

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, September 21, 2022 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: None. Prior to roll call Chairman Missel 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 agenda as printed and received and placed on file county official's report, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding changes in channel lineup, revised, signed Compliance Statements from the following recipients of ARPA funding: Fremont & Dodge County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Midland University, Fremont Rural Fire Department, Dodge County Sheriff's Department, Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity and Dodge County Extension, NIRMA Safety Shorts, Notice of Public Hearing for Douglas County Planning Commission at 6:00 P.M. Wednesday, September 21, 2022 to request approval of Preliminary and Final Plat of Proposed Lots 1 & 2 and Outlots A & B, Whomping Willow Ridge subdivision and to request rezone from AG Agriculture to RR Rural Residential for the above lots in Whomping Willow Ridge – address 21260 Bennington Road, Omaha, NE, Notice of Public Hearings with the City of Fremont Planning Commission on Monday, September 19, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. to consider request of Jeff Ray on behalf of owners "And One Subdivision" Preliminary and Final Plat consisting of 3 lots located east of County Road S & Highway 77 and for a change of zone from R, Rural to L1, Light Industrial; and also request for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility; Request by Charles Diers for Diers 8th Addition preliminary and final plat consisting of 2 lots and 2 outlots on property located at southeast corner of Luther Rd and E. 23rd St.; request of change of zone from R, Rural to GC, General Commercial and AR, Auto Urban Residential and a request to annex property generally located at Elkhorn Drive and Deer Crossing, Certificate of Insurance for Board of Regents of the University of Nebraska, NIRMA correspondence regarding the NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting/Luncheon and Dividend Distribution on October 21, 2022, NIRMA correspondence regarding the Nomination/Election of NIRMA Board Members whose terms expire December 31, 2022, Moving Permit for Williams Midwest Housemovers Inc. to move a wood frame home over county roads on September 14, 2022, Utility Installation Agreement for OPPD to install an overhead and underground power line at Hwy 275 and County Road 20 to State St. & Donald Schwab Memorial Hwy at Sec. 21, T19N, to Sec. 9, T19N, R8E and Utility Installation Agreement for OPPD to install an overhead and underground electrical line at County Road N & County Road 20 to Hwy 275 to County Road O in SE Corner of Section 5, T18N, R8E to NE Corner Section 15, T18N, R8E.

The Board, with Supervisor Strand abstaining since he was not present at the September 7, 2022 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the September 7, 2022 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 reported that the Dodge County Holding Facility passed their annual inspection for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board. There were a few changes suggested, but praise was given to Justin Libra and Jacob Brown for managing their administrative duties, especially documentation, which has been an issue in the past. Supervisor Beam also reported that the Dodge County Holding Facility passed their fire inspection. There is an average daily inmate count of 74. There are currently 69 inmates in custody with 60 in Saunders County, 4 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, 1 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 4 under house arrest.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, October 5, 2022 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 \$379,445.16. This includes Dodge County Sheriff's Deputies' premium/retention pay, which was approved to be paid with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$325,469.65.

The Board unanimously approved a lease agreement with Three Rivers Public Health Department for storage space in the 935 Schneider Street warehouse and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the agreement. Supervisor Strand said when the space was originally designed, they hadn't considered leasing it out, but the cost of the remodel made them rethink the lease option. He said they asked Three Rivers Public Health Department if they would be willing to lease and they agreed; this turns out to be a win/win for both entities.

The Board unanimously received a list from County Treasurer Bargstadt of delinquent taxes for years 2016 and prior and through 2020 which have been offered for sale at public sale and remain unsold and passed a motion adopting and authorizing the Chairman to sign a Resolution directing the County Treasurer to place Tax Sale Certificates on said delinquent taxes.

The Board unanimously received Dodge County's Countywide Cost Allocation Plan from WJE Consulting LLC based on actual costs for fiscal year ended June 30, 2021 and Indirect Cost Rate Computations for July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 fiscal year and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan.

Committee Reports – County Clerk Mytty reported that out of 42 township officer positions, 12 individuals filed to run for election to these positions. An individual can be accepted as a write-in only if they file a notarized affidavit stating they wish to be accepted as a write-in. If there is one vacancy on a township board, the existing township board members can appoint the third board member. If there are two or more vacancies, the Dodge County Board would appoint the necessary number of township

board members. Supervisor Tawney said he would talk to the townships in his district and see if he could find anyone interested in being considered as a write-in for their township board. Supervisor Tawney reported that the paving on the Highway 30 Expressway between Fremont and North Bend is complete (one set of 2 lanes). They will be working on the other set of 2 lanes if allowed by the State, which will be decided today. Bridge and intersection work will have to be done before the traffic will be moved onto the new expressway. He also reported that the bridge over the cutoff ditch will be as long as the Platte River Bridge between North Bend and Morse Bluff. The State has done all of the preliminary work in North Bend for the improvements that will be made to old Highway 30 and Highway 79 from the north end of the Platte River Bridge to the new expressway; none of this work will begin until traffic has been moved to the new expressway. Supervisor Backens reported that Graham Construction has started on the Yager Road project. County Road T is nearing completion; they are currently working on the approaches to businesses and residential property.

Regarding business that was tabled at the September 7, 2022 meeting, the Board unanimously received the amended proposed budget for FY2022-2023.

The Board unanimously approved adding the allowable 2.5% plus growth in excess of 2.5% of restricted funds for carryover to the 2023/2024 County Budget.

The Board unanimously approved an additional 1% of restricted funds (\$354,145.65) requiring a super majority vote, which is 75% of the governing body.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution approving the 2022/2023 county budget as amended and authorized the signatures of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors on the Resolution. Supervisor Strand read the Resolution for the record.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution setting Dodge County's tax request at \$11,363,309 (Tax Rate (\$'s/\$100 of value) = \$0.22483 for Fiscal Year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023 and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution on transfers as outlined in the 2022/2023 County Budget and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that the work being done at Legge Lake is going well and the patrons there are pleased. Employees are removing trees from Ditch #7 between Highway 77 and County Road 20. Superintendent Huppert and two other employees are working on bridge inspections; this year 160 bridges need to be inspected by the middle of December. He is having engineers from Speece Lewis come on Friday to give their expert opinion on a couple of bridges that may need to be closed. County Road T is paved and open, but only to Yager Road; culverts are being installed at the intersection of County Road T and Yager Road. There have been some complaints about access in the area that have been addressed. He met with the State engineers about Dodge County's acquisition of old Highway 30 once the new expressway is open. He let them know what work he would like to have done before Dodge County takes it over and he told them he won't take it over until this work is done. The State agreed to Superintendent Huppert's requests. Projections for the completion of the new expressway are July 2023. Construction crews are working on

the Highway 77 By-Pass – Southeast Beltway and are projecting to have the roundabout completed by October 25, 2022.

At 9:41 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

A short recess was taken at this time.

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 correction #5469.

The Board unanimously received the list of 2022 Dodge County Permissive Exemptions (including cemeteries) from County Assessor Churchill and instructed the County Clerk to publish the list in the month of September per Nebraska Statute #77-202.03(5).

County Assessor Churchill told the Board that the mailing error that occurred with the postcards for LB644 was not the fault of the Assessor's office. She was not provided a proof of the postcard before they were mailed. The question of who pays for the second mailing was asked. Assessor Churchill said she doesn't think the County should have to pay since it wasn't their fault. She also explained to the Board that years ago the Fremont Rural Fire District took out a \$400,000 bond. When the City of Fremont annexed ground that had previously been in the Fremont Rural Fire District (i.e. Ritz Lake, CostCo, Wholestone Farms, etc.) they should have reimbursed the fire district for their share of the bonds and this did not happen. Assessor Churchill is calculating the dollar amount that the City of Fremont owes.

At 10:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, October 5, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk