

PROCEEDING OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors was held virtually using the Application Zoom (MEETING ID NUMBER: 772 629 7548) and was called to order by Chairman Missel at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 22, 2020 with the following members physically present in the Dodge County Board Room: Backens and Missel and the following members connected virtually: Strand, Bendig, Weddle, and Saalfeld. Absent: Beam. 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 county official report from LifeHouse Pantry for March, 2020, request from the City of Fremont for Dodge County to commit to their portion of the payment (\$385,146.00 estimate) to hire Police Facility Design Group to design the Joint Law Enforcement Center, committee report regarding the need for an auditor for the county audit to be conducted in August/September, 2020 (four year contract), Notice of Public Hearings to be held before the City of Fremont Planning Commission for a request for a Conditional Use Permit to expand a non-standard use into a required yard by Jerry Nelson on behalf of Ludvigsen Mortuary and a Conditional Use Permit for a Church in a LI, Light Industrial zoning district on property generally located at 2407 Colorado Ave. Public Hearings were held April 20, 2020 at 5:00 P.M., correspondence from NDEE regarding Construction and Operating Permit Issued for Randy Kreikemeier Livestock Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation located NE ¼, NW ¼, Section 35, Township 20N, Range 05E in Dodge County, Utility Installation Agreement with OPPD to install HDPE conduit with fiber optic in the Public Right-of-Way between County Road 28 and Dutch Hall Road to County Road 26 and U Boulevard in Sections 34, 27, 28, Range 9 East, Township 17 North in Dodge County, Certificates of Liability Insurance for Everett and Webster Townships and Frost FiberTech, Inc., Moving Permit for Loy Woerman to move a grain bin over County Roads Q west and then north on Road 6 to County Road J, Utility Installation Agreement with Qwest Corporation d/b/a CenturyLink QC to install copper telephone line and associated equipment in the Public Right-of-Way between County Road & Ridge Road in Section T17N, R8E, Section 16, Interlocal Agreement between Dodge County and North Bend Drainage District for the reimbursement of a 2019 Flood Disaster project, and emergency agenda item added regarding Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing on April 27, 2020 from the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) to determine whether the value of real property in Dodge County should be increased 37% for the land and improvement components of all parcels in the Valuation Group 1 subclass of the commercial class of real property.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 8, 2020 meeting as printed.

At 9:06 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 except for Supervisor Beam.

Under any items of discussion there was no report since Supervisor Beam was not in attendance.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 9:05 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$238,797.50.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$4,713,859.94. A payout to Motorola for radios and equipment in excess of \$4 million accounts for the majority of these claims. Supervisor Backens said all of the radios and equipment have been received and are in a safe storage facility.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign an Interlocal Agreement with the Winslow Rural Fire Board for cost sharing of the Radio System Linking Emergency Communications Together.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized Chairman Missel, County Clerk Mytty and the Dodge County Attorney to sign an Interlocal Agreement for Cooperative Use of the Wireless Area Network (WAN) between Omaha Public Power District, Douglas County, Sarpy County, Washington County, Fremont/Dodge County Communications (FDCC) & Pottawattamie County. It was asked if the Dodge County Attorney's office had reviewed this interlocal and Paul Vaughan said that they did.

The Board took up discussion on agenda item #15 that had already been placed on file. The Board unanimously approved committing to their portion of the payment (\$385,146.00 estimate) to hire the architectural firm, Police Facility Design Group, to design the Joint Law Enforcement Center. The actual dollar amount that the Board would be approving today would be 35% of the \$385,146.00 cited above. This approval would be contingent on the City committing to their portion of this phase of the project. Jim Estes, a representative from Police Facility Design Group, was participating in the meeting and explained that it is necessary to move forward with the design work now so that the architect can provide certain documents needed to allow the public to see what the project will entail. This information will make it possible to get closer to a final dollar amount to take to the public for a bond issue in the November election. Supervisors Weddle and Strand both stated that they think this is the best way to move forward with this project. Supervisor Backens said he has spoken with Sheriff Hespen and he is in favor of this design step. It was asked if this needs to be referred to the finance committee and Chairman Missel said now that he has a better understanding of the dollar amount, there shouldn't be a need to do so.

The Board unanimously received the PSAP Staff Report and authorized Chairman Missel to sign a Ballot for Election to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors for Shelly Holzerland, Communications Director, Fremont/Dodge County 911.

Under any business brought by the public or discussion from the public, Paul Vaughan of the Dodge County Attorney's office asked on behalf of Judge Hall if there will be any requirements for the public to wear masks when coming to the courthouse.

Right now, at the request of Judge Hall, all people coming into District Court are required to wear masks. Chairman Missel said that Dodge County has been following the guidance of the Three Rivers Public Health Department. He would like for the safety committee to discuss this at their next safety meeting with input from Three Rivers Public Health Department. Supervisor Strand would like to refer this matter to Emergency Manager Tom Smith and Three Rivers so they could make a recommendation since the safety committee does not meet again for six weeks unless they call a special meeting. Chairman Missel agreed with this recommendation.

Committee Reports – The Board took up discussion on agenda item #19 that had already been placed on file. It's time to get four year contract bids from auditors for the county audit to be conducted in August/September 2020 - 2023. County Clerk Mytty said this will be costly due to the single audit requirements. Proposed correspondence requests for bids to be returned by May 29th. The board unanimously approved the Notice of Request for Audit Proposals and the agreement to be used between Dodge County and the auditor selected.

The Board unanimously approved the 2020-2021 Budget Calendar.

The Board unanimously received the bid for the 2020 Applied Traffic Paint Striping opened on April 13, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the contract awarded to Straight-Line Striping of Grand Island, NE.

The Board unanimously received the contract from OMNI Engineering for construction of Big Island Road and County Road 18 Pavement Repair and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign three (3) copies. The deadline for completion of this project is October 15, 2020.

The Board unanimously received the contract from Sawyer Construction Company for construction of Ridge Road Pavement Repair Project and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign three (3) copies. The estimated date for construction completion of this project is October 15, 2020.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert updated the Board on current highway department projects. They are caught up on gravel for now; the quarries are pumping, but it's a slow process. There have been lots of requests for culvert installation, so he's working with farmers on those. He continues to work on FEMA projects with the help of Jean Andrews and Alan Doll. FEMA is now asking for pictures of the roads before the flooding, which are hard to come by and have not been requested before. There are 9 NRC projects that are in process that will hopefully be going out for bid next week for riprap to stabilize bridges. The Ames Dike project is nearing completion; Superintendent Huppert will be meeting with the contractor, engineer and the township to finalize plans for the road that goes along the dike. Supervisor Saalfeld asked to be notified when this meeting will be so he can attend.

The Board took up discussion on agenda item #23 which had already been placed on file. The board unanimously authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign an Interlocal Agreement between Dodge County and North Bend Drainage District for the reimbursement of a 2019 Flood Disaster project.

At 10:05 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 9:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Beam.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5147 & #5148.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Assessor Churchill to rescind action taken at the April 8, 2020 meeting on three tax roll corrections and authorized voiding #5140, #5141 & #5142.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Assessor Churchill to deny the Exemption Application from the Hooper Saddle Club because the property will no longer be used due to flood damage and authorized the Dodge County Board of Equalization to deny the application that was approved at the 3/11/20 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Equalization.

The Board unanimously approved the Referee Agreement and letter used to solicit protest referees. Assessor Churchill will provide County Clerk Mytty with a list of appraisers to which this letter can be sent.

County Assessor Debbie Churchill said she will be participating in the Show Cause Hearing in the Matter of Equalization of Value of Real Property Within Dodge County, NE for the Tax Year 2020 via Zoom on Monday, April 27, 2020. Assessor Churchill said she thinks the level of value is accurate and she intends to convince the Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) of this during the hearing. Chairman Missel said he thinks the proposed 37% increase for the land and improvement components of all parcels in the Valuation Group 1 subclass of the commercial class of real property is ridiculous. He offered the Board's support to Assessor Churchill for this hearing and asked her if she would like anyone else from the board to participate in the hearing. Assessor Churchill said she would ask Jeff Quist, an appraiser from the Dodge County Assessor's Office to sit in on the meeting with her as well. Paul Vaughan of the Dodge County Attorney's Office said he would also participate in the meeting.

At 10:19 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

The agenda item under any additional items to the agenda, Receipt of County Funding Under COVID-19 3.5 Relief Proposal for Counties from NACO, will be moved to the May 6, 2020 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk