88.9%	91.1%
Nebraska		94.4%	89.8%	85.2%
Thayer	Wrong/very wrong – alcohol	87.1%	80.0%	57.1%
Nebraska		89.1%	80.4%	68.7%
Thayer	Wrong/very wrong – cigarettes	88.7%	86.8%	78.6%
Nebraska		92.9%	89.0%	78.7%



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Table 21. Juvenile Court Record Sealing Analysis (2015 – 2019) ^m

see [Appendix for yearly data](#)

	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	30	43	69.8%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	111	234	47.4%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	6	13	46.2%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	147	290	50.7%

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis.



Policy, Legal and System Level

- This county is not a county required to provide counsel under statute; notably, access to counsel is very low in this community.
- There are few curfew and 3A, 3B, and 3C filings in court so the community is diverting appropriately.

Table 22.
 Percent of Youth in Juvenile Court Who Had Access to Counsel (2018) ⁿ

	Thayer	Nebraska
Access to Counsel	0.0% -- 19.9%	73.5%

Neb. Rev. 43-272. Right to counsel; appointment; payment; guardian ad litem; appointment; when; duties; standards for guardians ad litem; standards for attorneys who practice in juvenile court.

(1)(a) In counties having a population of less than one hundred fifty thousand inhabitants, when any juvenile shall be brought without counsel before a juvenile court, the court shall advise such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian of their right to retain counsel and shall inquire of such juvenile and his or her parent or guardian as to whether they desire to retain counsel.

(b) In counties having a population of one hundred fifty thousand or more inhabitants, when any juvenile court petition is filed alleging jurisdiction of a juvenile pursuant to subdivision (1), (2), (3)(b), or (4) of section 43-247, counsel shall be appointed for such juvenile.

Table 23.
 Frequency of Youth with a Curfew Violation (2015 – 2019) ^m

	Thayer	Nebraska
Curfew Court Filing	0	352

Table 24.
 Court Filing for 3A, 3B, and 3C cases (2015 – 2019) ^m

Filed Subtype	Thayer					Total
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	0	0	0	0	0



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3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	0	0	1	2	0	3
3B - Uncontrollable	0	0	0	1	0	1
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	0	0	0	0	0	0

Filed Subtype	Nebraska					
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	Total
3A- Homeless/Neglect	0	2	0	2	3	7
3B – Absenteeism/Truancy	96	510	493	423	475	1997
3B - Uncontrollable	47	118	125	119	82	491
3C – Mentally Ill and Dangerous	22	48	37	22	23	306

Table 25.
County Diversion Procedures and Protocols Compared to Statewide Responses (2020) °

	Thayer	Nebraska *
Refer ALL juveniles who are first time offenders to diversion	Did not complete survey	Yes: 27.3% No: 63.6% Not sure: 9.1%
File a juvenile's charges at the time of the referral to diversion	Did not complete survey	Yes: 18.2% No: 70.5% Not sure: 11.4%
File a juvenile's charges if they are unsuccessful on diversion	Did not complete survey	Always: 47.7% Sometimes: 47.7% Not sure: 4.5%
Allow a juvenile to complete diversion more than once	Did not complete survey	Yes: 61.4% No: 34.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Charges/offenses that make a juvenile ineligible for diversion	Did not complete survey	Yes: 86.4% No: 9.1% Not sure: 4.5%
Warning letters instead of intervention	Did not complete survey	Yes: 27.3% No: 61.4% Not sure: 11.4%
Currently drug test	Did not complete survey	Yes: 31.8% No: 65.9% Not sure: 2.3%
Fees beyond restitution	Did not complete survey	Yes: 86.4% No: 13.6% Not sure: 0.0%
Use of graduated responses prior to discharge	Did not complete survey	Yes: 47.7% No: 25.0% Not sure: 27.3%
Sealing diversion records	Did not complete survey	Yes: 59.1% No: 22.7% Not sure: 18.2%



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*responses included 44 juvenile diversion programs; representing 68 counties/tribe (91.9% response rate)

Community Team Level

- A community lead should be able to get roughly a 75% response, to ensure active participation on planning issues, your response rate was 12.5% (2 respondents). Rates of collective impact were fairly low (compared to the state and the prior year), but are likely not reflective of your entire team.
- The community team should be representative of the population of that community, but should also include diversity. It might be beneficial to add diverse member to your team (especially because of the patterns of over and under representation.)
- On the survey –no probation, law enforcement, defense counsel in your team – but perhaps they did not respond to the survey.
- Both people felt heard by the group, but that may not be representative – due to low response rate.

Table 26.
 Collective Impact Survey Response Rates ^P

Year of survey	Thayer		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Number of surveys sent	18	16	1407	780
Number of completed surveys	4	2	221	345
Response rate	22.2%	12.5%	28.3%	24.5%

Table 27.
 Collective Impact Survey Scores ^P

Year of survey	Thayer		Nebraska	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
	Mean Score		Mean Score	
Common agenda	4.18	4.00	5.29	5.69
Mutually reinforcing	4.81	5.00	5.37	5.50
Shared measurement	4.73	4.00	5.21	5.45
Continuous communication	4.89	4.00	5.49	5.55
Backbone agency	5.08	4.00	5.52	5.78

The five elements of Collective Impact are:

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- **Common agenda:** Participants have a shared vision and common understanding of both the problem and potential solutions to that problem.
- **Mutually reinforcing activities:** Participant activities must be differentiated while still being coordinated through a mutually reinforcing plan of action.
- **Shared measurement:** Collecting data and measuring results consistently across all participants ensures efforts remain aligned and participants hold each other accountable.
- **Continuous communication:** Consistent and open communication is needed across stakeholders to build trust, assure mutual objectives, and create common motivation.
- **Backbone support:** Creating and managing Collective Impact often requires a separate organization(s) with staff and a specific set of skills to serve as the backbone for the entire initiative and to coordinate participating organizations ^q

Table 28.
 Community Planning Team Diversity ^p

	Thayer		Nebraska	
	N =	(%)	N = 345	(%)
Gender				
Male	1	50.0%	101	29.3%
Female	1	50.0%	229	66.4%
Missing	--	--	15	4.3%
Age				
Under 30	--	--	19	5.6%
30-39	--	--	68	19.6%
40-49	--	--	88	25.4%
50-59	--	--	90	25.8%
60 and over	1	50.0%	44	13%
Missing	1	50.0%	36	10.4%
Race/Ethnicity				
White	1	50.0%	230	66.7%
Black	--	--	10	2.9%
Hispanic	--	--	13	3.8%
Native American	--	--	6	1.7%
Asian	--	--	1	0.3%
Other	--	--	2	0.6%
Provided town name	--	--	63	18.3%
Missing	--	--	19	5.5%
Previous System Involvement				
Yes	1	50.0%	98	28.4%



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No	1	50.0%	242	70.1%
Missing	--	--	5	1.4%
System Point*				
Law enforcement	--	--	34	7.8%
County attorney/ juvenile court	--	--	32	7.3%
K-12 or secondary education	--	--	65	14.9%
Ministry/faith based	1	50.0%	10	2.3%
Diversion	--	--	55	12.6%
Probation	--	--	31	7.1%
Public defender/ defense counsel/ guardian ad litem	--	--	8	1.8%
DHHS or Child Welfare	--	--	13	3.0%
Treatment provider	--	--	40	9.2%
Post adjudication or detention	--	--	8	1.8%
Community based program	1	50.0%	109	25.0%
Elected official or government	--	--	6	1.4%
Restorative practices	--	--	6	1.4%
Backbone or system improvement	--	--	3	0.7%
Other			16	3.7%
Voice on Team				
Feel heard	2	100%	270	78.3%
Do not feel heard	--	--	75	21.7%

*note. Team members could have selected more than one system point; as such, they do not add up to 100%

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**Appendix: Sealed Court Records by Year**

*Cases offered diversion, mediation or RJ are not available data points in in JUSTICE. All cases filed in adult court and transferred to juvenile court overlapped with cases that were filed in adult court as a misdemeanor or infraction; as such, they were omitted from analysis

2015	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	9	11	81.8%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	31	62	50.0%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	--	--	--
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	40	73	54.8%

2016	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	10	18	55.6%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	41	89	46.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	3	3	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	54	110	49.1%

2017	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	5	7	71.4%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	18	31	58.1%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	2	2	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	25	40	62.5%



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2018	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	5	5	100%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	11	19	57.9%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	1	1	100%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	17	25	68.0%

2019	Number of charges Sealed	Total Number of charges	Sealed (%)
Dismissed or Dropped	1	2	50.0%
Offered Diversion, mediation, or RJ	--	--	--
Filed in Juv. Court	10	33	30.3%
Filed in Adult Court (M or I)	0	7	0.0%
Filed in Adult Court and Transferred to Juv. Court	--	--	--
Total	11	42	26.2%



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Juvenile Services Community Team Meeting Minutes

February 11, 2021, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

ZOOM MEETING

1. Called to order by Peggy Galloway.
2. Introductions:
Present were: Peggy Galloway, Diversion Services
Don Cook, Diversion Services
Joe Casson, Jefferson County Attorney
Dan Werner, Thayer County Attorney
Jill Kuzelka, Whispering Acres
Heather Watson, Attendance Support
Patty Smith, Fairbury Public Schools
3. Determine program placements for grant submittals (JS, CB, EB).
Diversion: ½ on CB grant, ½ on EB grant
Attendance Support: ½ in JS grant, ½ in CB grant
Whispering Acres: 100% in EB grant
Character Counts: 100% in EB grant
Alternative to Detention: 100% in JS grant.
4. Set next meeting day/time. TBD
5. Adjourn.

**INTERLOCAL COOPERATION AGREEMENT
FOR DESIGNATING THE LEAD AGENCY FOR OF A COMBINED
JUVENILE SERVICES COMMUNITY TEAM
BETWEEN THAYER AND JEFFERSON COUNTIES**

THIS AGREEMENT is made and entered into as of the dates indicated below, between the Board of Commissioners of Thayer County, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "THAYER" and the Board of Commissioners of Jefferson County, Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "JEFFERSON" pursuant to the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-801, et.seq.

WHEREAS, it would be in the best interests of Thayer and Jefferson Counties to combine their respective Juvenile Services Community Teams into a Combined Juvenile Services Community Team to serve both counties; and,

WHEREAS, for purposes of making application for grant funds on behalf of the Combined Juvenile Services Community Team a Lead Agency should be designated to receive and disburse grant funds; and,

WHEREAS, the Lead Agency so identified will be responsible for all funds and must adhere to all requirements and contingences as may be outlined by any grant applications; and,

WHEREAS, Jefferson County should be designated as the Lead Agency for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 and end on June 30, 2025.

NOW, THEREFORE, IN CONSIDERATION OF THESE FACTS, it is agreed as follows:

1. This Interlocal Agreement shall have a term of JULY 1, 2021 through JUNE 30, 2025, inclusive.
2. The existing Juvenile Services Community Teams of Jefferson and Thayer Counties shall be combined and hereafter be designed as the Combined Juvenile Services Team of Jefferson County and Thayer County.
3. Jefferson County, Nebraska is hereby designated as the Lead Agency for the Combined Juvenile Services Team of Jefferson County and Thayer County with the authority to receive and disburse on behalf of both counties, any and all grant funds for which joint application may be made on behalf of the combined team.
4. As the Lead Agency, Jefferson County, Nebraska is responsible for all funds and must adhere to all requirements and contingences as may be outlined by any grant applications.
5. This instrument contains the entire Agreement between the parties and no statement or inducements made by either party or agent of either party that is not contained in this written Agreement shall be valid or binding; and, this Agreement may not be

enlarged, modified, or altered except in writing signed by the parties and endorsed hereon.

6. This Interlocal Agreement shall inure to the benefit and be binding upon the heirs, executors, administrators and successors of the respective parties.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, of this Agreement and in consideration of the mutual covenants set forth herein, the parties pledge their cooperation as necessary for the discharge of this Agreement.

Executed this 16 day of February, 2021.

BY:
Jefferson County Board of Commissioners,

Michael T. Dux
Michael T. Dux, Chairman

Attest:
Christina K. Rigg
Jefferson County Clerk



Executed this 3rd day of February, 2021.

BY:
Thayer County Board of Commissioners,

Dave Bruning
Dave Bruning, Chairman

Attest:
Mavis E. Rauner
Thayer County Clerk

Approved as to Form: Approved as to Form:

Joseph M. Casson
Joseph M. Casson
Jefferson County Attorney

Daniel L. Werner
Daniel L. Werner
Thayer County Attorney

Commissioner Proceedings February 3, 2021

The Thayer County Board of Commissioners met in open and public session in the commissioner's room of the courthouse at 9:00 a.m. on February 3, 2021. Present were Commissioners Dave Bruning, Dean Krueger, Marlin Bauhard and County Clerk, Marie Rauner.

Dave Bruning, chairman of the board, called the meeting to order.

Public meeting laws are posted and available on the north wall of the meeting room in compliance with Nebraska statutes.

The minutes from the previous meeting were mailed to the commissioners for review. Marlin Bauhard moved and Dean Krueger seconded to approve the minutes from the January 27, 2021 meeting. Result of vote: Bauhard-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Roger Hofts, Thayer County Road Superintendent, met with the commissioners to discuss ongoing road projects and give a department update.

Board members were updated on the software available through FirstWireless for county pickups and equipment. Dean Krueger made a motion to accept the bid of \$43,555.00 from FirstWireless for new radios for county road pickups and equipment. Marlin Bauhard seconded the motion. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bauhard-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried. Selection of the software will be on a later date. Due to the emergency nature of this purchase due to the tower issues the county was able to waive the bid process.

Mike Schroeder met with the board requesting a variance to county right-of-way for the planting of a windbreak located in the NE1/4 of Sec 7-T3-R4. Marlin Bauhard made a motion to approve a 10 degree angle variance. Dean Krueger seconded the motion. Result of vote: Bauhard-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Dean Krueger made a motion and Dave Bruning seconded to enter closed session at 10:15 for protection of the public interest. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bruning-yes, and Dageforde-yes. Motion carried.

Marlin Bauhard made a motion and Dean Krueger seconded to returned to regular session at 10:40. Result of vote: Bauhard-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Paul Edwards, CEO, was present at the meeting and Pam Gallagher, Interim CFO for Thayer County Health Services joined the meeting by conference call. The monthly report for December was presented and reviewed.

The county attorney sent to the board a Memorandum of Understanding to be approved between Jefferson and Thayer County for the combining of their respective Juvenile Services Community Teams into a Combined Juvenile Services Community Team to service both counties. Jefferson County is designated the Lead Agency for the agreement. Marlin Bauhard made a motion and Dean Krueger seconded to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Result of vote: Bauhard-yes, Krueger-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #1890 for official recognition was tabled until a later date.

Dean Krueger made a motion and Marlin Bauhard seconded to approve the vendor claims being processed by the county clerk. Result of vote: Krueger-yes, Bauhard-yes, and Bruning-yes. Motion carried.

General Fund

Action Auto Supply	Veh Rep Parts	\$16.05
Black Hills Energy	Heating Fuels	\$821.98
Blue Rivers Area Agency On Aging	Matching Sprt	\$14,000.00
Business World Products	Ofc Supplies	\$204.80
By Design, Inc	Ofc Supplies	\$265.41
Central Market Inc	Supplies	\$1,196.30
Champlin Tire Recycling Inc	Tire Recycling	\$7,249.81
City of Hebron	Utilities	\$267.53
Consolidated Management Co	Training Cntr	\$69.42
Das State Acctg-Central Finance	Teletype Svc	\$781.88
DirecTv	Cable Tv Svc	\$72.99
Dugan Business Forms	Ofc Supplies	\$97.59
Eakes Office Solutions	Ofc Supplies	\$292.02
Galls LLC	LEC Supplies	\$83.13
Gaylord Bros Inc	Storage Boxes	\$651.49
Glenwood Telecommunications Inc	Phone Service	\$1,221.14
Nebraska Health & Human Services	Health Care	\$93.00
Hebron Journal-Register	Print/Publish	\$1,194.55
Hebron Sport Shack	LEC Supplies	\$215.10
Hometown Leasing	Copier Lease	\$1,066.86
Interstate All Battery Center	LEC Equipment	\$27.96
Steven J Kraviec, P.C., L.L.O.	Attorney Fees	\$1,777.11
Linton Small Engine	Snow Chains	\$155.00
Stacey McLaughlin, Cfk Dist Court	Court Costs	\$36.00
	E-Share Doc-	
Microfilm Imaging Systems Inc	Mg	\$282.00
Mid-American Research Chemical	Sanitizer	\$508.38
MIPS Inc	Data Process	\$2,937.93
Murray Law PC LLO	Attorney Fees	\$4,000.00
NE Clerks of District Court Assoc	2021 Dues	\$50.00
NE Dept Of Revenue-Prop Assess		
Div	Exam Fee	\$75.00
Nebraska Assoc Of County Clerks	2021 Dues	\$75.00
Norris Public Power District	Utilities	\$319.21
O'Keefe Elevator Company, Inc	Svc Agreement	\$287.75
Omaha World Herald	Subscription	\$518.75
On Target Ammunition LLC	LEC Supplies	\$1,375.69
Paper Tiger Shredding Inc	Dec/Jan Svc	\$155.18
Petersen LP Gas	Utilities	\$155.85
Petty Cash	Postage	\$8.25
Karen Prellwitz	Reimbursement	\$600.00
Quill Corporation #7606405	Ofc Sply/Equip	\$568.14
Quill Corporation #2259205	Ofc Supplies	\$382.98
Quill Corporation #2259205	Ofc Supplies	\$111.98
Rays It Services LLC	Network Cons	\$4,250.00
Region V Services Central Office	Qtr Funding	\$2,326.50
Region V Systems	LB302	\$6,266.50
Sack Lumber Company	Bldg Splys	\$13.98
Dept Correctional Svcs.	Prisoner Board	\$2,813.88
Store Supply Warehouse, LLC	Display Forms	\$220.35
Thayer County Bank	Ofc Supplies	\$48.50
Thayer County Pharmacy	Prisoner Meds	\$20.42
Theobald Law Office	Attorney Fees	\$607.50
Thomson Reuters - West	Subscriptions	\$1,041.73
Tires-N-Service For You	Veh Repairs	\$292.60
True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$73.88
University of Nebraska-Lincoln	Ofc Equipment	\$183.60

U.S. Bank #7445 (Clerk)	Sub/Splys	\$1,497.09
Us Bank #7483 (District Court)	Postage	\$165.00
USDA, Aphis	Animal Control	\$1,940.44
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Svc	\$599.84
Visa	Equip/Training	\$233.99
Watch Guard Video	Safety Equip	\$8,812.00
Daniel L Werner PC LLO	Reimbursement	\$141.66
Windstream	Phone Svc	\$739.12
Road/Bridge Fund		
Action Auto Supply	Repair Parts	\$1,593.00
Aramark Uniform Service	Janitor Splys	\$198.76
Aurora Cooperative Elevator Co	Equip Fuel	\$818.80
Auto Value Parts Store	Repair Parts	\$134.36
Black Hills Energy	Heating Fuel	\$175.55
Blue Valley Door Co Inc	Bldg Repairs	\$1,127.53
Bruning Lumber Co	Bridge Splys	\$107.98
Central Market Inc	Supplies	\$53.25
City of Hebron	Utilities	\$214.35
Deshler Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$27.20
Eakes Office Solutions	Ofc Supplies	\$149.91
Garrett Tires & Treads	Tires-Repair	\$5,129.00
Hebron Glass & Upholstery Shop	Repairs	\$467.27
	Help Wanted	
Hebron Journal-Register	Ad	\$66.00
John Deere Financial	Repair Parts	\$40.74
Kass Ford Sales	2021 Pickup	\$33,595.00
Kelly Supply Co	Repair Parts	\$1,754.81
Lichti Oil Co Inc	Grease-Oil	\$1,556.42
Mathiesen Tri-Gas Inc	Welding Splys	\$598.35
Tim McGinley	1/2 CDL Lic	\$31.75
Medical Enterprises Inc	Drug Tests	\$110.00
Midwest Petroleum Equipment	Equip Fuel	\$12,218.00
MIPS Inc	Data Process	\$137.14
Neb. Assoc. Of Co Engineers	2021 Dues	\$100.00
NMC Exchange LLC	Parts & Labor	\$7,692.08
Norris Public Power District	Utilities	\$162.23
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc	Equip Fuel	\$824.25
Petersen LP Gas	Equip Fuel	\$2,617.23
Petty Cash	Postage	\$35.55
Quantum Aggregate Supply	Gravel pit Splys	\$481.74
Rauner Repair Inc	Parts & Labor	\$218.58
Reynolds Oil Co	Equip Fuel	\$983.79
Ron's Power and Irrigation	Gravel Pit Splys	\$34.50
Sack Lumber Company	Shop Supplies	\$13.98
Starr Plumbing LLC	December Svc	\$60.00
Thayer Co Health Services	Drug Tests	\$15.00
Tires-N-Service For You	Tires-Repair	\$3,626.00
True Value Hardware	Supplies	\$114.99
Village of Chester	Utilities	\$33.55
Village of Davenport	Utilities	\$31.26
Watson Auto Supply	Repair Parts	\$692.90
81 Trailer Sales	Repair Parts	\$25.52
Register of Deeds Preservation Fund		
MIPS Inc	Deeds Online	\$118.90
Inheritance Tax Fund		
Virleen Murrn Estate	Refund	\$51.00
911 Fund		

Geo-Comm Inc	911 Mapping	\$23,409.00
Great Plains Communications Inc	E911 Phone Svc	\$10.70
Windstream	E911 Phone Svc	\$605.61
E911 Wireless Fund		
Windstream	E911 Phone Svc	\$1,290.94
Emergency Management Fund		
Glenwood Telecommunications Inc	EMA Phone Svc	\$37.94
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Svc	\$126.11
Windstream	EMA Phone Svc	\$104.49
Hospital Bond Fund		
Union Bank & Trust Co	2016 Interest	\$1,051.25
Noxious Weed Fund		
Deshler Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$203.09
Gene Steffy Chrysler	2021 Pickup	\$29,084.00
Great Plains Communications Inc	Phone/Internet	\$143.10
Hebron Journal-Register	Meeting Notice	\$1.96
Nutrien Ag Solutions Inc	Repairs	\$114.11
NWCA Region 4	2021 Dues	\$15.00
Petty Cash	Title & Tire	\$15.00
Us Bank #7569 (Weed)	Shop Supplies	\$35.99
Verizon Wireless	Cell Phone Svc	\$51.94
Windstream	Phone# Listing	\$4.99

There being no other business to come before the board the chairman adjourned the meeting at 12:20. The board will convene on February 10, 2021 at 9:00 am.

I, the undersigned County Clerk in and for the County of Thayer, hereby certify that all the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained on the agenda for the meeting and kept continually current and were contained on said agenda for at least 24 hours prior to said meeting. The agenda is available for the public in the office of the Thayer County Clerk. A notice of said meeting was published in the Hebron Journal Register.

These proceedings have been written and available for public inspection within 10 working days and prior to the next convened meeting. The complete text of resolutions and agreements is available in the office of the Thayer County Clerk.

Each commissioner signed the agenda stating a copy was received in the mail. Said agenda is on file in the Thayer County Clerk's office.

Dave Bruning, Chairman of the Board

Marie E. Rauner, County Clerk

Equal Employment Opportunity Statement

Thayer County does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age or disability in employment or the provision of services.

Commissioner agenda and minutes are available at www.thayercounty.ne.gov

The Jefferson County Board of Commissioners met as per notification of February 10, 2021 in the Fairbury Journal News and on the newspapers website. The agenda was emailed, posted by the commissioner's room, posted on the clerk and board's hallway monitors and on the Jefferson County website. An additional attendance option for the public was provided via zoom. Michael Dux, chairman, Gale Pohlmann and Mark Schoenrock commissioners, Kristina Riggle, county clerk, Jeff Nelson, computer I.T. and Gordon Hopkins, Fairbury Journal News present. Meeting called to order in the commissioner's room at 9:00 a.m. It is noted that the open meeting act was posted on the wall at the back of the room and on the Jefferson County website. Pledge of Allegiance.

Terry Blas reported by phone that many of the graders were gelled up with the sub-zero weather and efforts were being made to get them operating; a window was out on another grader and another had caught on fire limiting the ability to clear the roads.

Consent Agenda:

1. Approve February 9, 2021 minutes

Moved by Pohlmann, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the consent agenda. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Dux, Pohlmann voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Matt Schultz, sheriff present to clarify questions on a few claims.

Peggy Galloway, diversion services presented a memorandum of understanding between Jefferson and Thayer County for the purposes of making application for grant funds on behalf of the combined juvenile services community team. Jefferson County will be designated as the lead agency 7-1-2021 through 6-30-2025. Galloway presented a copy of the Comprehensive Juvenile Services Combined Community Plan for Jefferson and Thayer County, Nebraska for the board to review.

Moved by Pohlmann, seconded by Schoenrock to have the chairman sign the MOU between Jefferson and Thayer County as presented. Call of vote: Dux, Pohlmann, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

The highway department sent down a right-of-way permit and bridge match documents for approval.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Dux to approve the right-of-way permit for Ron Olson for a farm drive on the west side of Section 8-3-1 on 559 Ave. approximately 1500' from the NW section corner on the east side of the road. Call of vote: Pohlmann, Schoenrock, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Pohlmann, seconded by Schoenrock to approve the bridge match agreement #C004813510 & C004800320. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Dux, Pohlmann voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried. (After further review, a resolution will be placed on next week's agenda)

Mary Banahan, assessor reviewed a claim amount submitted for Jerry Knoche. The claim will be revised and processed at the lower amount.

Alan Dux, Jefferson County Historical Society treasurer met to discuss the Steele City school building and reported on the society activities. The school building needs a new roof and other repairs. The historical society has proposed transferring the school to the Village of Steele City. The Village of Steele City may be able to secure a grant to make the necessary repairs with a goal of making the school a museum. Joe Casson, county attorney indicated a transfer between governmental entities would not require bids and he would be willing to help with the process. The historical society has 10 buildings they are maintaining. Dux reported on various costly repairs to some buildings. Jake Friesen has interest in repairing some of the tractors the historical society owns. Mitch Zabokrtsky is willing to do a quarterly newsletter. They have two new members. The model train display at the depot is being updated due to a donation of model train supplies. The depot had approximately 600 visitors with the passport program.

Moved by Schoenrock, seconded by Pohlmann to approve claims and payroll. Call of vote: Dux, Pohlmann, Schoenrock voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

PAYROLL

	GENERAL FUND	Gross Pay	PT/OT	Per Hour	OT	HOLIDAY	Net Pay
21020108	Michael Dux	\$1,090.77					\$867.36
21020136	Gale Pohlmann	\$1,090.77					\$814.17
21020134	Mark Schoenrock	\$1,090.77					\$825.02
21020130	Saril Georgi	\$1,220.10	70	\$17.43			\$926.71
21020139	Rochelle Greenwood	\$1,745.11	70	\$24.93			\$1,283.02
21020100	Kristina Riggle	\$2,181.55					\$1,444.65
21020101	Leroy Bast	\$2,181.55					\$1,450.20
21020156	Jenifer Busing	\$1,233.18	70.75	\$17.43			\$945.60
21020122	Marcia Furrow	\$1,272.39	73	\$17.43			\$758.61
21020140	Jenny Meyer	\$592.09	23.75	\$24.93			\$484.17
21020135	Jlee Yantz	\$522.90	30	\$17.43			\$459.37
21020131	Sharon Ginn	\$1,220.10	70	\$17.43			\$853.18
21020110	Mary Banahan	\$2,181.55					\$1,331.32
21020144	Jeffrey Meyer	\$1,414.40	80	\$17.68			\$870.89
21020102	Kylie Rohr	\$1,402.31	56.25	\$24.93			\$993.98
21020103	Jerry Zabokrtsky	\$1,944.00	80	\$24.30			\$1,441.25
21020120	Brenda McKee	\$240.50	13	\$18.50			\$178.30
21020121	John McKee	\$268.70					\$199.39
21020152	Teresa Hill	\$1,745.10	70	\$24.93			\$1,277.22
21020106	Tamara Husa	\$137.36	8	\$17.17			\$120.29
21020113	Shawna Taylor	\$2,181.55					\$1,548.16
21020150	Rachel Wentz	\$1,220.10	70	\$17.43			\$972.31
21020104	Travis Arnold	\$2,377.82	91.5	\$24.45	\$421.82		\$1,664.14
21020105	Sandra Colgrove	\$1,381.60	80	\$17.27			\$966.63
21020125	Hayden Nutsch	\$1,214.72	70.5	\$17.23			\$883.43
21020107	Tyler Wolken	\$504.70	35	\$14.42			\$399.46
21020147	Vickie Banahan	\$1,527.00	18.91	\$18.91	\$14.19		\$911.28
21020117	Cody Barry	\$2,130.38	89.75	\$23.00	\$198.38		\$1,505.56
21020148	Rachel Bender	\$1,758.96	84	\$20.94			\$1,260.76
21020123	Aaron Christ	\$1,853.19	88.5	\$20.94			\$1,335.90
21020112	John Davis	\$1,764.20	84.25	\$20.91			\$1,248.18
21020114	Cory DeFrain	\$2,001.00	85.75	\$23.00	\$86.25		\$1,467.80
21020142	Nicholas Georgi	\$2,426.50	96.75	\$23.00	\$603.75		\$1,697.02
21020111	Jeffrey Horky	\$2,611.80	85	\$29.28			\$1,773.09
21020119	Reid Horky	\$1,847.96	88.25	\$20.94			\$1,347.22
21020146	Todd Lytle	\$1,889.84	86	\$20.94	\$266.99		\$1,581.32

21020124	Thomas Osienger	\$2,066.95	95.5	\$20.94	\$78.53	\$1,658.70
21020132	Amber Rogers	\$1,545.89	81.75	\$18.91		\$1,265.44
21020141	Amanda Schaefer	\$1,758.96	84	\$20.94		\$1,394.33
21020145	Kruz Schoenrock	\$2,008.92	93	\$20.94		\$1,527.93
21020109	Matthew Schultz	\$2,945.09				\$1,930.02
21020118	Brett Wentz	\$2,001.00	87	\$23.00		\$1,314.85
21020143	Jarrett Willet	\$2,180.38	95	\$20.94	\$573.23	\$1,593.02
21020129	Wilbur Young	\$1,821.78	87	\$20.94		\$1,219.70
21020151	Joseph Casson	\$2,726.93				\$1,919.15
21020133	Julie Earhart	\$1,694.40	80	\$21.18		\$1,249.78
21020154	Peggy Galloway	\$1,373.60	80	\$17.17		\$1,029.61
21020161	Loni Schramm	\$1,354.40	80	\$16.93		\$1,130.96
21020155	Heather Watson	\$1,373.61	80	\$17.17		\$644.71
21020149	Kimberly Anderson	\$1,432.08	81	\$17.68		\$1,100.51
21020116	Melissa Barry	\$1,460.01	70.5	\$18.25		\$1,157.72
21020158	Shirley Bender	\$1,720.11	77.5	\$18.25	\$260.11	\$1,245.25
21020137	James Carpenter	\$2,551.03	80	\$18.71		\$1,732.63
21020126	Kristina Grable	\$1,665.35	87.5	\$18.50	\$205.35	\$1,128.97
21020159	Jack Herring	\$1,573.52	86	\$17.68	\$159.12	\$1,198.37
21020128	Melissa Kujath	\$1,892.86	102	\$16.75	\$552.86	\$1,376.87
21020138	Heather McCown	\$1,719.58	94.5	\$16.90	\$367.58	\$1,109.92
21020127	Branden Navarro	\$1,460.00	36	\$18.25		\$1,146.50
21020115	Melissa Neemann	\$1,834.32	79.25	\$19.54	\$271.12	\$1,360.70
21020157	Samantha Novotny	\$3,151.00	171.25	\$18.40		\$2,105.42
21020120	Brenda McKee	\$1,036.00	56	\$18.50		\$768.04
21020121	John McKee	\$2,547.67				\$1,889.39
21020120	Brenda McKee	\$203.50	11	\$18.50		\$150.86
21020121	John McKee	\$179.13				\$132.93
21020160	Donald Cook	\$1,298.00	59	\$22.00		\$1,029.27
21020153	Roy Worm	\$112.00	8	\$14.00		\$101.76

HIGHWAY FUND

21020163	Roger Behrends	\$1,743.24	84	\$20.27	\$121.64	\$1,227.49
21020166	Terry Blas	\$2,403.84	94.25	\$24.25	\$354.71	\$1,273.53
21020174	Jesse Bohlmeyer	\$1,434.40	80	\$17.93		\$1,108.72
21020173	Ronald Bray	\$1,544.80	80	\$19.31		\$1,145.15
21020164	John Bulin	\$1,794.16	85.5	\$20.33	\$167.75	\$1,364.11
21020179	Adam Criner	\$1,353.24	84	\$16.11		\$980.27
21020171	Jason Eyer	\$1,940.00	80	\$24.25		\$1,357.04
21020178	Zachary Eyer	\$1,513.19	86.5	\$16.86	\$164.39	\$1,099.89
21020172	Bryce Huss	\$1,613.60	80	\$20.17		\$1,242.95
21020169	Rick Klaumann	\$1,750.01	83	\$20.71	\$93.21	\$1,073.06
21020167	Kenny Krause	\$2,138.39	95.5	\$20.71	\$484.59	\$1,303.25
21020168	Steven McNitt	\$1,671.84	84	\$19.44	\$116.64	\$1,238.22
21020170	Danny Meyer	\$1,634.36	84	\$19.37	\$21.80	\$1,207.91
21020162	Delayne Pflingsten	\$1,549.60	80	\$19.37		\$1,123.69
21020176	Roben Ruhnke	\$1,366.40	80	\$17.08		\$876.64
21020177	Jeffrey Segar	\$1,320.80	80	\$16.51		\$845.63
21020165	Ryan Strunk	\$1,655.36	84.65	\$19.59		\$1,094.63
21020181	Danny Watson	\$746.40	48	\$15.55		\$616.27
21020180	Clancie Weichel	\$1,288.80	80	\$16.11		\$958.98
21010175	Michelle Young	\$1,411.20	80	\$17.64		\$995.41

IT FUND

21020182	Brad Eisenhauer	\$2,464.30				\$1,719.36
21020183	Jeffrey Nelson	\$2,377.38				\$1,698.03

FAIR FUND

21010184	Tony Likens	\$120.23	10.5	\$11.45		\$103.91
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911 EMER SVCS FUND

21020185	Matthew Schultz	\$217.69				\$163.01
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AMB. FUND

21020187	Lucas Bennett	\$256.73				\$237.09
21020192	Jennifer Brown	\$3,035.42			\$1,303.72	\$2,099.15
21020188	William Goeking	\$88.02				\$79.96
21020194	Cheyenne Johnson	\$2,116.22			\$311.12	\$1,317.04
21020191	Catherine Jurgens	\$1,775.14				\$1,353.70
21020186	Jeffrey Klaumann	\$2,978.65			\$1,113.32	\$1,953.06
21020196	Gregory Neemann	\$1,958.30			\$306.57	\$1,361.63
21020189	Alan Rosenthal	\$2,117.07			\$165.15	\$1,638.81
21020193	William Schwab	\$338.50				\$310.91
21020190	William Seher	\$2,326.18			\$375.71	\$861.36
21020195	Judd Stewart	\$1,835.13			\$118.52	\$1,220.31

General Fund

21020135	Action Auto Supply			Supplies	\$38.34	
21020136	Advanced Correctional Healthcare,In			Service	\$2,753.15	
21020137	Advent Financial Systems Llc			Service	\$260.00	
21020138	American Family Life Assurance Co			Insurance	\$43.20	
21020139	Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement			Retirement	\$12,417.13	
21020140	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental			Insurance	\$1,274.43	
21020141	Ameritas Vision			Insurance	\$291.55	
21020142	Anything Electric			Service	\$2,859.54	
21020143	Auto Value - Fairbury			Supplies	\$120.03	

21020144	Benchmark Title Co	Service	\$551.00
21020145	Black Hills Energy	Service	\$84.48
21020146	Blue Rivers Area Agency On Aging	Service	\$13,125.00
21020147	Ronald R Brackle	Service	\$837.00
21020148	C & O Ford Inc	Service	\$159.17
21020149	Card Service Center	Service	\$2,104.40
21020150	Card Service Center	Service	\$181.06
21020151	Card Service Center	Service	\$30.00
21020152	Colonial Ins	Insurance	\$6.00
21020153	Conserv Flag Company	Supplies	\$549.85
21020154	Donald C Cook	Service	\$1,235.00
21020155	Culligan Of Crete	Supplies	\$15.00
21020156	Dawson County Sheriff	Service	\$2,790.00
21020157	Eakes Office Solutions	Supplies	\$1,751.48
21020158	Tad D. Eickman	Service	\$819.00
21020159	Fairbury Journal News	Service	\$629.30
21020160	Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Service	\$723.52
21020161	Farmers Cooperative	Supplies	\$45.00
21020162	Fillmore County Clerk	Service	\$13,942.45
21020163	Fraternal Order Of Police #86	Union Dues	\$320.07
21020164	Gropp Law & Mediation	Service	\$4,750.00
21020165	Vic Grummert	Service	\$12.00
21020166	Guardian Rfid-Codex Corp	Service	\$1,657.49
21020167	Hd Supply Facilities Maintenance	Supplies	\$113.90
21020168	Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$725.63
21020169	Heartland Bank	Federal Taxes	\$23,351.74
21020170	Hometown Leasing	Service	\$229.25
21020171	Ivy Funds	Insurance	\$200.00
21020172	Jeff Co Employee Med Benefit Plan	Insurance	\$349.18
21020173	Jeff Co Employee Medical	Insurance	\$160.01
21020174	Jefferson Co Clk Of District Court	Service	\$210.00
21020175	Jefferson Co Highway Dept	Supplies	\$17.43
21020176	Jefferson Community Health Center	Service	\$23.00
21020177	Jefferson County Court	Service	\$493.00
21020178	Jefferson County Sheriff	Service	\$681.94
21020179	Jefferson County Treasurer	Service	\$69,592.33
21020180	Stephen J Kraviec P.C.,L.L.O.	Service	\$2,276.51
21020181	Lynn Peavey Company	Supplies	\$79.50
21020182	M & D Auto Service	Service	\$243.69
21020183	M H Paint & Body	Service	\$1,460.00
21020184	Microfilm Imaging Systems,Inc.	Service	\$187.50
21020185	Mips Inc	Service	\$3,032.48
21020186	Murray Law,Pc Llo	Service	\$400.50
21020187	Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$629.83
21020188	Naco Planning & Zoning	Service	\$40.00
21020189	Ne Assoc.Of Co.Clerks,Rod,Elec.Comm	Service	\$75.00
21020190	Ne Dol/Boiler Inspection Program	Service	\$36.00
21020191	Nebr Dept Of Revenue	State Taxes	\$3,589.25
21020192	Orkin Exterminating Co Inc	Service	\$291.22
21020193	Paper Tiger Shredding	Service	\$65.00
21020194	Pinnacle Bank	Supplies	\$720.86
21020195	Precision Signs & Graphics	Services	\$1,420.00
21020196	Quill Corp	Supplies	\$89.55
21020197	Ray's Apple Market	Supplies	\$291.60
21020198	Region V Systems	Service	\$2,140.00
21020199	Riverside Chev-Buick-Cadillac Inc	Service	\$368.61
21020200	Saline County Treasurer	Service	\$333.33
21020201	Satellite Tracking Of People Llc	Service	\$368.50
21020202	Scherbarth Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$239.27
21020203	Seward Co Sheriff	Service	\$3,055.00
21020204	Sheriff Petty Cash Fund	Service	\$30.00
21020205	Smith Schafer Davis Gaertig Llc	Service	\$418.50
21020206	Spectrum	Service	\$243.90
21020207	Stanton Farm Service	Supplies	\$60.00
21020208	Swanson Services Corp.	Supplies	\$6.26
21020209	The Mcbattas Group	Supplies	\$480.30
21020210	U.S.Bank-Voyager-Nels Sorensen-Sher	Supplies	\$3,218.81
21020211	United Healthcare	Insurance	\$25,853.00
21020212	Van Borkum Co	Supplies	\$1,972.20
21020213	Van Diest Supply Company	Supplies	\$1,975.00
21020214	Windstream	Service	\$94.90
21020215	3rd Millennium Classrooms	Service	\$120.00
21020216	3rd Street Body & Glass Llc.	Service	\$150.00
21020217	88 Tactical	Service	\$1,150.00
21020218	911 Custom, Llc	Supplies	\$654.75

Highway Fund

21020219	Action Auto Supply	Supplies	\$1,091.21
21020220	American Family Life Assurance Co	Insurance	\$89.24
21020221	Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$3,585.80
21020222	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$489.46
21020223	Ameritas Vision	Insurance	\$79.19
21020224	Aramark Uniform Services	Supplies	\$113.29
21020225	Auto Repair Plus	Supplies	\$585.36
21020226	Beatrice Sand & Gravel	Supplies	\$26,710.34
21020227	Jefferson County Court	Garnishment	\$518.73
21020228	Daykin Lumber Company	Supplies	\$319.50
21020229	Diversified Drug Testing, Llc	Service	\$115.00
21020230	Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Service	\$612.64
21020231	Fairbury Transfer Station	Service	\$16.20
21020232	Farmers Cooperative	Supplies	\$12,942.44
21020233	Hamilton Equipment Sales & Service	Supplies	\$9,012.00
21020234	Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$43.75

21020235	Heartland Bank	Federal Taxes	\$7,225.25
21020236	Hebron Tire	Supplies	\$407.30
21020237	Hometown Leasing	Service	\$190.82
21020238	Ibew Local Union 1536	Union Dues	\$164.15
21020239	Inland Truck Parts & Services	Supplies	\$1,483.98
21020240	Jeff Co Employee Med Benefit Plan	Insurance	\$238.00
21020241	Kerford Limestone Company	Supplies	\$1,669.13
21020242	Kenneth R Krause	Reimbursement	\$120.00
21020243	Maatschs Oil Company	Supplies	\$10,223.50
21020244	Michigan St Disbursement Unit	Child Support	\$118.39
21020245	Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$227.67
21020246	Nebr Dept Of Revenue	State Taxes	\$1,112.43
21020247	Paper Tiger Shredding	Service	\$13.00
21020248	Pinnacle Bank	Service	\$33.70
21020249	Powerplan	Service	\$4,357.47
21020250	Riverside Chev-Buick-Cadillac Inc	Service	\$681.50
21020251	Scherbarth Ace Hardware	Supplies	\$1,436.92
21020252	Speece-Lewis Engineers	Service	\$9,000.00
21020253	Surplus Center	Supplies	\$561.60
21020254	Truck Center Companies	Supplies	\$104.87
21020255	United Healthcare	Insurance	\$8,480.90
21020256	Welsch Trucking, Llc	Supplies	\$712.16
21020257	Young's Welding & Repairs Inc.	Service	\$485.83

Hbp-Highway Bridge Buyback Program Fund

21020258	Vogtscapes,Inc	Service	\$98,610.52
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Communication Equipment Sinking Fund

21020259	Spectrum	Service	\$1,143.15
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21020260	Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$544.68
21020261	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$27.84
21020262	Ameritas Vision	Insurance	\$11.00
21020263	Heartland Bank	Federal Taxes	\$1,323.65
21020264	Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$27.55
21020265	Nebr Dept Of Revenue	State Taxes	\$231.27
21020266	United Healthcare	Insurance	\$836.70

Equipment Vehicles Fund

21020267	Sheriff Petty Cash Fund	Supplies	\$30.00
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Fair Fund

21020268	Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$13.53
21020269	Anything Electric	Supplies	\$85.00
21020270	Black Hills Energy	Service	\$234.21
21020271	Fairbury Journal News	Service	\$3.68
21020272	Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Service	\$1,432.05
21020273	Heartland Bank	Empe Fica	\$18.38
21020274	Jefferson County Treasurer	Service	\$1,700.00
21020275	Nebr Dept Of Revenue	State Taxes	\$1.72
21020276	Ram Exterminators Llc	Service	\$45.00
21020277	Windstream	Service	\$43.22

Preservation /Modernization Fund

21020278	Mips Inc	Service	\$147.25
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K-9 Fund

21020279	Countryside Vet Clinic Pc	Service	\$357.36
21020280	Pinnacle Bank	Supplies	\$159.75

911 Emergency Services Fund

21020281	Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$28.85
21020282	Heartland Bank	Federal Taxes	\$50.82
21020283	Nebr Dept Of Revenue	State Taxes	\$8.54
21020284	Windstream	Service	\$931.00

911 Wireless Fund

21020285	Windstream	Service	\$1,603.15
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Emer Management Performance Grant Fund

21020286	Card Service Center	Supplies	\$878.96
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Se Regional Emergency Management Fund

21020287	Fairbury Light & Water Dept	Service	\$76.74
21020288	Norris Public Power Dist	Service	\$75.00

Ambulance Fund

21020289	American Family Life Assurance Co	Insurance	\$81.36
21020290	Ameritas Life Ins Corp-Retirement	Retirement	\$2,040.98
21020291	Ameritas Life Insurance Corp-Dental	Insurance	\$257.34
21020292	Ameritas Vision	Insurance	\$31.88

21020293	Auto Value - Fairbury	Supplies	\$19.98
21020294	Bound Tree Medical Llc	Supplies	\$510.64
21020295	C & O Ford Inc	Service	\$288.78
21020296	Farmers Cooperative	Supplies	\$619.10
21020297	Heartland Bank-Hsa	Insurance	\$121.88
21020298	Heartland Bank	Federal Taxes	\$4,554.00
21020299	Jefferson Community Health Center	Supplies	\$1,212.12
21020300	Lampton Welding Supply Co Inc	Supplies	\$75.01
21020301	Kathleen A Laughlin Trustee	Garnishment	\$481.00
21020302	Mutual Of Omaha-Life	Insurance	\$160.94
21020303	Nebr Dept Of Revenue	State Taxes	\$657.13
21020304	William Seher	Reimbursement	\$25.00
21020305	Teleflex Llc, C/O Teleflex Funding	Supplies	\$612.50
21020306	U.S.Bank-Voyager Ambulance	Supplies	\$1,003.33
21020307	United Healthcare	Insurance	\$4,052.27

Tim Farmer, highway superintendent met via phone for a closed session on strategy.

Moved by Pohlmann, seconded by Dux to go into closed session with Farmer on strategy on land acquisition at 10:45 a.m. Call of vote: Pohlmann, Schoenrock, Dux voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried.

Moved by Dux, seconded by Pohlmann to go out of closed session at 11:08 a.m. Call of vote: Schoenrock, Dux, Pohlmann voting aye. Nay none. Motion carried. No action taken.

Schoenrock reported he is representing Jefferson County at the Blue Valley Community Action board meeting tonight. He reported the Naco board completed the legislative review of bills on February 12th. Wednesday, Schoenrock will participate in the Naco board monthly session with the Governor.

Travis Arnold, maintenance gave an update on the frozen pipes in the boiler room. He would like to get a ceiling heater and noted the boiler is 24 years old and the typical life is 20 years.

Schoenrock left the meeting at 11:15 a.m. for a meeting at Jefferson Community Health and Life to discuss veterans issues.

Shawna Taylor, district court clerk present to discuss LB 102, which Naco opposes. The board supports the Naco position.

Pohlmann gave legislative updates.

Correspondence Listing

*Note - all fees listed below have been deposited by the Treasurer into the appropriately noted funds. Received:

General: \$3552.38 January fees – Register of Deeds of which \$325.50 was deposited into the Preservation Fund; \$150.00 telephone reimbursement – State of Nebraska; 2597.53 January fees – County Clerk;

Misc: Documentary stamp tax report for January 2021; Blue Valley Community Action meeting agenda, minutes and reports

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

I, Kristina Riggle, County Clerk do hereby certify that the foregoing minutes is a correct report of the meeting of February 16, 2021. Witness my hand and official seal on February 16, 2021.

Kristina Riggle, County Clerk

Michael T. Dux, Chairman