

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, March 24, 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.

Prior to the Pledge of Allegiance, Chairman Missel asked for a moment of silence in honor of Loell Strand, former Dodge County Supervisor who served for 17 years. Loell passed away on Friday, March 19, 2021.

The Board unanimously declared the meeting legally convened.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as printed and received and placed on file the February 10, 2021 Board of Trustees Minutes and Statement of Revenues and Expenses YTD Comparison for the eight months ending February 28, 2021 and February 29, 2020 from Fremont Community Health Resources, correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) informing Dodge County that they have been approved for grant funding through the Economic Opportunity Program for a transportation project involving the paving of N Yager Road, Minutes of the March 16, 2021 Dodge County Planning Commission meeting, Notice of Public Hearings on April 7, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. for Douglas County Planning Commission for text amendments to Douglas County zoning regulations; Application for farmstead lot split, preliminary plat, final plat and rezoning of proposed Lot 1 from AG Agricultural to RR for Scott Bruhn Enterprises, Inc. in Section 23, T16N, R10E of the 6th P.M. at 9181 N 225th St. and an amendment to Special Use Permit for Ida Exchange, LLC to allow for a controlled impact use located in Section 3, T16N, R10E of the 6th P.M. at 23150 Pawnee Road, Notice of Public Hearing for the Fremont City Council & Community Development Agency (CDA) for a request by Trent R. Sidders for an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the North Broad Street Redevelopment plan located on the west side of N. Yager Road, approximately 880 feet south of Highway 30/275 on March 30, 2021 at 7:00 P.M., Notice of Public Hearings for City of Fremont Planning Commission on March 15, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. for a request by Trent R. Sidders for an amendment to the Redevelopment Plan for the North Broad Street Redevelopment Area for the Project Protein Redevelopment Project generally located on the west side of N. Yager Road, approximately 880 feet south of Highway 30/275; and a request for change to the UDC for Floor Area Ratio in a Business Park zoning district from 0.342 to 0.41 for a single story and from 0.435 to 0.635 for a two-story and from 0.478 to n/a for a three-story building, a Private Utility Installation Agreement for G & R Electric, Inc. to install an underground cable in conduit at NW ¼ Section 36, T18N, R5E, Certificate of Insurance for Union Township and Public Utility Installation Agreement for the City of Fremont to install underground 4" continuous conduit under County Road T west of Luther Road.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 10, 2021 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 the Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice, Jail Standards Board issuing formal notice of noncompliance with the Minimum Jail Standards discovered during the September 9, 2020 on-site evaluation. The notice of noncompliance has to do with computerized documentation, specifically the admission/release form. Chairman Missel asked Supervisor Beam to follow-up with Sheriff Hespen on this matter. Sara Sopinski, acting Interim Dodge County Attorney, reported that work continues to facilitate defense attorneys' ability to electronically communicate with their clients. Video visits cost \$6.80 plus the hourly rate of the defense attorney versus the hourly rate charged by defense attorneys including travel time.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, April 7, 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 \$225,998.53.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$293,109.54.

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

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the committee reviewing applications for county attorney and appointed Paul Vaughan to finish the term of Oliver Glass as Dodge County Attorney effective April 1, 2021. Chairman Missel thanked the selection committee for their work, the applicants for their interest in serving and Sara Sopinski for filling in as Interim Dodge County Attorney. He also went on to say that Paul Vaughan has had an extensive career as an attorney and judge and his experience will be a valuable asset to Dodge County.

The Board unanimously approved the grant applications for and authorized the necessary signatures on the 2021 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid and 2021 Juvenile Services Grants. These grants must be approved by the county board before being submitted to the Nebraska Crime Commission and allow for Dodge County to be reimbursed for juvenile services.

At 9:17 A.M., the Board took a brief recess.

At 9:24 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission continues their work on the guidelines for the storage and application/disposal of Gypsum and biomass in and around Dodge County as well as developing zoning changes required for the enforcement of Resolution No. RES 2000-001. There will be a public hearing on April 20, 2021 during the next scheduled Dodge County Planning Commission meeting to hear testimony for or against these guidelines and zoning changes. Ms. Andrews also reminded the Board of an upcoming virtual seminar on March 31, 2021 regarding labor and employment law. The NIRMA April regional meetings have been moved to August because of COVID-19.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for 2021 Applied Traffic Paint Striping and to have the bids opened on April 12, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. in the Dodge County Highway Dept. office.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that he has hired one employee and is still looking for a couple more. The wage is an issue; applicants want more money. They are working on pumping out the ditches on Ridge Road which appear to be lower than the river level. They will be filling these with free sand from the Fremont Rod & Gun Club. The Elkhorn River Stabilization Project has hit a snag with FEMA, so Superintendent Huppert went to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) with his complaint. FEMA says they cannot make a change (to a specific jetty), but Superintendent Huppert says if the change makes the situation better they can do it. FEMA wants to add this as an alternate project which will in turn cause the US Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) to request another study. This could cause another delay in the completion of the project. FEMA and NEMA are supposed to be meeting this afternoon to come up with a resolution to the problem. FEMA projects are moving along and there should be money coming in shortly on those. The Elkhorn and Platte Township flood repair projects should be obligated by tomorrow. The townships that had extensions on their FEMA projects have a few small jobs to be completed worth approximately half to three quarters of a million dollars.

At 9:37 A.M. the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until April 7, 2021 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 corrections #5311 through #5315.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Assessor Churchill to rescind action taken at the March 10, 2021 meeting on tax roll correction #5179 and authorized voiding the correction.

At 10:07 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, April 7, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk