

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, July 27, 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 official's report, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup, Board of Trustees Minutes for June 13, 2022 meeting & Statement of Revenue & Expenses YTD Comparison for the twelve months ending June 30, 2022 and 2021 from Fremont Community Health Resources, Officials Bond Continuation Certificate for Ben J. Schole, Treasurer, Hooper Rural Fire District, 2022/2023 preliminary levy requests from the following: Winslow Rural Fire, Nickerson Rural Fire, Logan Township and Hooper Township, Certificate of Insurance for Arvest Bank ISAOA/ATIMA, Dodge County Title VI Annual update and Accomplishment Report for reporting period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022, Notice of Public Hearings for Village of Dodge Planning Commission to be held July 27, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of hearing testimony concerning the proposed Comprehensive Plan Amendment to the Future Land Use Map from Agriculture to Industrial for Tax Lot 12 and the western 12.56 acres for Tax Lot 14 in Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 5 East; Notice of Public Hearing for Dodge Planning Commission to be held July 27, 2022 at 6:45 P.M. for the purpose of hearing testimony concerning the proposed Zone Change from Transitional Agriculture (TA) to Light Industrial (LI) for Tax Lot 12 and west 12.56 acres for Tax Lot 14 in Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 5 East; and Notice of Public Hearing of the Dodge Planning Commission to be held July 27, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for the purpose of hearing testimony concerning the proposed Conditional Use Permit for Residential Acreage of 6.54 Acres for Tax Lot 14 in Section 17, Township 20 North, Range 5 East, Notice of Public Hearings of the Dodge Village Board of Trustees to be held Monday, August 1, 2022 at 8:00 P.M. for the purpose of hearing testimony for amendment to Comprehensive Plan to the Future Land Use Map from Agriculture to Industrial for Tax Lot 12 and western 12.56 acres for Tax Lot 14 in Section 17, T20N, R5E; request for Zone Change from Transitional Agriculture (TA) to Light Industrial (LI) for Tax Lot 12 and western 12.56 acres for Tax Lot 14 in Section 17, T20N, R5E and request for a proposed Conditional Use Permit for Residential Acreage eastern 6.54 acres for Tax Lot 14 in Section 17, T20N, R5E, Notice of Public Hearings for the Burt County Planning Commission to be held August 1, 2022 at 6:30 P.M. and the Burt County Board of Supervisors on August 9, 2022 at 9:15 A.M. for request of a Conditional Use Permit for Buell Consulting on behalf of Parallel Infrastructure (AT&T) to place a 448' guyed tower on property located in Section 35, Township 24, Range 9 East in Logan Township and for updates to Zoning Regulation Book Article IV through X, Moving Permits for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over Hwy 30,

Cutoff Road to bridge work and return on July 17-22, 2022; one to move July 16-18, 2022 and one to move July 25-29, 2022 and Moving Permit for Williams & Son Housemovers to move a 16 x 32' cabin over county roads between July 18 & 22, 2022.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 13, 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 there are currently 78 inmates in custody with 73 in Saunders County, 1 in the Lincoln Regional Center, 1 under house arrest and 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Since Friday, July 22, there have been 25 inmates booked.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, August 10, 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 \$248,959.45.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$554,240.32.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Sheriff Robert D. Reynolds to strike a list of uncollected civil process service fees.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Sheriff Reynolds for funding to purchase two patrol vehicles and one civil process vehicle. County Clerk Mytty asked if these vehicles could be paid for with American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. Supervisor Bendig said that would be possible and added that to the motion.

The Board unanimously received proposals for EMK-2020-BR-13-NE-0015 BRIC West Fremont Scoping Project, accepted the recommendation of the Joint Water Management Board and awarded a bid contract to JEO Consulting Group. Emergency Management Director Tom Smith also confirmed that JEO has adjusted their project schedule from 28 months to 14 months.

The Board unanimously received the Draft of the 2022 Missouri River East Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). Emergency Manager Smith said this is a mitigation plan that identifies local wildfire concerns that affect this region. Glen Koplín with Dodge County Mutual Aid was elected to be the local representative in the development of this plan. All but three of the fire departments in Dodge County completed a survey to identify local concerns and resources available to address wildfires. The review/comment period for this draft plan ends August 19, 2022.

The Board unanimously approved the request for Partial Funding in the amount of \$2,416.00 annually for Medicare Education Support in Dodge County for July 2022-June 2023 from Mary Loftis, University of Nebraska Extension.

The Board unanimously approved the application for FY2023 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid Supplemental [EB] and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the document before submittal to the Nebraska Crime Commission. This program would provide \$7,000 for after school programming and \$5,500 for group therapy sessions at the Learning Center; there would be no cost to Dodge County.

The consideration/possible action on Verified Petition for Access Road filed by Robert A. Johnson and Sharon G. Johnson, Husband and Wife was continued at the request of the Johnson's attorney and tentatively rescheduled to August 24, 2022.

The Board unanimously approved using \$259,946.08 of ARPA funds for IT set-up/Conference System and security at the courthouse and 935 Schneider Building. Supervisor Bendig explained the spreadsheet that summarizes these expenses and said this is a good opportunity to make necessary updates without spending taxpayer dollars. County Clerk Mytty reported that the letters going to the agencies that applied for ARPA funds is going out today. This letter identifies whether or not the agency received ARPA funds and the dollar amount of the award.

Chairman Missel took a moment to recognize that Emergency Manager Tom Smith was named the Emergency Management Professional of the Year in April 2022.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that 2 new firewalls have been installed – 1 in the courthouse and 1 in the Sheriff's office. The board members have new laptops in the board room and the email migration is near completion. Supervisor Strand reported that the 935 Schneider Building will hopefully be functional in September. Supervisor Backens reported that Three Rivers Public Health Department is working on a health assessment with input from local medical professionals, first responders and local government to name a few.

The Board unanimously approved the Title VI Nondiscrimination Agreement for Dodge County Under 100,000 and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement.

The Board unanimously approved Dodge County's Section 504 - Rehabilitation Act of 1973 Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 Policies and Assurance and authorized the necessary signatures on the document.

The Board approved the request of Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert to declare a 2004 Lincoln Classic 3000 engine driven welder/generator – Model: K1754-1 – Serial #C1040100015 with 970 hours that comes with leads as surplus property and authorized the welder/generator be taken to Jack Nitz & Associates for public auction.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert gave the Board an update on current projects. The ditch clean out on County Road T near North Bend is done. He said the amount of trash in the ditch was incredible and he hopes this helps the City of North Bend with drainage. Bids went out for the Scribner/Elkhorn River Bank Stabilization project; the four bids received will be brought to the Board at the next meeting for them to award to the low bidder. Superintendent Huppert has been monitoring Cedar Valley's

increased use of county roads for the By-Pass 30 project. The By-Pass 275 Scribner project is going well; Graham Construction does a good job controlling the dust and controlling the speed of the truck traffic. Graham Construction is hoping to start work on Yager Road next week. Sawyer is hoping to start after August 1 putting culverts in on County Road T, after that they will remove the concrete. Cedar Valley will pave it when it's ready and they estimate it to take a week to complete. There are still administrative reimbursements for Dodge County that will be coming in related to flood expenses. Superintendent Huppert spoke with Tim Weander, District 2 Engineer with the Nebraska Department of Roads, about the addition of a turn lane off the new Highway 30 Bypass. Mr. Weander said it probably won't make a difference for Dodge County to present plans for this.

The Board tabled the closed session to discuss terms of a proposed settlement until the August 10, 2022 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

At 9:49 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, August 10, 2022 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.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll correction #5464 & #5465.

The Board unanimously approved County Assessor Churchill's Three-year Plan of Assessment (2023-2024-2025).

The Board unanimously approved a waiver of the deadline of 2022 application for homestead exemption according to statute 77-3512 for Cecilia Ristau, 1870 County Road P, Fremont, NE due to this being the first time Ms. Ristau filed late.

The Board unanimously denied the request for a waiver of the deadline of 2022 application for homestead exemption according to statute 77-3512 for Joan D. Anderson (POA Patricia L. Bowman) of 1640 N. Maxwell Ave., Fremont, NE due to this being the second time the application has been filed late.

The Board unanimously received a 2022 Personal Property & Penalty Protest form from Wholestone Farms II LLC, 900 S. Platte Ave., Fremont, NE and passed a motion waiving the penalty as assessed by the Assessor since this was their first late filing.

The Board unanimously received a 2022 Personal Property & Penalty Protest form from Posh Nails Spa LLC, 3351 E. 24th St., Suite 20, Fremont, NE and passed a motion upholding the 25% penalty as assessed by the Assessor, due to multiple efforts by staff of the assessor's office reminding them to file their Personal Property Tax Return.

At 10:07 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, August 10, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk