

## PROCEEDINGS 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 9:12 A.M. on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 with the following members physically present in the Dodge County Board Room: Backens, Weddle, Beam and Missel and the following members connected virtually: Strand, Bendig, and Saalfeld. 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, Dodge County Emergency Management Report, County Funding Under COVID-19 3.5 Relief Proposal for Counties from NACO, the February 10 and March 9, 2020 Board of Trustees Minutes, March 24, 2020 Special Meeting Board of Trustees Minutes & Financial Reports from Fremont Community Health Resources for the months ending February & March, 2020, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare 2020-2021 budget request in the amount of \$93,967, Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency 2020-2021 budget requests in the amount of \$88,508.00 for ENCOR & \$90,324.00 for ENOA – total \$178,832.00, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 2020-2021 annual membership request in the amount of \$900.00, a Fill Extraction Permit for Jeff Hartman valid until April 25, 2021, NDEE correspondence regarding a Construction and Operating Permit issued to Randy Kreikemeier Livestock Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation located at NE ¼, NW ¼, Section 35, Township 20N, Range 05E, Dodge County, NIRMA Safety Shorts for May, a Moving Permit for Williams Midwest House Movers Inc. to move a wood frame house on County Road 1 north of Highway 30 and then east on County Road R to County Road 8, and Certificates of Liability Insurance for Pebble Township and Constructors, Inc.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 22, 2020 meeting as printed.

At 9:16 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 announced that Dodge County has 36 detainees of which 25 are in custody in Saunders County, 5 are in custody with Dodge County Corrections and 6 are in custody with the State of Nebraska.

At 9:17 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, May 20, 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.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$253,562.65.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$570,629.86.

The Board unanimously approved committing \$1,000,000.00 of county funds towards the Fremont SE Beltway. Chairman Missel provided background information on this project stating that this is a unique partnership between the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR) and the City of Fremont. With the addition of Lincoln Premium Poultry and the expansion of WholeStone (formerly Hormel), truck traffic on Cloverly Road will go from 125 trucks per day to 250 trucks per day. Cloverly Road will not be able to handle this increase in truck traffic for the long term. Original estimates for the SE Beltway were \$40 million and now with the increase in demand for contractors due to the 2019 Flood, the estimate has gone up to \$60 million. The NDOR is asking the City of Fremont for an additional \$10 million to bridge the gap. The City of Fremont has formed a partnership with Lincoln Premium Poultry, WholeStone, Fremont Beef and Dodge County to raise the additional \$10 million, with Dodge County's commitment being \$1 million. Dodge County already has given \$1 million to support the roads going in and out of the Lincoln Premium Poultry plant. Supervisor Weddle commented that the timing on this is terrible with the flooding disaster last year, COVID-19 this year and rumors of taxes going up. He asked if the finance committee should review this request. Missel agreed that the timing of this is not ideal, but is something that cannot be ignored. The Nebraska Department of Roads put the project on hold for 30 days and that time frame began approximately 2 weeks ago. The Dodge County Board will not meet again before a commitment would need to be made. Supervisor Strand said he supports providing the \$1 million, but feels the estimates by the NDOR for this project were way off and should have been more accurate. County Clerk Fred Mytty asked when the money would be needed and Chairman Missel said the project has already started and the NDOR will put this project on the back burner if the funds are not raised. It is unknown how much project costs will increase if the project were to move forward at a later date. It is Chairman Missel's opinion that the best way to handle the expense would be to put it on a note and spread it out over the next few years since interest rates are so low. County Clerk Mytty said this would be added to the 2020-2021 county budget. Supervisor Saalfeld commented that he will have some constituents upset that the county is contributing this money when the Highway 30 Bypass project is not resolved. Chairman Missel pointed out that the traffic count between the two projects supports the decision and the dollar commitment is proportionately understandable.

The Board unanimously approved amending the Emergency Management appropriation for FY2020 by decreasing the General Miscellaneous budget by \$2,700.00 and increasing the Emergency Management budget by \$2,700.00. The reason for the amendment is the added unforeseen expenses caused by the February flooding and COVID-19.

The Board unanimously received and approved Change Order No. 8 & No. 9 for the Motorola Radio Project. Rey Freeman's (consultant, RFCC, LLC) negotiations helped save a lot of money on this issue. The pad and piling at the radio tower sites need additional concrete and reinforcement due to soil conditions. The radio committee is in favor of moving forward. Supervisor Strand commented on the disdain he has for the business practices of Motorola. Chairman Missel concurred and stated that the request from Motorola was unreasonable.

The Board unanimously received and approved the request from the Dodge County Attorney's Office to increase the Community Youth Coordinator job position

salary from \$49,035.00 to \$50,128.00. This position has been a contracted position since November of 2015 and the request also puts this position under the administration of the county attorney's office. This is a grant funded position through the Community-based Aid (CBA) Grant paid for by the Crime Commission. This arrangement ultimately saves the county a lot of money and has the full support of the Dodge County Attorney's Office.

The Board took up discussion on agenda item #18 that had already been received and placed on file. For clarification, County Funding Under COVID-19 3.5 Relief Proposal for Counties is funding that would require documentation for reimbursement similar to the funding for the Flood of 2019.

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

Under any business brought by the public or discussion from the public, Randy Rector spoke up with a question as to the status of the Ames Dike levee and the road that leads to private property along there. The levee needs to be completed and the fence put up before work can start on the road. Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert said he has been working with the township and contractor and he hopes to have the contractor start work soon. Pruss Excavation has bid the job for under \$50,000.00 and if the project is over \$50,000.00 they would need more bidders. The township will work on the bidding process and coordinate with FEMA on that to ensure the proper procedures are followed. Right now Seth McGinn is denying access to land owners across his property, so the road is greatly needed. Randy Rector did comment that he appreciates the county's efforts on this project.

Under Committee Reports Chairman Missel asked the Board if they would be willing to resume the board meetings in person and stop the virtual meetings. The Board was in agreement that it could be worked out to social distance since the board room is so large. This was discussion only and no motion was made. Supervisor Strand, on behalf of the Safety Committee, also informed the Board that Emergency Manager Tom Smith and Tim Walter are working on protocols for contagious diseases, including, but not limited to COVID-19. He hopes to have a summary and recommendation to present to the Board at the next meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the reappointments of Brad Fooker and Matt Giesselmann to the Planning Commission for three year terms expiring May 31, 2023. Nathan Schole declined the three year reappointment and Supervisor Strand told Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews that he would recruit someone from the Hooper area to replace Nathan Schole.

The Board unanimously received the 2020 Community Assistance Contracts for Communities Impacted by the 2019 Floods from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The Board unanimously approved the request of Scott Huppert, Highway Superintendent to advertise for bids for Dodge County Channel Repair Project and to have the bids opened on May 18, 2020 at 11:00 A.M.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for 2020-2021 Crushed Limestone Road Rock and to have the bids opened on May 27, 2020 at 11:00 A.M. in the Dodge County Highway Department.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for 2020-2021 Road Gravel and to have the bids opened on May 27, 2020 at 11:15 A.M. in the Dodge County Highway Department.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert updated the Board on current highway department projects. He has one FHWA project nearing completion. They are still working on FEMA projects that have been signed off on the Dodge County side. Superintendent Huppert is working with the new PDMG's on the township projects that contractors will be going out next week to work on. His crews are also going out cleaning ditches and culverts.

The Board did not go into closed session on the discussion of general assistance claims for the month of April due to the virtual nature of the meeting. County Clerk Mytty mailed each board member the claims and if they have questions they can contact him.

At 10:10 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, May 20, 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.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5149 & #5150.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Assessor Churchill to approve the Exemption Application (Form 451) from Lifegate Church and authorized the Dodge County Board of Equalization to sign the approved Exemption Application for 2020.

At 10:12 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, May 20, 2020 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty  
Dodge County Clerk