

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, December 30, 2020 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Missel, Saalfeld and Bendig. Absent: Strand and Backens. 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 Notice of Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:00 A.M., with the Saunders County Board of Supervisors, Saunders County Courthouse at 433 N. Chestnut St., Wahoo, NE for an application by Hancock Construction to amend the Saunders County Zoning Regulation regarding the improvement of non-conforming structures, Dodge County Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads to Wholystone Foods and return and Certificates of Insurance for JJK Construction LLC, Williams Midwest Housemovers, Inc., Straight-Line Striping Inc. and G & R Electric.

At 9:03 Supervisor Backens arrived at the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 16, 2020 meeting as printed.

At 9:05 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 except Strand.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 58 inmates in custody with 5 being held in Dodge County, 2 with the State of Nebraska, 1 under House Arrest and 50 being held in Saunders County. So far for the month of December 2020 there have been 110 bookings. Supervisor Beam also shared the comparison of the number of bookings for 2019 (1,570) and 2020 (1,189). COVID-19 decreased the number of bookings especially in the months of March, April and May 2020.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 9:05 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims submitted in the amount of \$236,010.57.

The Board then addressed consideration and possible action on a transfer from various funds to the 2019 Flood Disaster Fund to pay current bills. Chairman Missel reported that Dodge County received some reimbursement money (on December 29,

2020) that makes this transfer unnecessary. Chairman Missel also commented that he has been in discussions with local banks regarding obtaining another smaller bond (\$2.5 million) to have available in 2021 if needed. He is optimistic that more reimbursement money will be coming and that this additional funding will not be needed.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims in the amount of \$767,114.46.

At 9:10 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Mid America Truck Wash, LLC ("Mid America") whose property is described as: Lots 2 and 4, Block 2, L J Abbott Subdivision to be removed from the county's industrial area. Heather Carver from Cline Williams Wright Johnson & Oldfather (12910 Pierce St., Omaha, NE 68144) was present representing property owners adjacent to Mid America. Ms. Carver stated that in order for her client to be voluntarily annexed into the City of Fremont, state statute requires all of the adjacent and contiguous parcels to be within the city limits of Fremont. Being annexed by the city makes her client and the surrounding parcels eligible for tax incentives. Ms. Carver said Mid America is open to annexation and her client would appreciate the Board's support of this so her client can move forward with the construction of a 150,000 square foot warehouse and distribution facility. Hearing no testimony against the request, the Board unanimously approved the request of Mid America Truck Wash, LLC to be removed from the county's industrial area.

The Board unanimously approved a Lease Agreement with City of Fremont, Nebraska, Dodge County, Nebraska (Collectively hereinafter referred to as the "Joint Owners") and Allo Communications, LLC where in the Joint Owners agree to lease to Allo a 100 x 100-foot lot on the north side of Lot 3 in Outlot "A" in the Technology Park (shown in Exhibit A), further described by a boundary survey in Exhibit B (hereinafter referred to as the "Lot") according to the terms of this lease agreement ("Agreement"). This lease agreement will allow Allo Communication to start operations in Fremont right away as they work through purchasing the property. When this property is purchased by Allo Communications, the proceeds will be equally split by the City of Fremont and Dodge County. Chairman Missel said Brian Newton, Fremont City Administrator, views Allo as a solid vendor that will offer competition for fiber internet, TV and Phone service.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Saalfeld reported that he attended a Region 6 Behavioral Health board meeting. This agency has been hit hard by COVID-19 both with illness and financially. The personnel is working alternative schedules to accommodate the situation. Finances are improving due to grant money that has been obtained through DUET (formerly known as ENCOR). Chairman Missel thanked Supervisor Saalfeld for his participation on this board over the past 4 years. Chairman Missel reported that the Motorola radio project is close to completion. There is still site work to complete and, good weather permitting, should wrap up in February or March. Supervisor Saalfeld asked if the county has obtained insurance on these radio towers once they are up and running. Chairman Missel said the insurance will be through NIRMA; the towers will become county property. County Clerk Mytty sought clarification on the list of 2021 holidays that was approved at the November 18, 2020 Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting. By consensus, the Board approved changing the approved list of 2021 holidays by removing the ½ day off on Thursday, December 23, 2021. County Clerk Mytty also reported that Judge Vampola would swear in the new board members on Thursday, January 7, 2021. After brief discussion, County Clerk

Mytty was asked to see if Judge Vampola would be available to swear in the new board members before the next scheduled Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting on January 13, 2021. County Clerk Mytty will email board members to let them know when the swearing in will be held. Supervisor Backens reported that Three Rivers Public Health Department received their first doses of the COVID-19 vaccine.

At 9:30 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Fabrication Holdings LLC DBA Elemetal Fabrication and Machine who is purchasing property described as Dodge County Parcels 270102116, 270137675 and 270137676 (AKA Platte Valley Equipment, 2263 Business Park Drive) Dodge County, Nebraska, to be removed from the county's industrial area. County Clerk Mytty asked the Board if the party making this request should own the property. According to documents accompanying the original request, Fabrication Holdings LLC DBA Elemetal Fabrication and Machine was to close on the sale of this property on December 28, 2020. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously approved the request of Fabrication Holdings LLC DBA Elemetal Fabrication and Machine to be removed from the county's industrial area. This approval is contingent on them being the property owner of record as of today. If not currently the property owner, Fabrication Holdings, LLC will need to bring this request before the Board again when they are owners of the property.

At this time Chairman Missel presented Supervisor Saalfeld with a plaque commemorating his four years of service to the Dodge County Board of Supervisors which ends January 6, 2021. Chairman Missel thanked him for serving Dodge County. Supervisor Saalfeld said it was an honor being a part of this group and that he has learned a lot along the way. He mentioned that we hear the term "Nebraska Strong" and he feels this group is making Nebraska stronger, particularly Dodge County.

At 9:39 A.M. the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors sine die (Reorganizational meeting set for Wednesday, January 13, 2021 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 except Strand.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5235 through 5241

At 10:02, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk