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Lowell "Buster" Beckenhauer, Jr.
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Dear Buster:

As I recall, Prochaska & Associates began working with you and your staff over 20 years ago on a small church addition and renovation project. We have been fortunate to continue our relationship on several much larger projects over the years, including recently your work with us as the Construction Manager for the Cherry County Justice Center in Valentine, Nebraska.

As you know, since Valentine is my home town, I had a strong personal interest in this project. Cherry County had not built a project of this magnitude for over 50 years. Finally, to elevate expectations even further, the chairman of the County Board of Commissioners was a former high school classmate. As the architects for the project, it was critical that the County select a builder who could ensure that this project would exceed those lofty expectations.

Against excellent competition, Beckenhauer Construction emerged from the qualifications-based selection process as the Construction Manager for the project. We knew this complex project would be filled with challenges and occasional obstacles along the way toward completion. It takes a special working relationship between designer and builder to overcome these difficulties, without resorting to the "finger pointing" so common in the construction industry. Instead, your team worked closely with us to find solutions in the Owner's best interest, but not at the expense of quality or our design intent. Your staff on the project – Mark, Tim and Brian – managed the subcontractors and the Owner's budget with honesty and integrity.

Prochaska & Associates is proud of the new Cherry County Justice Center (as I am personally!). But a "great design" is only great if the Owner is happy at the completion. And I believe Cherry County is extremely happy and proud of their new Justice Center. Ultimately, Buster, I know that is what matters most to both of us. We look forward to our next project together.

Sincerely,

PROCHASKA & ASSOCIATES

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