

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 4, 2022 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 officials' reports, Board of Trustees Minutes for March 7, 2022 meeting & Statement of Revenue & Expenses YTD Comparison for the nine months ending March 31, 2022 and 2021, Certificate of Insurance for Pebble Township and Graham Construction Inc., Utility Installation Agreement for OPPD to install an overhead secondary crossing at 2280 County Road L, Hooper, NE and Utility Installation Agreement for Great Plains Communications to install a telecommunications line at Road 2, Section 7, Township 20 North, Range 5 East.

The Board, with Supervisor Tawney abstaining since he was not at the April 20, 2022 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the April 20, 2022 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 for the month of April the average daily inmate count was 57. Currently there are 61 inmates in custody with 54 being held in Saunders County, 1 in Butler County, 1 at the regional center and 2 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 3 under house arrest.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, May 18, 2022 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 \$251,510.44.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$377,527.22.

The Board unanimously received the request of the Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 2022-2023 annual membership renewal in the amount of \$910.00 and referred it to the finance committee.

The Board unanimously received the "Reports and Requirements Summary" from Mitch Coffin, Program Manager, Nebraska Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Program regarding annual evaluation of the County Weed Control Authority and authorized the necessary signatures on the summary.

The Board unanimously approved the Amended Interlocal Agreement to create the Lower Platte Weed Management Area, A Separate Legal Entity and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. It was noted that this amendment included a change in the language regarding the addition of Washington County to the Lower Platte Weed Management Area.

The Board unanimously received the request of Dodge County Sheriff Robert Reynolds to use ARPA Funds to replace existing worn out equipment for the jail and referred it to the finance committee. This request will be included with the other requests for ARPA funding. The ARPA committee will bring their recommendations to the Board for final approval.

The Board unanimously received the bids accepted April 29, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. for the 2009 Sterling Dump Truck and approved the bid of \$22,600 from Larsen International, Inc.

The Board unanimously approved the request from Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert for a letter from the Dodge County Board of Supervisors to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) for the addition of a turn lane off of the new Highway 30 Bypass. Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert will provide the county clerk's office with the details to be included in the letter to NDOT.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews reported on projects going on in the highway department. Project 638, which is a ditch clean out east of North Bend, has about one mile left to complete. Project 634 on Foothill Road is approximately three quarters complete.

Under any business brought by the public or discussion from the public, Christopher Tank (1809 County Road 19, Fremont, NE) was present to comment on the bus accident that occurred Tuesday morning on County Road R near the intersection of County Road 18. Mr. Tank's children were on the bus. He said the condition of County Road R has deteriorated over the last three years since construction began on the U.S. Highway 30 By-pass. He feels the contractor should be responsible for fixing the damage. Chairman Missel said Highway Superintendent Huppert regularly inspects the roads being utilized by contractors. Contractors sign a haul roads agreement with Dodge County stating that they will maintain the roads they use during construction. Chairman Missel told Mr. Tank that he was thankful none of the children on the bus were injured and he assured him that the issue is being addressed.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Weddle reported that he attended the Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition meeting on April 20, 2022. He said there are problems identified that they are fixing, including leakage repairs. They will also be raising their rates. Supervisor Bendig reported that he and Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert attended the Cyber Security Seminar in Norfolk. He said the technology committee is working on policies that will be put in place now that Applied Connective Technologies has commenced as the county's managed service provider. Supervisor Backens reported that the radio tower in Douglas County is up and Motorola has started mounting radios. Motorola will have to do testing after all of the radios are mounted and they are hoping to be up and running in June.

At 9:24 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 9:35 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

Immediately thereafter, the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims for the month of April, 2022.

At 9:48 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the claims. No action was taken on any of the claims as a result of the closed session.

At 9:50 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, May 18, 2022 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 #5441 and #5442.

County Assessor Debbie Churchill was present and reported to the Board that at the end of May her office will be sending out approximately 16,000 notices of valuation change, with approximately 14,000 of those being an increase in valuation. She also reported that the City does not notify the assessor's office when permits are issued for remodels or additions to a residence. The county and the city are both losing out on revenue because of this. Assessor Churchill said she is going to schedule a meeting with the city and county to discuss this issue.

At 10:08 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, May 18, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk