

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, November 30, 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 renewal bonds for Hooper Township Officials – Chairman, John VonSeggern Jr., Clerk, Larry Klahn & Treasurer, Garry Willnerd, Nebraska Department of Economic Development tiering of Flood 2019 FEMA projects for the Community Development Block Grant-Disaster Recovery Funding, Electronic Government Service Level Agreement with Nebraska Interactive, LLC, dba NIC Nebraska and Nebraska State Records Board (NSRB) regarding electronic services provided to Dodge County to process online and in office electronic payments and Certificates of Insurance for G & R Electric, Inc. and Wiese Plumbing & Excavating, Inc.

The Board unanimously approved changing the date of the next Dodge County Board of Supervisors' meeting from December 14, 2022 to December 13, 2022 due to the Nebraska Association of County Officials' (NACO) Annual Conference being held on December 14, 2022.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 16, 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.

Supervisor Beam said he had not received a report from the jail. The County Attorney's office also had nothing to report.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Tuesday, December 13, 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 a transfer of funds from the Flood Control Fund to the Inheritance Tax Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$266,598.12.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$220,504.72. Supervisor Backens asked about the large claim for postage; it is for the Treasurer's Office to mail out property tax statements.

The Board unanimously approved the Master Agreement - Land Survey Corner Preservation with the Nebraska Department of Transportation and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. Supervisor Strand said he asked to table this issue at the November 16, 2022 meeting in order to obtain the opinion of County Surveyor Clark Boschult. Mr. Boschult was present at the meeting and said there have been agreements like this in the past, but they have been on a case-by-case basis. The agreement currently being considered by the Board would standardize the process and provide counties reimbursement for the services they are statutorily required to perform. Mr. Boschult said the county has always had the statutory duty to perpetuate existing survey corner monuments affected by road or highway maintenance, construction, or public travel, but the State is not required to reimburse the county for that work.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution adopting and approving the execution of the Master Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for County Survey Services and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution.

Business brought by the public included discussion initiated by Nancy O'Connor of the Nickerson Township Board. Ms. O'Connor asked about the future of the Nickerson Township Board and whether anyone had shown interest in becoming a board member. County Clerk Mytty said a notice was sent to local newspapers and the radio station soliciting people to serve on local township boards; the deadline for interested individuals to apply is December 9. Ms. O'Connor said her term is to expire when the new board takes over on January 5, 2023. She asked how long she can write checks for Nickerson Township. County Clerk Mytty said she can write checks up until January 5, 2023, he added that it is the Dodge County Board's duty to get a township board in place by January 5, 2023.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that the IT Committee has a meeting at 11:00 A.M. today. He also said that Applied Connective Technologies will be installing 4 new switches in the courthouse. Supervisor Backens reported that there will be 4 interviews on Friday for sheriff's deputies; the department is currently 5 deputies short.

At 9:16 A.M., a brief recess was taken.

At 9:21 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved the FY2023 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Supplemental [EB] Application before submittal to the Nebraska Crime Commission and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the application. Dodge County Juvenile Diversion Director Meggie Studt explained that the Crime Commission has extra funding available that would pay for 1 full-time and 2 part-time staff members for six months to administer a youth program in the community that would be offered on Saturdays.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews reported that Yager Road is still in the process of being paved. She also said that she will be meeting with NIRMA on December 8 to determine recipients of the ASSIST Grants.

At 9:24 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M., Chairman Missel convened the Board as a Board of Equalization with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: None.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Bargstadt on forms 457, Applications for Exemptions from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2023, granted the exemptions and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the forms.

The Board, with Chairman Missel abstaining, unanimously authorized revoking the approved tax-exempt status for 2022 (approved at the October 5, 2022 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors) for the following organizations: Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity and Ministerio Internacional Dios Es Amor Inc. The Nebraska Department of Revenue encouraged this action since the approval of the tax-exempt status for these organizations was not granted in a timely manner. In separate motions, the Board approved paying the 2022 taxes for the two organizations and authorized the money to pay these taxes be taken from the General Miscellaneous Fund as a settlement cost. The amount of taxes owed for Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity is \$141.98 and the amount for Ministerio Internacional Dios Ex Amor Inc. is \$1,913.10 for a total of \$2,055.08.

At 10:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk

