

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 9, 2019 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Saalfeld, Beam, Strand, Bendig, Weddle, Backens 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, appointments by District Judge Geoffrey Hall to the Mental Health Board to 4-year terms from September 1, 2019 to September 1, 2023, minutes of Cotterell Diking & Drainage District appointing Connie Lee Wamberg to their Board of Directors, serving as their Treasurer, Official Bond of Randall L. Wagner, SID #3 Chairman, letter from Steve Charleston, CDBG Program Manager, regarding status of Emergent Threat application, U.S. Federal Energy Regulatory Commission Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Palmyra to South Sioux City A-Line Abandonment Project, Certificates of Insurance for Control Services, Inc. & Magellan Pipeline Company, L.P. , NIRMA Safety Shorts for October, 2019, Certificates of Insurance for A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc. & Great Plains Communications, LLC, Utility Installation Agreements with WestTel Systems to install a buried fiber communications cable and equipment along/across roads located Section 23 and 24, T19N, R7E and Moving Permit for Scrib's House Moving to move a two-story house north on County Road 3 to County Road S and then east to County Road 8 between October 14th and 31st, 2019.

Motion was made by Strand, seconded by Weddle, but withdrawn, to approve the minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting as printed. Supervisor Bendig questioned a part of the proceedings where the figures were documented on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds for the Ames Drainage District. He thought it needed to be clarified. The possible correction to the minutes will be considered later in the meeting.

At 9:07 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 remarked 116 people were booked into the facility last month with 68 as of today being detained in custody.

At 9:10 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, October 23, 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.

Craig Jones, Managing Director of Public Finance for First National Capital Markets, was present to explain why the County was seeking more financial help with funding flood-related repairs. He explained the county was limited to \$5 million in tax exempt bonds this year since the county supported \$5 million in tax exempt bonds for Midland University. With the need for additional funding for flood repairs, he proposed taxable bonds not to exceed \$5 million of the County's Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds on an as needed bases. Supervisor Strand was concerned with using highway allocation funds as collateral, because those funds can only be spent on roads and bridges and not on dikes. County Clerk Mytty explained the funds were just used as a pledge of collateral. Mr. Jones explained the interest rates were higher on these funds, but were guaranteed not to exceed 5.3% for up to 10 years. The Board unanimously passed a motion adopting and authorizing the Chairman to sign a Resolution authorizing the issuance of not to exceed \$5 million of the County's Highway Allocation Fund Pledge Bonds (taxable) for purposes of funding flood-related repairs within the County and authorized the signing of all necessary supporting documents to insure the financing.

The Board unanimously approved the wage and hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$235,944.41.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$1,605,893.43, but instructed the holding of the payment of two claims to Nickerson Township in the amount of \$257,202.93 and to Vacha Excavating LLC in the amount of \$396,782.50 until the beginning of next week when funds are available.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Saalfeld will be attending a Region 6 meeting this afternoon. He also asked if anyone could attend a North Bend Chamber meeting tomorrow, due to a conflict that he would not be able to attend. Chairman Missel remarked that two of the four Motorola Tower sites have been purchased and closed on, with the third possibly being closed on sometime next week and fourth in a couple of weeks.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Chief Deputy Sheriff Reynolds to declare two vehicles as surplus property and authorized the vehicles be taken to Jack Nitz & Associates for auction.

Jean Andrews commented on the NIRMA conference she attended at York. She handed out a brochure from the conference on open meeting practices.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to declare the 1981 American Crane, model #7460; VIN #8104A02678 as surplus property and authorized Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise the sale of said equipment. Prior to the motion, Highway Superintendent Huppert explained the costs of keeping the crane versus getting rid of it.

Highway Superintendent Huppert gave an update of work within the Highway Department. He also commented on how much was being sent back from FEMA requesting more information.

At 9:59 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss the appeal of denial of the second three-time max in a calendar year for general assistance to a client.

At 10:10 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the appeal.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to extend an additional three months of assistance to the client.

At 10:12 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized the Chairman to sign a Resolution setting final levies for 2019 for various political subdivisions of Dodge County.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll correction #5027.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the County Treasurer and approved the exemption for Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity on three trailers.

At 10:16 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 10:00 A.M.

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

At 10:17 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims for the month of September, 2019.

At 10:28 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.

The Board unanimously received and placed on file the County Sheriff's Quarterly Report.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 25, 2019 meeting as corrected. Under the comments made on the grant application, the sentence of "If the grant is approved, the \$2,118,000 estimated cost of the project will provide funding of approximately \$1,633,000 to the Ames Drainage District and the

CORP towards the costs to fix the levy.” was replaced with the sentence “If the CDBG’s grant of \$485,000 is approved of the \$2,118,000 estimated cost of the project, the CORP will provide the remaining funding of approximately \$1,633,000 to the Ames Diking & Drainage District towards fixing the levy.”

At 10:35 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, October 23, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk

