

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, May 19, 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 county official report, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding pricing adjustments effective June 2, 2021, the April 12, 2021 Board of Trustees Minutes and Statement of Revenues and Expenses YTD Comparison for the ten months ending April 30, 2021 and 2020 from Fremont Community Health Resources, Notice of Intent to Renew Permit #NE0203777 for City of Fremont Fossil Fuel Combustion Ash Landfill located in Franklin County, NE from the Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy, Grant Agreement between Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and Dodge County, NE for FEMA Advance Assistance Hazard Mitigation Grant to fund Drainage Improvement Project (DR4420-0019) in Elkhorn Township area (East Fremont), Notice of Public Hearings for the Fremont City Council on May 11, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. for the following items: Request for Revisions to Bluestem Commons Planned Unit Development to allow single family detached units as a use type in addition to the already approved duplex use type that is located on the west side of N. Luther Road and 36th St.; Request for Conditional Use Permit for a storage facility located at 1405 W. Military Ave. for Ron Vlach; Request for Conditional Use Permit to expand a non-standard use to replace existing garage located at 351 W. 11th St. for Zach Bridgman; Request for a Conditional Use Permit for Mark Boschult for a self-storage facility on property located at 333 W. 23rd St.; Request for a Conditional Use permit for Jacob Hoppe to convert a former nursing home into multi-family dwellings on property located at 2550 N. Nye Ave.; and a Request for a Conditional Use Permit for an auto-body shop on property generally located on Lot 2, Fremont Technology Park 2nd Addition by Brian Levander, Certificates of Insurance for WSP USA Inc. and DSD Ground Maintenance, Notice of Public hearings for the City of Fremont Planning Commission on May 17th, 2021 at 5:00 P.M. for the following requests: Preliminary Plat, Comprehensive Plan Amendment and Change of Zone for Jeff Ray on Behalf of Russ Peterson to amend the future land use map from "Parks and Recreation" to "Industrial" on a portion of Tax Lot 6 and 19 in SE ¼ of S31, T17N, R9E located between Old 275 and 275 east of Schilke Field; and a change for the text of the Wellhead Protection Overlay District and a Change of Zone and Preliminary Plat for a "Ballpark Subdivision"; Request for a Conditional Use Permit requested by Michael Belak to expand a non-standard use on property located at 450 N. C Street, a Moving Permit for Sears Homes to move a home over County Road 20 to County Road R west to County Road 19 between May 10 and May 31, 2021, a Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads and highways to ADM Soy and

return on May 11, 2021, and a Utility Installation Agreement with Omaha Public Power District to install an overhead secondary crossing and set pole in right-of-way at 2353 County Road I, Hooper, NE.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 5, 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 Supervisor Beam reported 81 inmates are in custody with 6 being held in Dodge County, 3 under house arrest and 72 held in Saunders County. Since May 1, there have been 100 bookings. The jail contract with Saunders County is nearing renewal. Supervisor Beam said he would arrange a meeting with the Dodge County Jail Committee and the Saunders County Jail Committee to begin negotiating the contract. County Attorney Paul Vaughan said his office and the courts are working on expanding the house arrest program as well as developing a pretrial release program to address the increase in the jail population.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, June 2, 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 \$229,933.39.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$360,177.66.

The Board unanimously received an Interlocal Agreement between Dodge County, City of Fremont and Lower Platte North Natural Resources District for Drainage Improvement Project DR4420-0019, approved the execution of said agreement and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the agreement.

The Board unanimously received the bids submitted for Breach Lake/Rod and Gun Club (Project CDBG 19-EM-005) opened on May 12, 2021 and accepted the recommendation of JEO Consulting Group and awarded a bid contract to Yost Excavating, Inc., Nebraska City, NE in the amount of \$597,323.50. The projected construction start date is June 15, 2021 with a completion goal of late summer, early fall.

Dodge County Emergency Management Director Tom Smith reported to the Board that the grant has been approved for the Platte River Monitoring Project which will provide river gauges and cameras at four locations on the Platte River from Platte County to Leshara. Request for Proposals (RFP) are out for the Rawhide Watershed project and are due back to Dodge County by May 28. The Joint Water Management Advisory Board will review the RFP's on June 1, 2021.

The Board unanimously approved an Interlocal Agreement with the Village of Inglewood to protect the county when assisting during emergencies and disasters and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement.

The Board unanimously approved the 2021-2022 Budget Calendar. County Clerk Mytty said the only difference in this budget calendar compared to past years is the passage of LB148. This bill states that budget hearings must be held separately from any regularly scheduled meeting of the governing body and cannot be limited by time. It was County Clerk Mytty's suggestion to hold the budget hearing after the Board's regular meeting. The approval of the budget amount could be done in the regular meeting subject to the adoption of the budget at the budget hearing. LB148 also states that there shall be at least three copies of the proposed budget statement available to the public and there shall be a presentation outlining the key provisions of the proposed budget, which would include a comparison with the prior year's budget. Mr. Mytty said he is hoping there will be fewer surprises in the budget this year, referring to the ongoing financial ramifications of the 2019 flooding.

Committee Reports – Chairman Missel provided an agenda to the Board members for the upcoming NACO County Board Workshop to be held in June. This will be the first time an in-person meeting of the county boards has been held since February 2020. Supervisor Bendig said he attended the NACO County Budget Workshop with County Clerk Mytty and County Attorney Paul Vaughan. Mr. Mytty said they are still trying to learn more about the guidance on the federal money that will be coming to the county from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). He does know that it will come in two installments and will be included in the 2021-2022 fiscal year budget. Supervisor Strand reported that the roof/air handler project should be completed on the south section of the courthouse before Memorial Day.

The Board unanimously approved the reappointments of Allen Rolf, Gene Ruzicka and Adam Taylor to the Dodge County Planning Commission for a three year term expiring May 31, 2024.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for 2021-2022 Crushed Limestone Road Rock and to have the bids opened on June 11, 2021 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 2021-2022 Road Gravel and to have the bids opened on June 11, 2021 at 11:15 A.M. in the Dodge County Highway Department.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for the construction of Roadway Grading and Paving for Project 636 Yager Road and to have the bids opened Monday, June 14, 2021 at 11:00 A.M. This project is in response to the \$90 million cold storage facility that is building in that area. Yager Road will be paved and the intersection of County Road T and Yager Road will be widened to accommodate truck traffic during construction. Superintendent Huppert said the engineers are working quickly to get this project going. Supervisor Backens asked if the home and business owners along Yager have been notified by the engineers about this project. He said he has heard from constituents that live in the area who have not been contacted. Superintendent Huppert said he provided the engineers with the names and addresses of the residents that would be affected with information

he obtained from the county assessor. He said he would follow-up with the engineers to make sure contact has been made.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for the construction of and associated grading of Ridgeland Ave. to be opened June 14, 2021 at 11:30 A.M. Ridgeland Ave. is stabilized, but still closed for insurance purposes.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert gave an update: employees are cleaning ditches and installing culverts for farmers; County Road L between County Roads 8 and 9 in Ridgeley Township will be graded to get it back on the right-of-way and will be closed (farmers will still be allowed to use it); another new employee is starting May 24; grading work for the new Highway 30 Bypass is going on at County Road 18 between County Roads S and T. County Road 18 is closed, but on the other roads the heavy trucks are crossing and signage is needed to warn motorists of the trucks crossing and that they may have to stop. Superintendent Huppert is going to talk to Valley Corporation about getting some signs posted; County Road 21 needs to be moved west about 50', it will be paved and will be closed off and on during that project from the existing Highway 30 Bypass to County Road S; County Road 4 (west of North Bend approximately 3 miles) is closed from the new bypass to Highway 30. This section will be paved and used during the transition to the new 4 lane bypass; the Scribner Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project has been obligated by FEMA and should go out for bids in the next couple of months; FEMA township projects need to be finished by the end of June so they are tying up the loose ends on those; the Hooper North/Logan Creek project will be going out for bids on June 17.

At 9:50 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 9:00 A.M.

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 #5334 through #5337.

The Board unanimously approved referee agreements for the 2021 tax valuation protest season with the following appraisers: Chad Howser, Jeff Reynolds, William Kaiser, Jeff Quist, and Craig Miller.

The Board unanimously received the Findings and Order In the Matter of Equalization of Value of Real Property Within Dodge County for Tax Year 2021 Before the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission.

At 10:05 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, June 2, 2021 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk