

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, September 7, 2022 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Strand. 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, Summary of Uncollected Taxes (as of June 30, 2022) from County Treasurer Bargstadt, Notice of annual inspection of the Dodge County Holding facility on September 7, 2022 for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board, Notice of Dodge County LEPC Meeting on September 14, 2022 at 11:00 A.M., Certificates of Insurance from NIRMA for Platte Valley Equipment, LLC insuring the 2021 John Deere 6195R Tractor, Midwest Crane Service, LLC and from NIRMA for University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension as the holder, 2021 Annual Livestock Report of a Livestock Friendly County, Certificate of Insurance for Lyman-Richey Corporation, Utility Installation agreement with L.E. Myers Company installing power line for OPPD in Dodge County Road Right-of-Ways and Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads Hwy 77 south to County Road T to 549 County Road T and return on August 23, 2022.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 24, 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 except for Supervisor Strand.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that the average daily inmate count is 78. Currently there are 81 inmates in custody with 74 in Saunders County, 3 under house arrest, 1 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. So far for the month of August there have been 155 inmates booked into custody.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, September 21, 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 except for Supervisor Strand.

The Board unanimously approved a transfer of \$100.00 from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Building Fund.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$272,248.43.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$1,528,298.50. The Motorola expenses for the radio system are ending with approximately \$300,000.00 left. That leaves \$2 million in the radio fund which will pay for maintenance and upkeep over the next 10 years.

The Board unanimously approved an agreement with WJE Consulting LLC to provide consulting services in the development of a central services cost allocation plan identifying the various costs incurred by the county to support and administer Federal and State programs. This is a three (3) year agreement to prepare the plan based upon year-end financial data for FY 2022, FY 2023 and FY 2024, which will result in cost reimbursement in FY 2024, FY 2025 and FY 2026.

The Board unanimously approved the 2022 Missouri River East Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP) and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the plan.

At 9:15 A.M., a Public Hearing was held on the proposed setting of Dodge County's tax request for fiscal year July 1, 2022 thru June 30, 2023. Chairman Missel opened the hearing for any testimony. County Clerk Mytty told the Board that the tax request this year is \$11,143,309, which is a 2% increase over last year's request. However, it was County Clerk Mytty's recommendation that the Board table this issue until the September 21, 2022 Dodge County Board of Supervisors' meeting due to possible amendments to the budget. He added that dates of the budget process were changed by LB644, so September 21 is still within the new timeframe. The Board unanimously approved tabling this issue until the September 21, 2022 meeting.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that Dodge County will be receiving a portion of the \$500,000 dividend declared by the NIRMA Board for 2022. The membership dividend, if approved by the Nebraska Department of Insurance, will be distributed at the conclusion of the NIRMA Conference/Annual membership meeting in October.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to receive and adopt a Resolution for Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance Form 2022 and authorized the required signatures on the Resolution as well as the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2022.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors accepting the Dodge County Highway Department's 2022-2023 Road Fund Budget Forms and authorized the necessary signatures on the resolution.

The Board unanimously received the seven (7) bids opened for the Bridge Rehabilitation Project, Structure No. C002732025, County Project 622 that were opened on Monday, August 29, 2022 at 11:00 A.M. In the same motion, the Board took the recommendation of Speece Lewis Engineers and Highway Superintendent Huppert and awarded the contract to the low bidder J M N Construction LLC out of Valley for \$349,532. This is an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded project.

Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews gave a brief update for Highway Superintendent Huppert. The concrete is in for the T Road west paving project

(636A). The work done on the 2 ½ mile stretch of Q Road is complete and the road is open. The Yager Road project is still up in the air; there is no work going on currently.

The Board discussed the cost overrun of the EM005 Breach Lake Project and unanimously authorized \$13,065 to be paid out of the Flood Control Fund to satisfy Dodge County's share of the \$42,435.56 overage.

The Board unanimously approved the Dodge County Extension office's request to move the money currently being used for a 4-H support position to a position for a full-time 4-H Assistant; the employer would be UNL. This change would save the county some money and may aid in employee retention. UNL will bill Dodge County quarterly for this position. Angi Heller was present as a representative of the Dodge County Extension office and told the Board that they may need to add the 4-H Support position back into the Dodge County Extension budget for next year depending on the workload.

At 9:40 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss the purchase of property for an election office.

At 9:51 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the purchase. In a separate motion, the Board unanimously authorized property committee chairman Lon Strand to move forward with negotiations to purchase an election office.

Ann Giebler, a representative of LegalShield & IDShield, was present and gave the Board an overview of the services available. LegalShield Membership includes access to legal advice and services for various purposes. IDShield Membership includes continuous credit monitoring and services to prevent and/or combat identity theft. Members would pay a monthly fee for services they select. Ms. Giebler asked the Board for permission to serve as a representative for Dodge County, which would include setting up payroll deductions for employees interested in these services. Chairman Missel said that since this was not an action item on the agenda, no action could be taken at this meeting. He added that if there is interest for these services, it could be added as an action item on a future agenda.

At 10:06 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Strand.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll correction #5468.

The Board unanimously received a 2022 Personal Property & Penalty Protest form from The Oilgear Company, 905 S. Downing St., Fremont, NE 68025. In a separate motion, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the county assessor and waived the penalty since this was their first late filing. It was noted that Oilgear had a lot of turnover in their accounting department which led to them missing the filing deadline.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Bargstadt on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2022 on a 2018 Chevy Express cargo van and a 2018 Landscape Utility trailer from the Dodge

County Humane Society, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Bargstadt on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2022 on a 2021 Interstate West trailer from Three Rivers Public Health Department, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

At 10:10 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Strand.

At 10:11 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:22 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 10:23 A.M., a Public Hearing was held on the proposed 2022/2023 County Budget. A PowerPoint presentation was given by County Clerk Mytty on the proposed budget. Timing was fortunate for the passage of LB644 only allowing 2% plus growth increase in taxes. The County's share of the Southeast Beltway has ended with June's payment. Most radio equipment has been purchased so that fund will be in maintenance mode shortly. The Finance Committee had three meetings and their recommendation was a reduction in the Capital Improvement Fund, move two Road Projects to non-tax supported funds and increase Inheritance Tax transfers to lower the tax request to 2% despite the highest inflation rate in 40 years. Chairman Missel opened the hearing by asking for anyone in favor or against the Proposed Budget. No one was present. He then closed the hearing. He then asked if there were any amendments to the Budget. County Clerk Mytty said he received requests to raise the County Attorney's budget by \$41,800 to pay for a settlement and a request to increase the Building Fund by \$250,000. He said the property tax request could go up \$220,000 and stay under the county's limit of 2% plus growth. For these two amendments it would take an additional transfer of \$71,800 from Inheritance Tax Fund. The Board unanimously approved the above amendments to the proposed budget and tabled action until the September 21st meeting in regards to surpassing state lids to the County Budget, possible approval of 2.5% plus growth in excess of 2.5% of restricted funds for carryover to the 2023/2024 County Budget, possible approval of an additional 1% of restricted funds requiring a super majority vote, possible adoption of Resolution approving the 2022/2023 County Budget and possible adoption of Resolution on transfers as outlined in the 2022/2023 County Budget.

At 10:35 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, September 21, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk