

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 Tuesday, December 13, 2022 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Beam. 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, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding changes in channel lineup, resignation of Chris Bristol from the Visitors Promotion Committee, Certificates of Insurance for Stalp Gravel Inc. and Ensor Movers, Inc., NIRMA Safety Shorts for December 2022 and Moving Permit for Ensor House Movers, Inc. to move a house over Dodge County roads on December 6, 2022.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 30, 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 Beam.

There was no business for the Board of Corrections.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, December 28, 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 Beam.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$281,497.03.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$192,370.94.

The Board unanimously approved the list of designated official county newspapers for 2023.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert updated the Board on current projects. Employees are performing maintenance on equipment and doing dirt work, specifically ditches. The department is ready for any snow or ice we may get. CR Menn Concrete is currently replacing a culvert on Ridge Road; the road will be closed for approximately a week and a half. Regarding the 275 By-pass at Scribner, Fairacres Road will be closed all winter. The City of Scribner is aware of this and understands that they will have to use gravel roads to access the cemetery. Superintendent Huppert wanted the Board to know that drivers can exit onto and off of Old Highway 8, but they cannot go over the viaduct being built for the By-pass 77 Southeast Beltway project. The Scribner Elkhorn

Riverbank project is complete with the exception of the sand berm that is left there. Bids were sought and the low bid was \$35,000 to push the sand back in and remove trees; this work will be done next week. Superintendent Huppert continues to work with NEMA to finish up township projects related to the flood of 2019.

The Board unanimously approved the appointments of Mark Langemeier, Scott Muller and Steve Ferguson to 4-year terms on the Cuming Township Board effective January 5, 2023. County Clerk Mytty will send correspondence to the appointees notifying them of their appointment, the term of the appointment and the effective date of the appointment.

The Board unanimously approved the appointments of Joseph Kreifels, Scott Bang and Denise Richards to 4-year terms on the Nickerson Township Board effective January 5, 2023. There were four individuals interested in serving on the Nickerson Township Board, Wayne Jacobsen being the fourth. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews told the Board that Denise Richards is an incumbent and provided administrative support; it was Ms. Andrew's opinion that the Board retain Ms. Richards. Wayne Jacobsen is currently the motor grader for Maple Township and will perform those duties for Nickerson Township until they get their motor grader back from repairs. Supervisor Strand felt that since there was interest from individuals that have not served on the township board, that it would be good to have their fresh perspectives. County Clerk Mytty will send correspondence to the appointees notifying them of their appointment, the term of the appointment and the effective date of the appointment.

The Board unanimously approved the appointments of Mark Holub, Brad Harms and Bernard Bunn to 4-year terms on the Pleasant Valley Township Board effective January 5, 2023. County Clerk Mytty will send correspondence to the appointees notifying them of their appointment, the term of the appointment and the effective date of the appointment.

Supervisor Strand moved to appoint Daniel Beerbohm, Russel Stockamp and Jason Kreikemeier to the Pebble Township Board. However, appointments to the Pebble Township Board were not an action item on the agenda. Supervisor Strand withdrew the motion; the item will be added to the agenda of the December 28, 2022 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

Michaela Valentin, Government & Community Relations Manager and Dustin Marvel, Government & Community Relations Strategist from Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) were present and handed out their business cards to the Board members. Ms. Valentin introduced Mr. Marvel as a new member of the Public Affairs division. She told the Board that she wanted to give them their cell phone numbers so they will have a direct link to OPPD in the event of an outage or any other issues.

The Board unanimously approved the FY2024 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid [CB] Application before submittal to the Nebraska Crime Commission and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the application. Meggie Studt, Dodge County Juvenile Diversion Director, was present and told the Board that this grant will help pay for staff, therapy, mediation and alternatives to detention.

The Board unanimously approved the FY2024 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid [EB] (Enhanced Grant) Application before submittal to the Nebraska Crime

Commission and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the application. Ms. Studt said that this grant will cover staff expenses not covered in the aforementioned grant.

The Board received the Membership Certificate from Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD). Chairman Missel said that the email addresses of all the Board members need to be updated and the main contact will change to Micki Gilfry, incoming Dodge County Clerk. County Clerk Mytty will send the updated contact information to NENEDD as requested.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Visitors Promotion Committee and approved the reappointment of Lisa Schole for a four-year term to the Visitors Promotion Committee, which will expire December 31, 2026.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation from the Fremont & Dodge County Convention and Visitors Bureau Advisory Committee and authorized them to grant \$10,000 in funding as seed money to help pay for a feasibility study to gather information to start construction and funding requests for a local sports complex.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that the finance committee has been in touch with the county auditors (Erickson & Brooks, CPAs) and they plan to have the FY2021/2022 audit complete by the end of January, 2023. He also reported that the IT Committee met a couple of weeks ago and they think everything with the new IT provider, Applied Connective Technologies, is going well. Applied Connective is working on a proposal for new phones and wiring; they may also be installing wireless connections at the same time. The phones and wiring will be covered by American Rescue Plan Act funding; if there is any additional cost there may be the need for a Request for Proposals (RFP). Applied also looked at the security at the Schneider Building; ARPA funds will cover the cameras there. Upgrades to existing cameras and the addition of cameras at the courthouse are also being considered. The IT Committee applied for an ASSIST grant through NIRMA to help pay for this project. Supervisor Backens reported that the Hooper and Scribner Fire Departments signed on to be a part of the new radio system.

At 9:31 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:39 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 9:41 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, December 28, 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 except for Supervisor Beam.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5473 thru #5517.

At 10:01 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, December 28, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk