

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, December 4, 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, correspondence (2) from Charter Communications regarding changes in channel lineups, bond for Mark Cuda, Treasurer of Winslow Rural Fire District, copies of required letters sent to Native American Tribes requesting project review for Project 19-EM-001-Ames Dike Repair, copy of Cooperation Agreement Between The US Army Corps of Engineers and the Ames Diking District for the Rehabilitation of Ames Diking – Platte River Left Bank Non-Federal Levee System, minutes of the Dodge County Planning Commission meeting of November 19, 2019, Certificate of Insurance for Wiese Plumbing & Excavating Inc. and minutes of Dodge County Highway Department Safety Committee meeting of September 18, 2019.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 20, 2019 meeting as printed.

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

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that as of today Dodge County has 60 inmates with 57 of them housed in the Saunders County Jail.

At 9:08 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, December 18, 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 and hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$222,481.37.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$1,042,678.22. Chairman Missel commented there was approximately \$1,450,000 left in our second \$5M line-of-credit this year to pay for flood repairs.

The Board unanimously appointed Supervisor Strand with Chairman Missel as his alternate for election procedures at the upcoming NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) Convention.

Committee Report – Chairman Missel announced the property for the 4th Motorola Tower (Uehling site) was finalized late last week. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony sometime in January to kick off the project.

Committee Report – Supervisor Beam reported on a new router that was installed for laptops in the County Board Room.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the City of North Bend to protect the county when assisting during emergencies and disasters.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Villages of Dodge and Snyder on cost sharing of radio system.

The Board unanimously approved the request of the Ames Diking District for an agreement with Dodge County to loan their district \$445,000 to meet the cost share obligation to the CORPS for their portion of rebuilding the Ames Dike. Grant Hansen of the Ames Diking District was present and commented the CORPS want local funds up front before bidding the project. Dodge County is the recipient of the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) funds in the amount of \$485,000.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Sheriff Hespen to strike uncollected service fees for civil process papers.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Insurance Committee and approved the change from United HealthCare to Blue Cross Blue Shield for employee health insurance coverage, effective January 1, 2020.

At 9:30 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Kevin L. & Nicole V. Ortmeier, Landowner, at 217 County Rd. H, Dodge NE and Deven Ortmeier, Operator, at 753 County Road I, Scribner NE to obtain a Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a Swine LFO (999 animal units) as per Article 12, Section 2.19 Conditional Uses located in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 6, Township 20 North, Range 7 East in Cuming Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Chairman Missel opened and closed the public hearing with no testimony given from the public. The Board unanimously passed a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the Conditional Use Permit to construct and operate a Swine LFO (999 animal units) in the SE ¼ of the SW ¼ of Section 6, Township 20 North, Range 7 East in Cuming Township, based on the conditional use conforms to the intent and purpose of the regulations and the use conforms to regulations of the district which it is located.

At 9:35 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of James Marshall, c/o Pathfinder Company of 1416 E 23rd St., Fremont NE to obtain a Conditional Use Permit to store and apply biosolids as per Article 13, Section 2.18 Conditional Uses located at the W ½ of the W ½ of Section 26, Township 18 North, Range 7 East in Maple Township, Zoning District A-2, General Ag. Chairman Missel opened and closed the public hearing with no testimony given from the public. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the Conditional Use Permit to store and apply biosolids in the W ½ of the W ½ of Section 26, Township 18 North, Range 7 East in Maple Township, based on the conditional use conforms to the intent and purpose of the regulations and the use conforms to regulations of the district which it is located.

Again, no action was taken on amending Zoning Regulation Fees to become effective January 1, 2020, due to no recommendation from the Planning Commission until more members could be present at their meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the awarding of a contract to M.E. Collins Contracting Co., Inc. for construction of Dodge/Washington County – 2020 County Bridge Match Projects, Structure Numbers: C002702125 and C002714507 in Dodge County and Structure Numbers: C008902010 and C008912040 in Washington County and authorized the Chairman to sign the contract.

Highway Superintendent Huppert commented bids will be received thru December 26th for the sale of the crane, which is available for viewing at the shop. He explained his shortage of trucks. Their new truck will not come in until the end of January and two others were being repaired with a third having a sander being mounted. He reported on flood projects, one being the bridge on County Road I between Road 11 and 12 which is near completion. He has a few bridges left to inspect.

At 9:57 A.M., Chairman Missel recessed the County Board until 10:00 A.M., the scheduled time for Board of Equalization.

At 10:03 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Immediately thereafter, 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 tax roll correction #5033.

At 10:05 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, December 18, 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 10:07 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims for the month of November, 2019.

At 10:15 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion go back into open session from the discussion of the claims. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

At 10:16 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, December 18, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk