

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice-Chairman Strand at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 5, 2022 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Missel. Prior to roll call Vice-Chairman Strand 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 minutes of the September 21, 2022 meeting as printed.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as printed and received and placed on file county officials' reports, final copy of the 2022 Missouri River East Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP), correspondence from Nebraska State Probation, Sixth Probation District, Patty Lyon, Chief Probation Officer, regarding Probation – Quarterly County Billings 2022/2023 and reimbursement of expenses to Dodge County for the period July 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022, correspondence from Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District regarding applications for the Community Forestry Incentive Program, Board of Trustees Minutes for August 15, 2022 meeting and Statement of Revenue & Expenses YTD Comparison for the two months ending August 31, 2022 and 2021 for Fremont Community Health Resources, LB 644 Report, signed ARPA Compliance Statement from Nickerson Fire & Rescue, Certificate of Insurance for Cooney Fertilizer Inc., minutes of the Courthouse Safety Committee meeting held on September 21, 2022, minutes of the Highway Department Safety Committee held on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, Certificate of Insurance for The L.E. Myers Co., Utility Installation Agreement for OPPD to install an overhead secondary crossing & set pole in right-of-way at ¼ mile North County Road P on County Road 24 Nickerson at Sec. 18, T18N, R9E, and correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a price increase.

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 for Chairman Missel.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that in September the average daily inmate count was 73; there were 122 inmates booked into custody in the month of September. Currently there are 64 inmates in custody with 56 in Saunders County, 5 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, 1 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 2 under house arrest.

At 9:07 A.M., Vice-Chairman Strand adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, October 19, 2022 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 Chairman Missel.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$266,335.49.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$1,145,194.61. Large claims included payment to Cedar Valley Corporation for the County Road T project and payments for the Public Service Answering Point (PSAP).

The Board unanimously approved a COVID American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) fund payout of \$2,000 for all full-time employees and \$1,000 for all part-time employees that were employed during the COVID pandemic. Sheriff's Department employees including those under the FOP contract, correctional staff and office staff are excluded from this payment because of approval on 6/29/22 of a similar payment. Elected officials are excluded from this payment. Supervisor Strand said he is confident Dodge County has spent their ARPA funding in a way that benefits all of the county. Supervisor Bendig said the technology and security upgrades that the county has made utilizing ARPA funds were needed and won't have to be funded by taxes.

The Board unanimously approved a separate payroll date of October 24, 2022 for the COVID ARPA fund payout for Dodge County employees. A separate date to process these checks was requested to simplify record keeping.

Committee Reports – It was reported that CASA of the Midlands will be holding a bake sale in the entryway of the courthouse on Friday, October 28, 2022.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews reported that the Lincoln Classic 3000 engine driven welder declared as surplus at the July 27, 2022 meeting was sold at Nitz Auction for \$2,550. She also reported that the County Road T West paving project is near completion and the Yager Road project is started.

The Board unanimously approved the contract for the Dodge County Bridge Rehabilitation Project Structure No. C002732025 County Project 622 with JMN Construction, LLC and authorized the necessary signatures on the contract.

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

At 9:31 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.

Immediately thereafter, Vice-Chairman Strand adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Vice-Chairman Strand dispensed with roll all members being present except for Chairman Missel.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5470 & 5471.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Assessor Churchill to approve the Exemption Applications (Form 451) and authorized the Dodge County Board of Equalization to sign the approved Exemption Applications for 2022 for Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity, Ministerio Internacional Dios Es Amor Inc., and Howells-Dodge Educational Facilities Leasing Corporation.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding Notice of Appeal filed by Lawrence D. Marvin against the Dodge County Board of Equalization for 2022 valuation.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Assessor Churchill to deny the approval of the Statement of Reaffirmation of Tax Exemption (form 451A) for VSL Hooper LLC dba: Hooper Care Center for tax year 2022 since it is no longer in business and authorized the county clerk to send correspondence to the organization informing them of the denial by the Board of Equalization.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Assessor Churchill to deny the approval of tax exemption for 2022 for the parsonage, detached garage and land (other than church land) for Bluffs Trinity Lutheran Church and authorized the county clerk to send correspondence to the organization informing them of the denial by the Board of Equalization.

The Board unanimously received October 5, 2022 Board Notices from County Assessor Churchill 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 10:12 A.M., Vice-Chairman Strand adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, October 19, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk