

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Prior to convening of the meeting, newly elected/reelected Supervisors, Greg Beam, District 2, Pat Tawney, District 4, and Dan Weddle, District 6 were sworn in by the Honorable County Judge Ken Vampola.

The 2021 Reorganizational Meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors was called to order by County Clerk Fred Mytty at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska, with the following members present: Bendig, Tawney, Beam, Weddle, Backens, and Strand. Absent: Missel.

County Clerk Mytty announced the meeting to be an open public meeting and that the open meeting laws were posted on the wall and available for anyone's review.

The Board unanimously declared the meeting legally convened.

Bob Missel was nominated as Chairman for 2021. The Board unanimously passed a motion declaring the nominations cease and that Mr. Missel be elected Chairman by unanimous consent.

Lon Strand was nominated for Vice-Chairman for 2021. The Board unanimously passed a motion declaring the nominations ceased and that Mr. Strand be elected Vice-Chairman by unanimous consent.

Vice Chairman Strand then presided over the meeting.

The Board unanimously passed a motion appointing County Clerk Fred Mytty and his office as "keeper of the agenda" for the Board and instructed the agendas to be posted on the main floor of the courthouse and on the county's website and also making it available in the board room in paper form the day of the meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as printed and received and placed on file various county officials' reports, correspondence from NDEE regarding Letter of Non-Compliance (LNC) Title 124 Requirements issued to Mullally Plumbing and Heating for a farm residence at 1580 County Road 11, North Bend, NE, Certificates of Insurance for Getzschman Heating, LLC and Platte Township, NIRMA Safety Shorts for January 2021, Courthouse Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of December 30, 2020, Utility Installation Agreement with OPPD to install an underground and overhead electric distribution line in the Public Right-of-Way between U Blvd from County Road 26 to County Road 28 in W ¼ Corner Sect 16, T-17-N, R-09-E to E ¼ Corner Sect 15, T-17-N, R-09-E in Dodge County, NE, Certificates of Insurance for Thompson Construction, Inc. and Wardcraft Homes, Inc. and 2 Moving Permits for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over Dodge County roads and return.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 30, 2020 meeting as printed.

At 9:05 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Corrections. Vice Chairman Strand dispensed with roll all members being present except Missel.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 66 inmates in custody with 56 being held in Saunders County, 5 with Dodge County, 3 in house arrest, and 2 being held with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS). There were 1,200 bookings in 2020, this amount was down from the previous year due to COVID-19.

At 9:06 A.M., Vice Chairman Strand adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 9:05 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$246,738.14.

The Board unanimously authorized County Clerk Mytty and County Treasurer Bargstadt to transfer \$340,000 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Flood Disaster Relief Fund of 2019.

Craig Jones, representing Dodge County Banks, was at the meeting to present a resolution to consider borrowing another \$2,500,000 for the flood disaster 2019. He said they are prepared to loan the county the money as tax exempt bonds pledging State Highway Allocation funds as collateral at about the same interest as the other bonds. Board members showed concern that more bonds were necessary but understand repairs have to be made while awaiting 87.5% reimbursement from the federal and state disaster funds. The Board unanimously approved and authorized proper signatures on a resolution authorizing the issuance of \$2.5 million in additional bonds.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims in the amount of \$564,645.49.

At 9:30 A.M., a Public Hearing was to be held to consider the request of petitioners, Robert A. Johnson and Sharon G. Johnson, husband and wife, to be granted an access road to their land under the "Isolated Landowners" statutes 37-1713 through 37-1719. Their land location is described as: The SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ and Tax Lot 22, the west 30 acres of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$, all in Section 32, Township 20 North, Range 7 East of the 6th P.M., Cuming Township, Dodge County, NE consisting of 70 acres more or less. Vice Chairman Strand read into the record a letter from the petitioners' lawyer, Dave Mitchell, stating that they want to have the matter continued until the next meeting because they are having discussions with an affected landowner. The Board unanimously continued the hearing until January 27, 2021 at 9:30 A.M.

The Board unanimously approved and authorizing Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign the request for CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) Funds on Project 19-EM-005 (Fremont Rod and Gun Club) for the following: General Grant Administration Costs of \$675.00 (for October and November 2020 services) reimbursed by the grant funds (to NENEDD) and Project Costs of \$3,596.09 (to JEO Consulting Group Inc.).

Committee Reports – Supervisor Beam said the federal law saying sick leave is leave with pay was not renewed and is now voluntary. His committee recommends continuing the policy for county employees to be paid for COVID-19 related leave until the COVID-19 crisis is over.

The Board unanimously declared a 2002 John Deere Loader, Model 624H Vin #DW624HX582299 as surplus property and approved the advertisement of this vehicle to be sold to the highest bidder.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized the proper signatures on a Resolution for Approval of Preliminary Plans, Specifications and Estimates for LPA Program Agreement for State to assist County in Development and Construction of an LPA Federal-aid transportation project known as ER-3470(15); Control No. 22792; Project Description: Hooper North-Logan Creek.

Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent, gave an update for the Board. He said Elkhorn and Platte Townships repairs have become obligated by FEMA. He said there continues to be work done in other townships and the new expiration date of projects is March 20, 2021. He added when FEMA combines projects to be over a million dollars, they become slower projects to get reimbursement. He said his crew is busy with salting and snow removal.

At 9:45 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims for the month of December 2020.

At 9:58 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the claims.

No additional action was needed on any of the claims.

At 9:59 A.M., Vice Chairman Strand adjourned the Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board convened as a Board of Equalization with all members present except Missel.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections, #5242 thru 5268.

The Board unanimously received and referred to the County Attorney correspondence from Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding Notice of Appeals filed by Gallery 23 East LLC against the Dodge County

Board of Equalization for 2020 valuations, Case Nos. 20R 0151 through 20R 0227 (77 total) and Case Nos. 20R 0228 through 20R 0305 (78 total).

The Board unanimously considered correspondence from Dodge County Assessor Debbie Churchill regarding state statute 77-202.11 requirement "By January 31, 2021, the state and each governmental subdivision shall provide to the appropriate county assessor a copy of each lease in effect on January 1 of the current year for property owned by the state or governmental subdivision." Effective January 1, 2021, property owned by the state and its governmental subdivision(s) not being used or developed for use for a public purpose, "shall be subject to taxation" and authorized the County Clerk to notify the Assessor that the County has no land owned by the county used for commercial use.

At 10:12 A.M., Vice Chairman Strand adjourned the Board of Equalization until Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk