

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 20, 2021 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Beam. 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 officials' reports, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding changes in channel lineup, the September 13, 2021 Board of Trustees minutes and statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD comparison, profit & loss budget performance and balance sheet for the three months ending September 30, 2021 and 2022 for Fremont Community Health Resources, list from County Treasurer Bargstadt of distress warrants issued on personal property but not collected, correspondence from Nebraska State Probation, Sixth Probation District, Patty Lyon, Chief Probation Officer, regarding Probation – Quarterly County Billings 2021/2022 and reimbursement of expenses to Dodge County for the period July 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021, Certificates of Insurance for Murphy Tower Service, LLC and Control Services Inc., NIRMA correspondence regarding claim made on September 29, 2021, NIRMA Safety Shorts for October 2021, Notice of Public Hearings for the City of Fremont Planning Commission to be held October 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. to hear the following requests: Change of Zoning from Del Peterson & Associates from GI, General Industrial to GC, General Commercial on property located at 900 Bud Boulevard and a request for a Conditional Use Permit by Shiloh Center LLC for an adult day service facility on property located at 437 N. Jefferson Rd., Fremont, NE, correspondence from Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy (NDEE) regarding the "Return to Compliance" for an onsite wastewater system registered at 1580 County Road 11, North Bend, NE, Moving Permits for Woerman Grain Bin Moving to move a grain bin over county roads and STS LLC to move a railroad cabooses and box car over County Road K, Certificate of Insurance for Great Plains Communications LLC and correspondence from Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regarding Concurrence with Dodge County Floodplain Management Compliance Plan.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 6, 2021 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 Supervisor Beam.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Backens reported that there are currently 65 inmates in Saunders County, 22 in Washington County, 1 under house arrest and 1 with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. There have been 99 inmates booked since October 1, 2021.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 3, 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 Supervisor Beam.

The Board unanimously approved the wage and hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$236,447.31.

The Board unanimously approved a transfer of \$13,000 from Inheritance Tax Fund to the Flood Control Fund. The amount of the transfer will be returned to the Inheritance Tax Fund when grant monies are received.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$503,544.62.

The Board unanimously approved a Lease Agreement between Dodge County and Rupert Dunklau Foundation, Inc. for office space located at 33 West 4th Street, Suite 5A, Fremont, NE for operation of a Dodge County Attorney Office, including Juvenile Diversion Services and authorized the signature of Chairman Missel on the agreement. Supervisor Strand said the County Attorney's Office approached him approximately six months ago about needing more office space. Under this agreement, one half of the basement of the building at the aforementioned location will be utilized by two staff members. County Attorney Paul Vaughan did acknowledge that this building is not handicap accessible. If the staff of the Juvenile Diversion program need to meet with a client with special needs, they will be able to hold those meetings in the Dodge County Courthouse.

The Board unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement for the Provision of Cooperative Extension Services between Dodge County and the Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the agreement.

The Board unanimously received a memo from Jon Cannon, Executive Director of Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), regarding "Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers" and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Voter Registration as the person casting the ballot for Dodge County for the December 2021 election. Included in the motion, the Board named Supervisor Strand as the alternate designee if Chairman Missel is unable to vote.

Since Highway Superintendent Huppert is attending a conference, Supervisor Strand provided a brief update on highway department projects. The cement panels have been poured on Ridgeland Road and it should be open to traffic on Saturday (October 23). Crews just completed one mile on a road rebuild project and have one mile remaining.

Committee Reports – Chairman Missel expounded on agenda item 26a (Dodge County floodplain management), which was received earlier in the meeting. He said this is an ongoing process and he has been working with Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews and Sara Sopinski (Dodge County Attorney's Office) to reach a resolution with the Federal Emergency Management Agency regarding the sand berms that were built near Scribner. This group is also working with the City of Scribner to make sure the proper paperwork is being submitted. Supervisor Tawney reported that there will be a public comment opportunity on November 18 for the Rawhide Creek Watershed project.

He said he went on a site visit with the contractor, JEO Consulting Group, and saw first-hand how big the project is and how much of an impact it will have on the area in regards to flood control. This project will tie into the Drainage Improvement Project in Elkhorn Township/East Fremont, which will also focus on ways to return flood waters to the Elkhorn River. Supervisor Tawney also talked about a Restricted Crossing U-Turn (RCUT) that is being proposed at the intersection of State Highway 79 and US Highway 30 north of North Bend. The RCUT reduces 48 points of concern down to 24. It's not an overpass, but it's the best option considering the traffic counts in that location. Contractors will receive a bonus if this is completed by December of 2022. There will be a public meeting on this project on November 2 in North Bend. Supervisor Bendig reported that the 2019-2020 audit should be finalized within the next week. Supervisor Backens thanked the department heads who had to do extra work to get the audit completed.

At 9:25 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 3, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization with the following members present: Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Beam.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5372 thru #5378.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission regarding Notice of Appeal and Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing for 2021 appealed valuations from Robert J. Schmidt (Case No. 21A 0600).

The Board unanimously approved changes to Levies for various Political Subdivisions in Dodge County due to receipt of an amended Fremont Public Schools budget.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution to oppose the "30 x 30 program", which is part of President Biden's Executive Order 14008 and aims to develop a program to conserve "at least 30 percent of the lands and waters in the United States by 2030" and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign the resolution. County Clerk Mytty asked who the "other relevant Federal & State agencies" that should receive a copy of this resolution would be that are mentioned under item #7 on page 3 of the resolution. Supervisor Strand said the Farm Service Agency (FSA) will be the ones to implement this program. He suggested a copy of the resolution be sent to the Dodge County FSA office with a request that their board make it an action item at a regular board meeting. Scott Brettmann, with Lallman, Paulson & Brettmann, brought forward the idea of Dodge County crafting this resolution. Mr. Brettmann is a licensed real estate broker and certified general appraiser and understands the ramifications of the 30 x 30 program on Dodge County.

At 10:09 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, November 3, 2021

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk