

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, January 27, 2021 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 correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup, correspondence from Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District regarding the Urban Conservation Assistance Program and the Recreation Area Development Program (referred to Dodge County Emergency Manager Tom Smith), Minutes of the January 19, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting, Certificates of Insurance for Charter Communications, Inc. and City of Fremont Department of Utilities, Certificates of Insurance for A & R Construction Co. and Telaid Industries, Inc., Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move 2 trucks over 12 feet in width over county roads to Wholestone Foods and return, 2 Moving Permits for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads to Wholestone Foods and return and 6 Moving Permits for Barnhart Crane to move 6 trucks and trailers over county roads to Wholestone Foods and return.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 13, 2021 meeting as printed.

At 9:05 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Corrections.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 69 detainees in custody with 60 being held in Saunders County, 3 in Dodge County, 2 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS), 1 in Lancaster County and 3 are under house arrest. There have been 88 bookings so far in the month of January 2021.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, February 10, 2021 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 \$243,915.11.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$540,958.33.

The Board unanimously received the 2020 Annual Report from Nebraska Loess Hills Resource Conservation and Development Council (RC&D) and approved their request for the county's financial support in the amount of \$350.00, which is the same contribution amount as last year.

Chairman Missel moved ahead to address an emergency item identified as the Rawhide Creek Watershed Plan & Environmental Assessment (Plan – EA) for flood prevention. Filing the application for this grant needs to be accomplished by February 2, 2021 which is prior to the next Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting. The Board unanimously received the documents related to this grant application, authorized the necessary signatures to complete the grant application and to recognize Emergency Manager Tom Smith as the project coordinator. The total estimated project budget for this plan is \$745,000.00 of which the Natural Resources Conservation Service pays up to 100% of eligible costs.

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of Scott Huppert as the 2021 Dodge County Highway Superintendent, Class A License number S-1402, to serve from January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

Weed Superintendent Larry Klahn was present and reported that phragmites are a continuing problem weed especially along the Elkhorn & Platte Rivers. Grant funds were received to help defray the costs of spraying the infested areas along the two rivers and other areas of Dodge County where the weed is present. Supervisor Bendig asked Mr. Klahn how the communication is with the Nebraska Department of Roads (NDOR). Mr. Klahn said he has been in touch with the NDOR and they have been cooperatively trying to stay on top of the weed infestations along the right-of-ways where new construction has taken place. The Board unanimously received the 2020 Activity Report and approved and authorized the Chairman to sign the 2020 Noxious Weed Control Plan as submitted.

911 Director Shelly Holzerland was present and updated the Board on the current status of the Public Safety Answering Point (PSAP) system. Two years ago, when the PSAP upgrade began, Dodge and Colfax Counties agreed to co-host the regional IP based 911 system now known as MidEast Regional 911. The week of February 3 – 10, 2021 is when the final hookups will be finished to join the two counties as regional hosts. Burt and Cuming Counties have requested to become remote PSAPs on the MidEast Regional 911 system. In one motion, the Board unanimously received the Staff Report regarding Interlocal Agreements with Burt and Cuming Counties, and approved and authorized the appropriate signatures on the amended Interlocal Agreements with Burt and Cuming Counties which will allow them to become remote PSAPs on the MidEast Regional 911 system.

The Board unanimously authorized Chairman Missel's signature on a financial commitment letter to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency for the Platte Township/West Fremont Project Scoping application for the Building Resilient Infrastructure and Community (BRIC) Grant program. Emergency Manager Tom Smith explained that this program will help engineer the project, complete an environmental assessment, perform a benefit cost analysis and submit the project for future funding. The estimated project costs are \$250,000.00 of which 25% (\$62,000.00) would be the local share split by Dodge County, the City of Fremont and the Lower Platte North NRD.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Strand updated the board on the plans for the warehouse the county owns on Schneider Street. Renovations will begin on February 1, 2021 utilizing FEMA funding to make this a multi-use facility. The Dodge County Clerk will have space for a new polling place, Emergency Manager Tom Smith will be able to use this same space for training, the Sheriff’s Department and Highway Department will have space to store equipment and Three Rivers Public Health Department will have warehouse space at this location.

The Board unanimously received Notice of Public Hearings for the Planning Commission and the City Council of the City of Fremont on January 18, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. and January 26, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. for the following requests: Request for Annexation for Fabrication Holdings LLC, DBA Elemetal Fabrication and Machine located at the southwest corner of W. 23rd St. and Business Park Drive; Request for Replat for Gallery 23 Townhomes of Lots 1-8 and 27-29 , Block 3; Lots 1-8 and 13-25 Block 4 and Lots 1-13, Block 5 located at E. 22nd St and Aaron Way; and Request for Conditional Use Permit for Salvation Army to expand a non-standard use into the rear yard setback on property at Lots 1 and 2 and the South 16’ of E. 104.18’ of Lot 11, Block 109 Original Town of Fremont at the northwest corner of W. Military Ave. and N. I St. The Board also unanimously acknowledged that Fabrication Holdings LLC, DBA Elemetal Fabrication and Machine are the owners of the property located at 2263 Business Park Drive, Dodge County, NE and reaffirmed and ratified that this property is now out of the industrial area without any further action by said owners.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Planning Commission is working on regulations for stockpiling non-livestock waste material and she is hopeful they can establish some regulations within the 90 day moratorium on storing such material in Dodge County. Ms. Andrews also said that she is working on renewing insurance with Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA); premiums will be going up as a result of all the claims that have been filed the past year. Ms. Andrews is planning to participate in the NIRMA Board meeting on 1/29/21 via Zoom. She also reported that Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert was not present at today’s meeting because the Roads Department is plowing snow after the storm on Monday. They have received a lot of calls, mainly from townships calling about snow removal.

At 9:45 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, February 10, 2021.

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 corrections #5269 through #5291.

The Board unanimously granted a Homestead Exemption for tax year 2020 to Virgil Zieg, 1009 Logan St., Scribner, NE 68057. Mr. Zieg was present to explain that his wife had filled out the necessary forms and mailed them to the Dodge County Assessor in February 2020. They did not receive a confirmation of this filing, but

assumed since they had filed for Homestead Exemptions 7 out of the past 8 years (as stated by County Assessor Churchill) that they would not necessarily receive any confirmation. County Assessor Churchill said that the State Department of Revenue recommended that the Dodge County Board make the final decision on this matter.

The Board unanimously received and referred to the Dodge County Attorney correspondence from Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding Notice of Appeals filed by the following against the Dodge County Board of Equalization for 2020 valuations: Lawrence H. Yost – Case No. 20R 0333, Dale Wimer – Case No. 20R 0340, and Janet G. Pebley – Case No. 20R 0351.

At 10:13 A.M., the Board adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, February 10, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk