

**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, June 15, 2022 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney 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 officials' reports, NIRMA Safety Shorts, Certificates of Insurance for Coranco Great Plains, Inc. and Lux Sand & Gravel, Inc., and Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads and back June 2 – June 9, 2022.

The Board, with Supervisor Weddle abstaining since he was not at the June 1, 2022 meeting, unanimously approved of minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting.

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.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that the average daily inmate count is 56 and there are currently 56 inmates in custody.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, June 29, 2022 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 \$254,525.41.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$2,393,894.23. Included in the large claims was the final payment on the county's share of the SE Beltway and payments on the bond for the radio system.

The Board unanimously approved the amended 2022-2023 Budget Calendar. The deadline to adopt the budget and send copy to county clerk and state auditor moved from September 20 to September 30. Also, the date to set levies moved from October 5 to October 19. These amendments were made because of LB644 & LB927 regarding the "postcard budget limit act".

The Board unanimously approved and authorized signatures for renewal of a Work/Financial Plan with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) for expenses not to exceed \$15,414.24 for the period July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Scot Rosendahl, Wildlife Specialist with APHIS-WS, was present and told the Board that the main issues he

continues to deal with are keeping the turkey vulture nuisance to a minimum out at the airport, controlling the pigeon population in Fremont and addressing issues with beavers; the turkey vulture population at the airport is down to about 8. He also said the only change in the contract compared to the prior year is an 8% cost of living increase and an increase to cover higher fuel expenses.

The Board unanimously received the request for funding in the 2022-2023 Budget of \$2,000 for Keep Fremont Beautiful October 2022 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event and referred the request to the finance committee.

The Board unanimously approved instituting a longevity program (effective July 1, 2022) to increase the pay for full time county employees on their anniversary date at the following rates: 10+ years of service \$0.50/hour, 20+ years of service \$.75/hour, 30+ years of service \$1.00/hour and 40+ years of service \$1.25/hour - part time employees, elected officials and deputies under FOP contract are not eligible for this program. Supervisor Bendig said the idea of a longevity pay program originated in the roads department as one way to retain employees. Chairman Missel said he thinks it's good for the Board to show their appreciation to these long-term employees.

The Board unanimously approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Nebraska State Patrol (NSP) that would make them a secondary agency connected to the MidEast Regional 911 hosts at Fremont/Dodge County Communications and Colfax County and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the MOU. Shelly Holzerland, 911 Director, was present to explain to the Board that this MOU will connect the NSP to the MidEast Regional 911 system. The NSP is not a 911 center, but they do need to receive calls transferred by other 911 centers. Currently the NSP only receives voice information, but they will be able to receive mapping and video information after they are connected to the MidEast Regional 911 system. They will also share costs of maintenance, support and service calls.

The Board unanimously approved an amended Interlocal Agreement with North Bend Central and Logan View Schools with Dodge County to provide a school resource officer and authorized the Chairman Missel to sign the agreement.

At 9:28 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss terms of a proposed settlement.

At 9:58 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of terms of a proposed settlement. No action was taken or needed as a result of the closed session.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Strand reported that he met with the building and grounds employees at the Schneider Street warehouse and said they plan to have renovations done there by July 15, 2022. Supervisor Bendig reported that he attended supervisor training in Kearney last week.

The Board unanimously received NIRMA correspondence regarding Worker's Compensation and General Liability charges and a possible increase in the deductibles. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews told the Board that they could increase deductibles to reduce the premium charges, but the reduction is not a substantial amount. The

Board agreed that changing the deductible amounts would not benefit the county enough to make any changes.

The Board unanimously approved obtaining financing through Arvest Equipment Finance for the lease of a 2021 Cat Track Excavator and authorized the necessary signatures on the lease agreement. Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews told the Board that the interest on this 3-year lease is 2.48% through Arvest Equipment Finance. If they had gone through Caterpillar to finance this equipment, the interest rate would have been 5%.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that there were no bids opened for 2022-2023 Crushed Limestone Road Rock, therefore no contracts to approve. Suppliers are charging on a day-to-day basis and product is hard to get. Superintendent Huppert says the companies he contracts with to get the rock have to wait in line for the crushed limestone road rock; they are lucky to get one truck load per day.

The Board unanimously received bids opened for 2022-2023 Road Gravel, accepted all bids and authorized using the lowest bid when possible. Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews told the Board that the average cost last year was \$19.83/ton and this year it is \$23.61/ton. There will also be fuel surcharges added this year.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert updated the Board on current projects in the highway department. Employees are on the last ½ mile of Foothill Road; white rock shortages and rain have delayed this project. There have been a lot of culvert installation requests they have been working on. The Logan Creek project is complete. The Scribner/Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization project is going out for bid with a hopeful completion date of September 2022. All power poles and guy wire have been moved for the Yager Road project; they are ready for the contractor to start. There are roads closed for the By-Pass 30 project and contractors are using a lot of county roads that Superintendent Huppert is monitoring. The auditors for the township projects are still requesting information to complete the projects. FEMA is sending Dodge County a check for over \$500,000 for the Elkhorn Township project. Superintendent Huppert is working with the engineers on the proposed Highway 30 interchange, the Winslow bridge project, the County Road 18 paving project and the bridge on the Herman Scribner Road.

At 10:17 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5448 – #5451.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Bargstadt on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes, for 2022 on a 1997 Dodge Ram from First Baptist Church, 505 N. C St. Fremont, Nebraska, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

The Board unanimously received certification from County Assessor Churchill, per state statutes 77-126, 77-129 and 77-1311, that the portion of the Property Record

file substantiating the calculation of the protested value is maintained in her office in electronic or paper form.

The Board unanimously received 2022 Valuation Protests #1 - #35.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to advertise for three additional days for the Board to meet as a Board of Equalization, if needed, in July on the 20<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 A.M. to take action on 2022 valuation protests.

The Board unanimously received June 15, 2022 Board Notices from County Assessor Churchill of her request for changes to valuations of parcels for 2022 and passed a motion approving and authorizing the County Clerk to mail notices to the owners of the properties.

At 10:23 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

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

At 10:24 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:35 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the claims. No action was taken on any of the claims as a result of the closed session.

At 10:36 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty  
Dodge County Clerk