

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 7, 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 various county officials' reports, correspondence from Nebraska State Probation, Sixth Probation District, Patty Lyon, Chief Probation Officer, regarding Probation – Quarterly County Billings 2020/2021 and reimbursement of expenses to Dodge County for the period January 1, 2020 to March 31, 2020, State of Nebraska Jail Standards Inspection Report from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Jail Standards Division, correspondence from Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District regarding applications for the Community Forestry Incentive Program, correspondence from NIRMA regarding Annual Membership Meeting and Dividend Distribution, Certificates of Insurance for Control Services, Inc. and Cooney Fertilizer Inc., Minutes of the Dodge County Courthouse Safety Committee Meeting of September 23, 2020, NIRMA Safety Shorts for October 2020 and Minutes of the Highway Department Safety Committee Meeting on September 24, 2020.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 23, 2020 meeting as printed.

At 9:02 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 58 inmates in custody. There were 127 bookings in the month of September and 23 so far (through 10/6/2020) for the month of October.

At 9:04 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, October 21, 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 submitted in the amount of \$256,918.35.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims submitted in the amount of \$758,579.44. The large claims were primarily flood related again; \$555,000.00 was transferred from the bond loan account to cover these expenses. Supervisor Saalfeld asked if the county has been receiving reimbursement money for flood expenses. Chairman Missel said that the county has received some of the reimbursement money, but not what has been expected up to this point. County Clerk Mytty reported that he sent each township a letter instructing them that they now need to request the reimbursement funds. Highway Superintendent Huppert is also monitoring the funds that the townships are receiving.

The Board unanimously received a letter from County Treasurer Bargstadt on the request for a refund of Inheritance Tax and authorized the refund in the amount of \$96.21 due the Estate of Renae A. Borisow.

As noted above, the Board unanimously received the State of Nebraska Jail Standards Inspection Report from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Jail Standards Division. Chairman Missel requested that the Jail Standards Committee follow up with Sheriff Hespen on any areas of non-compliance with the Standards identified in this report.

The Board unanimously received Motorola Change Order #11 and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Change Order. Chairman Missel reported that this change was not in the original plan, but it became a necessary piece that came about in the process of working through the plan. This change does not add to the end cost of the plan because there were other deletions and additions along the way that have balanced out.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from Great Plains Communications (GPC) regarding renewal quotes for services Dodge County currently has with GPC and authorized moving forward with the next step acknowledging acceptance of the services at the quoted prices for a 36 month term. Supervisor Beam stated that he has had no issues with the service GPC has provided. It was noted that the price quotes represent a savings of approximately \$150.00 per month which is virtually unheard of these days.

The Board unanimously approved the request for and authorized Chairman Missel to sign a Special Designated License Local Recommendation (Form 200) for Rise's Drive-In Liquor, Inc. to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits at a reception to be held at Platte Valley Equipment, 2221 County Road Q, Fremont, Nebraska on December 5, 2020 from 1:00 P.M. until 1:00 A.M. (12/6/20).

The Board unanimously received Dodge County's Countywide Cost Allocation Plan from WJE Consulting LLC based on actual costs for fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 and Indirect Cost Rate Computations for July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2021 fiscal year and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan.

At 9:18 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:27 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 9:29 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session with respect to pending legal action against the county.

At 9:47 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of pending legal action against the county. Chairman Missel stated that the discussion was informational only and no action was needed as a result of the closed session.

Patti Jurjevich, Regional Administrator of Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare, was present to give a FY2019 Service Summary for Dodge County. She provided some background information as to how the behavioral health regions were arranged in the state; it was determined that regional coverage is the most effective way to deliver mental health services. State statute dictates much of what they do and how they operate. Two statute requirements that directly impact the county board is that they must receive county matching funds and they must have governance consisting of one county supervisor or commissioner from each of the counties they serve. One of the statistics provided showed that the estimated Region 6 expenditures for Dodge County for FY19 were substantially higher than those in FY17 & FY18. Supervisor Backens asked if the flooding of 2019 could have impacted these numbers. Ms. Jurjevich said she would have to follow up with that and see what role the flooding played. Another service Region 6 is working on is providing more technology for law enforcement to help connect those in need with immediate access to a behavioral health professional. Supervisor Bendig asked if the encounters by age percentage is typically highest in the 25-34 year old age group. Ms. Jurjevich said this is unique to Dodge County; the other counties usually have the highest encounters with the 35-44 year old age group. This was another statistic that she would follow up on for us. Ms. Jurjevich then went on to talk about the "Nebraska Strong" crisis counseling that Region 6 provided for flood victims. The funding for this ended in June, but the program now has a COVID-19 version of "Nebraska Strong", which provides COVID-19 related resource information that is being done primarily by phone until they can actually get out and deliver the information in person. Ms. Jurjevich then spoke about a Resolution that she would like the board to consider adopting regarding Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare acquiring thirty (30) percent ownership interest of building and property at 4715 S. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE. Region 6 shares this building with the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging and DUET (formerly ENCOR, a disability services agency). All three agencies contributed to purchase and renovate the building. In order to formalize the relationship with the three agencies, this resolution needs the approval of each of the county boards included in Region 6. There will not be any monetary impact on Dodge County as a result of adopting this resolution. Supervisor Saalfeld read the resolution into the record. The Board unanimously adopted and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Resolution for Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare to acquire thirty (30) percent ownership interest of building and property at 4715 S. 132nd Street, Omaha, NE.

The Board unanimously adopted and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign a Resolution to amend Dodge County Zoning Map making a change from Transitional Ag, A-3 to C-1 Commercial for a 40.06 acre tract located in the W ½ NW ¼ Section 26, Township 18 North, Range 8 East and Part of Tax Lot 8 and Part of Tax Lot 26 in Nickerson Township, Dodge County.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews provided the Board with a flyer about a free webinar presented by NIRMA about "Managing the Work Environment After Coronavirus" featuring labor attorney, Pam Bourne. The webinar is Thursday, October 22, 2020, 10:00 – 11:15 A.M. Advance registration is required.

The Board unanimously adopted and authorized the Dodge County Board of Supervisors and County Clerk Mytty to sign a Resolution of Certificate of Completion for Agreement Number BL1653 for Horizontal Curved Signing Devices that was completed April 20, 2016.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert was not present at the meeting, but Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews did give an update that Omni Construction was

starting the Big Island Road project today. Residents had been notified in advance and many had made arrangements to get vehicles out prior to construction beginning.

At 10:26 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously adopted and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign a Resolution setting the 2020 Levies for various Political Subdivisions. Chairman Missel read the resolution into the record. Supervisor Strand asked for confirmation that the 2020 levy is .229101. County Clerk Mytty confirmed that .229101 is correct. Chairman Missel added that this is roughly a 10% drop from last year.

The Board unanimously received and accepted the County Treasurer's recommendation to approve the 2020 Application for Exemption (form 457) from First Baptist Church 505 N. C Street, Fremont, Nebraska on a 2018 Chevrolet Express Van.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission regarding 2020 appealed valuations from the following: Ritz Lake (39 parcels), The Kroger Company, Gary D. Pebley, Shane J. Placek, Rebecca R. Winterfeld, Robin S. Custer, 2700-2850 E. 23rd LLC, 2660 E. 23rd LLC, Sandra Pedersen Becky Trust, Hy-Vee Inc., Pebley, Inc., Fremont Beef Company (3 parcels).

At 10:32 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, October 21, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk