

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, August 11, 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 various county officials' reports, NDEE correspondence regarding Chris Johnson acreage located at 7183 W. Highway 30, Ames, NE requiring no further action, Certificate of Insurance for Lux Sand & Gravel, Notice of Public Hearing for the City of Fremont City Council held August 10th, 2021 at 7:00 P.M. to hear the following requests: Revised Preliminary Plat and Final Plat for Fremont Technology Park, 3rd Addition located at 29th and N Lincoln Ave; request for Final Re-plats by Greg Hall on behalf of Kent Douglas Ritthaler for Ritz Lake Replat 7 and 8 located south of E 32nd Blvd and E 34th Ct, Fremont; and request by Maryann Diers Yost for a Final Plat, Change of Zone and Voluntary Annexation, Change of zone from R, Rural to GC, General Commercial located at 2900 Elk Lane and voluntary annexation for the property at 2900 Elk Lane and for Final Plat at Diers 7th Addition same location, Utility Installation Agreement with Hazmat Response Inc. to excavate in county roads B & 12 - section 11 & 12, NDOT correspondence regarding the NDOT Project STP-79-3(108) North Bend - US-30 regarding the removal of 10 of 60 parking stalls, Certificate of Insurance for Logan Township, Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over state & county roads on Monday, August 2, 2021, Moving Permit for Niewohner Construction Inc. to move a crane on a trailer over County Road F to Hwy. 77 on August 4, 2021 and 2021/2022 preliminary levy requests from the following: Logan Township, Everett Township, Platte Township, Cuming Township, Pebble Township, Ridgeley Township, Webster Township, Union Township, Nickerson Township, Cotterell Township, Pleasant Valley Township, North Bend Rural Fire District, Scribner Rural Fire District, Snyder Rural Fire District, Dodge Rural Fire District, Fremont Rural Fire District and Dodge County Agricultural Society.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 28, 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 that there are currently 77 inmates in custody with 1 being under house arrest, 2 with the State of Nebraska and 74 in Saunders County. In the month of July there were 158 bookings; so far for the month of August there have been 8 bookings.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, August 25, 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 and hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$241,839.69.

The Board unanimously approved a transfer of \$311,000 from Inheritance Tax Fund to the Flood Control Fund with the same amount to be returned to the Inheritance Tax Fund when grant monies are received.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$658,373.05.

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 public auction.

The Board unanimously approved the Interlocal Agreement with Sarpy County to house youths at their Juvenile Justice Center at a per diem rate of \$235 per detainee and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. County Attorney Paul Vaughan told the Board that the rates for housing juveniles is higher than adults because of the increased security and other services that have to be provided for juveniles. Dodge County typically uses Madison County to house juveniles, but this agreement is in place with Sarpy County as a contingency.

The Board, on a 6-1-0 vote, with Supervisor Backens voting no, approved an Amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Saunders County to house inmates at their jail at a per diem rate of \$73 per inmate and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement.

The Board, on a 6-0-0 vote, with Supervisor Weddle not voting due to leaving the meeting for a phone call, authorized the Master Services Agreement (MSA) with Core Technologies, Inc., Omaha, for IT Services and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the agreement. County Attorney Vaughan also requested that the motion include having the county clerk attach the Technology Assessment and Planning Proposal that was signed at the July 28, 2021 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. It was understood that the attachment referred to in Section 2A of the MSA is the Technology Assessment and Planning Proposal.

The Board unanimously approved as presented and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Mytty to sign a Resolution setting the final levy allocations for fiscal year 2021/2022 to political subdivisions subject to the county's levy authority as follows: Fire Districts at a levy of 4.8 cents per \$100 of valuation, Townships at a levy of 9.7225 cents per \$100 of valuation, Agricultural Society at a levy of .23875 per \$100 of valuation and Historical Society at a levy of .23875 cents per \$100 of valuation. County Clerk Mytty stated these are the same levies approved last year. These districts will not exceed 15 cents per \$100 of valuation without further approval by voters of the district.

County Clerk Mytty provided the Board with the first look at Dodge County's Budget for 2021-22 which will be finalized at the next meeting for a public hearing at the September 8, 2021 meeting. He said one of the main factors in this budget calculation

was how expensive 2020 was especially with trying to pay off some debt. He went on to say he estimated low revenues and high expenses last year, but the revenues came in better than expected; this left good balances in many funds. The plan for the 2021-2022 budget is to be aggressive in paying off some of the \$12.8 million in outstanding bank loans. County Clerk Mytty said if the townships and county get their flood reimbursement money, some of the loans could be paid off. Overall, if no transfers were made, the county is approximately \$400,000 over last year's budget. The final property valuation amounts will be available on August 20. The finance committee will meet one more time after receiving that information and will present a final report at the August 25 Board of Supervisors meeting.

The Board unanimously received, approved and authorized the necessary signatures on a Resolution of Adoption of 2018 International Building and Residential Code to become effective September 1, 2021. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews said they had been following the 2012 International Building and Residential Code and had waited for the City of Fremont to adopt the 2018 code, which they have done. Supervisor Strand read the resolution for the record.

Committee Reports – Chairman Missel reported that a subcommittee is being formed to determine how the over \$7 million in American Rescue Plan Act funding will be distributed. He has asked a number of organizations, including non-profit, to participate in this subcommittee. Supervisors Bendig and Strand have agreed to serve and Chairman Missel asked County Clerk Mytty and County Treasurer Bargstadt to serve on this committee as well.

The Board unanimously passed a motion adopting a Resolution for Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2021 and authorized the required signatures on the Resolution of all County Supervisors

The Board unanimously passed a motion adopting a Resolution For Emergency Relief Program-Emergency/Permanent Repairs in the amount of \$85,008.32 and authorized the necessary signatures on the resolution.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert updated the Board on current projects. The culvert has been set for the Road 24 bridge project and the project should be complete within the next couple of weeks. Superintendent Huppert has been meeting every Tuesday with the State and contractors for the by-pass highway 30 project. Currently there are road closures due to the poor condition of the roads (torn up from construction work) and he is trying to force the State into helping get contractors to fix the damage. The Haul Road Agreement has been discussed with the State and contractors working on the 275 by-pass and Superintendent Huppert thinks they are all on the same page now. Union Pacific is beginning construction on the Bridge in Elkhorn Township and they have been in discussions about the Haul Road Agreement, the 30 mph speed limit and requirements to keep the dust down during construction. Inspections are still being done on the sand, dirt and rip rap for the Scribner/Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization Project; inspectors believe the dirt needs to be obtained from some other source. There will be a pre-construction meeting with Sawyer Construction for the Hooper North/Logan Creek project within the next couple of weeks, with a potential construction start date at the end of September. A pre-construction meeting will be set up with J & R Concrete & Construction for the Ridgeland Road project which has a projected start date of early September. The Yager Road project has hit a snag

with right-of-way issues; two residents have hired lawyers and are fighting the ROW acquisition. There has been an agreement proposed to the land owners that are not fighting the ROW acquisition for the county to pay for the water/sewer lines up to their ROW. Under this agreement, the county would not have to pay for acquiring the ROW. The road construction portion of this project has been put off until April to settle ROW issues, move power poles and set sewer lines. Alan is working on loose ends on the FEMA projects. Superintendent Huppert is doing spot inspections with NEMA on township projects; Elkhorn Township projects are complete, but still need to be inspected. The township projects must be completed in September.

At 9:44 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, August 25, 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.

Chairman Missel asked for clarification on the release of the valuation reports from the County Assessor. County Clerk Mytty said Assessor Churchill sometimes will release a preliminary report, but he has not seen one yet this year. The report is due on August 20, 2021.

At 10:02 A.M., the Board adjourned of Board of Equalization until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 25, 2021.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk