

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Chairman Missel at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 21, 2020 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Strand, Weddle, Backens, Missel, Saalfeld and Bendig. Absent: None. Prior to roll call, Chairman Missel announced the meeting to be an open public meeting and that the current open meeting laws are posted on the wall and available for anyone's review.

The Board unanimously declared the meeting legally convened.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as printed and received and placed on file county official's report, correspondence from Nebraska Department of Economic Development regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Application #19EM005/Dodge County, Release of Funds/Environmental Review Clearance: CDBG RLF Emergent Threat (EM) Category, the September 14, 2020 Board of Trustees Minutes & Statement of Revenues and Expenses YTD comparison for the three months ending September 30, 2020 and 2019 from Fremont Community Health Resources, Village of Nickerson Resolution to combine three separate tracts of land into one tract (new legal description cited in the Resolution) (this item referred to the Register of Deeds), Certificate of Insurance for McDermott and Son Roofing Co., NDEE correspondence regarding Mitigating Actions at Peaceful Acres Mobile Home Park where the onsite wastewater treatment system did not appear to be failing at that time and the matter is considered to be closed, Notice of Public Hearing for Douglas County Planning Commission's meeting on Wednesday, October 14, 2020 at 6:00 P.M. for Special Use Permit to allow for Extraction of Sand & Gravel located in E ½ SW ¼ and W ½ SE ¼ Section 32, T15N, R10E; Text Change to Zoning Regulations of Supplemental Use Regulations Industrial Use and a new Building Permit Fee Schedule and a list from County Treasurer Bargstadt of distress warrants issued on personal property but not collected.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 7, 2020 meeting as printed.

At 9:03 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Corrections. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that the county currently has 61 detainees in custody with 3 being held in Dodge County, 1 under house arrest, 2 with the State of Nebraska and 55 in Saunders County. To this point in the month of October there have been 74 bookings processed.

At 9:04 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 9:05 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$262,454.97. COVID-19 funding will only pay for law enforcement and emergency personnel costs. County Clerk Mytty told the Board that none of the election overtime can be reimbursed by COVID-19 funding.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$762,031.43. Expenses for construction work on Ridge Road were one of the large claims; Chairman Missel told the Board that \$570,000 was transferred from the bond fund into the county checking to once again cover flood claims. Chairman Missel commented that it's frustrating to have to make these transfers for flood claims when the reimbursement money has been approved but not received.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Saalfeld said he attended the Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare governance meeting last week. He got an email this week from Debbie Herbel, Executive Director of DUET (formerly ENCOR) stating that 46 individuals in the building shared with Region 6 and Northeast Nebraska Office on Aging have tested positive for COVID-19. These agencies are trying to find people who can fill in for those who are ill. Supervisor Backens said there are still Thursday meetings to discuss the joint law enforcement center. One common question is what the cost to taxpayers will be and there has been some confusion on this issue. Chairman Missel read a portion of the literature prepared to inform the public about the joint law enforcement center that answers what the venture will cost a Dodge County taxpayer. Chairman Missel reported that he and Emergency Manager Tom Smith attended the Winslow Village Board meeting and Winslow Village meeting last week. Plans to move the village north of Logan View School were presented; JEO Engineering has been in the discussions. Supervisor Strand pointed out that the county planning and zoning department has not been included in any of the discussions up to this point. Chairman Missel said that JEO is well aware of the planning and zoning issues that must be addressed prior to any solid plans being developed. There may be some families that have already reinvested in their properties that choose to stay, but their living circumstances will change drastically if the village relocates north.

The Board tabled the discussion of an appointment to the Dodge County Planning Commission until the Wednesday, November 4, 2020 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

The Board unanimously received and approved Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty's signatures on a Resolution For Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements to commit to another 3 year period, July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2024. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reminded the Board that by re-committing to another 3 years, the county will receive another dividend.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that she had been re-elected to the NIRMA Board and thanked the Dodge County Board of Supervisors again for their support.

The Board unanimously received and authorized the signatures of Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty on two (2) original agreements for Project S-275-6(1050) CN 32302 Scribner-West Point Realignment of County Roads and a Resolution approving said agreements. Supervisor Strand said the county roads committee discussed this agreement and resolution and it was their recommendation to approve them.

Curt Becker, Projects Manager for the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District, was present to explain to the Board the details of a Professional Services Agreement with FYRA Engineering, LLC for Elkhorn River Stabilization at Scribner. The maximum expenditure for this professional services agreement would be \$80,346. Mr. Becker said

that FYRA will do the permitting and work with FEMA. He would have liked to have the project obligated with FEMA before signing on an engineer, but FEMA will not give their approval without more preliminary engineering work being done, including a hydrology study. The plan right now is to restore the stream bank by lining it with rip rap. Supervisor Strand asked if the actual work to be done would be done by next summer/fall. Mr. Becker said that it could take that long to complete the paperwork and preliminary engineering work required by FEMA and the permitting required by the United States Army Corp of Engineers. He also said he would have liked for this to be completed by flood season, but that most likely won't be the case. Mr. Becker said that all of the partners in this project (Dodge County, City of Scribner and Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District) must obtain approval for each of the preliminary costs, which is why he is attending this meeting. He thinks FEMA will approve the project after they have the hydrology study completed. The Board unanimously received and approved the Professional Services Agreement with FYRA Engineering, LLC with a maximum expenditure of \$80,346.

The Board tabled discussion of agreements for US-77 Relinquishment – S-77-3(1036) CN 22722 Fremont Southeast Beltway & S-77-6(1039) CN 22691A Fremont – US-30, Dodge County due to vague wording on page 2, paragraph 4 of the agreement regarding the condition of the relinquished roadways that will be turned over to Dodge County. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews said she will contact Tim Weander, District 2 engineer with the Nebraska Department of Transportation, to see if he could attend the November 4, 2020 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors to answer any questions on this matter.

At 9:41 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

A short recess was taken at this time.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved amendments to the 2020 Levies approved at the October 7, 2020 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors

At 10:02 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk