

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, February 13, 2019 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Saalfeld, Beam, Backens, Strand, Bendig, Weddle and Missel. Absent: None. Prior to roll call, Chairman Missel announced the meeting to be an open public meeting and that the current open meeting laws were 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, minutes of the Fremont Community Health Resources Board of Trustees meetings of November 12, 2018 and December 10, 2018, NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) Safety Shorts for February 2019, Certificate of Insurance for Mobilitie, LLC, correspondence from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) regarding FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) Panel 31053C0120G, effective January 3, 2019 and Certificate of Insurance for Pleasant Valley Township.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 30, 2019 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 discussed with Saunders County Corrections Director Brian Styskal, medical practices with their inmates. Also, the new camera system in the booking and holding facility is much appreciated and the staff is very pleased with its performances. He also commented there were 127 people booked into the facility last month compared to 121 last year for the same month.

At 9:07 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, February 27, 2019 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 \$224,316.40.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$237,859.52.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation & Development Council and passed a motion to move forward with the county's annual membership of \$350.

No action was needed on correspondence received from Lower Elkhorn NRD on programs available to solve natural resource problems and create recreational opportunities for citizens located within their NRD. The information will be forwarded to those political subdivisions in Dodge County within the Lower Elkhorn NRD.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Saalfeld commented he would be attending a Region 6 meeting this afternoon in Omaha. Supervisor Strand commented the Road Department is in the process of conducting traffic counts on roads all over the county.

At 9:16 A.M., Chairman Missel recessed the Board until Highway Superintendent Huppert was in attendance.

At 9:38 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

Since item 16 on the agenda was already considered and someone entered the meeting room wanting to talk, the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back and reopen item 16 on the agenda to allow for comment.

Under any business brought by the public or discussion from the public, Nancy O'Connor, who lives on County Road "O", spoke asking for the County Board to make decisions to protect the environment, referring to nitrates being added to our soils contaminating our water. She commented reverse osmosis systems are expensive. She asked the County Board to limit the number of barns and remarked Case could handle four barns, but not ten barns, referring to the application of Lee & Pamela Camenzind for a conditional use permit for a new livestock feeding operation for poultry.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from Nebraska Department of Transportation on County Bridge Match Program, STWD-CBMP(3) Program and adopted a Resolution authorizing the County Board Chairman to sign in duplicate Agreement BL 1918. Highway Superintendent Huppert explained where both projects were, the rehab of a bridge on County Road 11 between M & N over the Maple Creek and a box culvert on Yager Road between S & T at ditch #7.

Highway Superintendent Huppert gave a brief report of what was going on in the Road Department. He commented they are conducting traffic counts all over the county, doing maintenance on machines, working on barricades and keeping up on the sanders and snow plows.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to set the date and time for the 2019 One & Six Year Road Improvement Program Public Hearing for February 27, 2019 at 10:15 A.M.

At 9:51 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 9:00 A.M. and called for a recess until 10:00 A.M., the scheduled time for the Board of Equalization.

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

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #4956 thru #4960.

The Board unanimously received and placed on file Orders for Single Commissioner Hearings & Notices before the TERC (Tax Equalization & Review Commission) on Case No. 18C 0031 of RML Investments Inc., Case No. 17R 0029 of Daniel A. Cherek, Case No. 18R 0196 of Benno H. Cooper & Case No. 18R 0223 of Dale Wimer.

At 10:05 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the new tax exempt status for year 2019 for Grace Presbyterian Church of Fremont, Nebraska on O.T. E 22' of the N 100' of Lot 3, Blk 143 of the City of Fremont. Chairman Missel opened the public hearing for testimony on the exemption. County Assessor Churchill explained her recommendation to exempt 85% of the property's valuation, due to the upstairs being rented, leaving 15% of its valuation to be taxed. With no further testimony, Chairman Missel closed the hearing. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Assessor Churchill and granted the partial exemption.

At 10:10 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the new tax exempt status for year 2019 for Ministerio Internacional Dios Es Amor Inc. of Dodge, Nebraska on Lot 10, Blk 3 of the Village of Dodge. Chairman Missel opened the public hearing. County Assessor Churchill explained her recommendation was to approve the exemption, but to assess the \$100 penalty per statute, due to the application being filed late. With no further testimony, Chairman Missel closed the hearing. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Assessor Churchill and granted the exemption with the \$100 penalty.

Prior to adjournment, County Assessor Churchill explained they will begin to send requests out to those property owners who have appealed the County Board's decision on their real property protest via certified letter asking for an interior and exterior inspection of their property.

At 10:13 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, February 27, 2019.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk