

**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, November 16, 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, Board of Trustees Minutes for September 12 and October 17, 2022 meetings and Statement of Revenue & Expenses YTD Comparison for the three months ending September 30, 2022 and 2021 for Fremont Community Health Resources, Oath of Office for Larry Shepard, Board of Trustees - Fremont Community Health Resources, Certificate of Insurance for Palleton, Inc., Notice of Public Hearing for Douglas County Planning Commission for November 9, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M. to hear request of Travis Merchants of Venice to rezone from MU Mixed Use & AG Agriculture to MU Mixed Use for proposed Lot 1 and Outlot A Travis of Venice subdivision of SE ¼ SE ¼ Section 30, T15N, R10E and application of Preliminary and Final Plat for the above description and the request for a special use permit to operate a sanitary landfill in an AG zone at 13505 N. 216 St. and at NE ¼ SW ¼ & SE ¼ NW ¼ Section 12, T16N, R10E at 21260 Bennington Road, Omaha, NE, NIRMA Safety Shorts for November 2022, Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over Highway 77, East Cloverly Rd. to Wholystone Foods and return, Utility Installation Agreement with OPPD to install an underground electric distribution line at NE Cor Sec. 7, T19N, R9E and Certificate of Insurance for Barnhart Crane & Rigging Co.

The Board, with Supervisor Strand abstaining since he was not present at the November 2, 2022 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the November 2, 2022 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.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 66 inmates in custody with 59 being held in Saunders County, 4 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, 1 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 2 under house arrest.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 30, 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 \$262,362.48.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$582,753.78.

The Board unanimously received the Annual Report from Summit Grove Preservation Group and approved funding in the amount of \$1,000 for the 2022/2023 budget year. Supervisor Tawney reported that an individual had expressed interest in being buried in this cemetery. The Summit Grove Preservation Group does not want to open the cemetery up to the public, mainly because it's located on a minimum maintenance road. He added that this group has done a great job of cleaning up the cemetery and has used the funding from Dodge County efficiently. County Clerk Mytty said statute 12-805 allows the county to fund an abandoned or neglected cemetery a maximum of \$1,000 per year.

The Board unanimously approved Emergency Manager Tom Smith on the NEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance Grant Program Authorized Representative Designation form and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

The Board unanimously received the Award acknowledgement and Grant Agreement between Dodge County and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) for Home Mitigation Project and authorized the Authorized Representative's (Emergency Manager Tom Smith) signature on the agreement.

The Board unanimously tabled any action regarding a Master Agreement – Land Survey Corner Preservation and a Resolution adopting and approving the execution of the Master Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation until the November 30, 2022 Dodge County Board of Supervisors' meeting. The Board would like to have County Surveyor Clark Boschult share his opinion on approving this agreement.

The Board unanimously approved a request from the City of North Bend for financial support during this fiscal year in the amount of \$5,000 for dike work on the north side of the Platte River, west of Highway 79. The previously agreed upon financial support for maintenance of the North Bend dike of \$2,000/year will increase to \$3,000/year starting next fiscal year. Chairman Missel pointed out that there are no immediate plans for improvements to the drainage/flood management in this area, so maintenance of the dike is critical. County Clerk Mytty said there is \$2,000 in the general miscellaneous fund that can be used towards the request for this fiscal year.

Committee Reports – Chairman Missel reported on the Joint Water Management Advisory Board meeting and special Fremont City Council meeting that was held November 15, 2022. He said JEO Consulting Group gave a presentation about potential flood mitigation projects in Dodge County. There is consensus on a project east and south of Fremont in the Morningside Road area, but nothing has been started at this time. The next steps will be to meet with the partners (City of Fremont, NRD) and determine potential funding. County Clerk Mytty reported that there are 4 townships that did not elect a governing body at the General Election on November 8, 2022. The Board must make the appointments for these township boards. County Clerk Mytty will publish notice of the vacancies and interested individuals will have until December 9, 2022 to apply for the township board vacancies. The Dodge County Board will decide on the appointments at the December 13, 2022 meeting. The Board members with these townships in their districts were encouraged to reach out to existing township board members that are interested in continuing to serve on their respective boards.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution for revisions to the Dodge County Highway Department job descriptions for Equipment Operator I, II, III, Grading Foreman I, Maintenance Foreman I, Road/Maintenance Foreman II and Bridge/Road/Maintenance Foreman III and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews told the Board that these job descriptions haven't been reviewed since 2013. The change made to the Equipment Operator I job description was to add "shall have in possession and maintain a Class B – C.D.L. Certification" to the last sentence of the job description. The change made to the Equipment Operator II & III, Grading Foreman I, Maintenance Foreman I, Road/Maintenance Foreman II and Bridge/Road/Maintenance Foreman III was to add "shall have in possession and maintain a Class A – C.D.L. Certification" to the last sentence of these job descriptions. Supervisor Backens read the Resolution for the record.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that his employees are cleaning out ditches specifically near bridges that have been inspected and they have also been preparing equipment for snow. The Scribner/Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project is complete; there is still a sand berm that will have to be taken care of, which the road and bridge committee is considering. Dodge County donated the 1<sup>st</sup> 300 rip rap, but the project required approximately 14,000 rip rap; Dodge County will be reimbursed for the additional rip rap that was needed. County Road F is open for the Scribner By-pass 275 project, but Fairacres Road will be closed for at least a month; people can use County Road F to get around Fairacres Road. Superintendent Huppert is working with the State regarding snow removal on By-pass 30; since the project is ongoing, the State is responsible for snow removal. The north bound side of Yager Road has been concreted and is cured. Work on the intersection began on Monday and should be complete next week. They will concrete the south bound side after the intersection is done. Superintendent Huppert is working with a contractor to repair an undermined culvert on Ridgeland Road; the road will be closed soon to make the repairs.

The Board unanimously approved instructing Lisa Daniels with North Risk Partners to proceed with the change to Medica for health insurance coverage for 2023 as well as the dental/vision renewal as presented. Chairman Missel said the finance committee worked with Ms. Daniels, who suggested the county go out for bids for health insurance coverage for 2023. Medica offers significant savings (approximately \$20,000/month) over the current provider, Blue Cross and Blue Shield. Medica also matched all the current co-pays and they cover a wide range of prescription drugs with no co-pay. The change in health insurance will start on January 1, 2023.

At 9:50 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:03 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 10:04 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

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

There was no business as a Board of Equalization.

At 10:05 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, November 30, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty  
Dodge County Clerk