

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The 2023 Reorganizational Meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors was called to order by County Clerk Micki Gilfry at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, January 11, 2023 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska, with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: None.

County Clerk Gilfry announced the meeting to be an open public meeting and that the open meeting laws are posted on the wall and available for anyone to review.

The Board unanimously declared the meeting legally convened.

Bob Missel was nominated as Chairman for 2023. Receiving no other nominations, the Board elected Supervisor Missel to be the Chairman by unanimous consent.

Lon Strand was nominated as Vice-Chairman for 2023. Receiving no other nominations, the Board elected Supervisor Strand to be the Vice-Chairman by unanimous consent.

The Board unanimously passed a motion appointing County Clerk Micki Gilfry and her office as “keeper of the agenda” for the Board of Supervisors for 2023.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as printed and received and placed on file various county officials’ reports, correspondence from Midland University acknowledging receipt of and appreciation for American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for their Telehealth program, correspondence from Nebraska State Probation, Sixth Probation District, Patty Lyon, Chief Probation Officer, regarding Probation – Quarterly County Billings 2022/2023 and reimbursement of expenses to Dodge County for the period October 1, 2022 to December 31, 2022, Minutes of Dodge County Courthouse Safety Committee meeting of December 28, 2022, Certificates of Insurance for A & R Construction Co., Certified Testing Services Inc. and Thompson Construction, Inc., Notice of Public Hearing & City Council Meeting for the City of North Bend to be held Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:00 P.M. for a proposed request to add use of campers in the mobile home park to the zoning text for R-2 Medium to High Density Residential as a conditional use and proposed annexation of 29 acres located just west of existing corporate limits south of Highway 30 and north of the railroad tracks and Moving Permits for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads: 275, Old 275, E. Cloverly Road, Main Street & to 1st Street and return on December 27 thru 31, 2022 and another one to go from January 3 thru 7, 2023.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the December 28, 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 the average daily inmate count is 74. There are currently 76 inmates in custody, with 2 being held at the

Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Reception & Treatment Center, 1 at the Lincoln Regional Center, 71 in Saunders County (10 female) and 2 under house arrest. The staff shortage issues with monitoring female inmates are ongoing. A meeting to address housing females for Dodge County is scheduled for this afternoon with representatives from Saunders County Corrections and Washington County Corrections

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, January 25, 2023 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 \$285,043.78.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$342,522.15.

Committee Reports – Chairman Missel reported that he is updating the standing board committee list and asked the Board to look it over and see if there are changes that need to be made. After the updates are complete, he will give a current copy to County Clerk Gilfry. Supervisor Bendig reported that the IT Committee is meeting today to discuss the upgrade to the courthouse phone system. Applied Connective Technologies will be submitting their proposal for the phone system at this meeting. Chairman Missel also reported that he would be representing Dodge County at a tabletop exercise this afternoon. The exercise will be facilitated by the Silver Jackets, a collaborative state-led interagency team that works together to reduce flood risk at the state level.

The Board unanimously approved reappropriating \$200,000 of the \$750,000 of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds that were approved for an election office in June 2022. The reappropriated amount will be used for an upgrade of the courthouse HVAC System. Supervisor Strand said this upgrade is sorely needed and he will have Facilities Manager Dana Nielsen get started on this project.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that she and Road's employee Gary Tienken participated in remote (Zoom) refresher training regarding reasonable suspicion, which helps managers identify workers that may be under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for 2023 Applied Traffic Paint Striping and to have the bids opened on January 30, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. in the Dodge County Highway Department office. Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews told the Board that they are bidding this earlier than normal because the supplier wants to purchase the paint before prices increase.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for (1) 2022 or 2023 – ¾ Ton Rated 4 x 4 Extended Cab Pickup to be opened Monday, February 6, 2023 at 11:00 A.M. in the Dodge County Highway Department office. Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews reminded

the Board that in April of 2021 bids for 2 pickups were approved with Diers Ford in Fremont. Diers has informed Dodge County that they cannot get these trucks. The Roads Department has enough money in the budget this year to purchase one truck.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that his employees are still busy performing maintenance on equipment. There were still equipment and barricades up for the Yager Road project that Superintendent Huppert asked the engineer to address with the contractor. The contractor removed all of the barricades and equipment, but did not install any stop signs. Superintendent Huppert is concerned that without stop signs, there will be an accident. There is still ditch work for the contractor to finish as well as grading issues that need to be finished. The Board agreed that the contractor has not met their expectations on this project. Superintendent Huppert is working on agreements with FEMA regarding the Scribner Elkhorn Riverbank Stabilization project. Currently tree removal and berm work is going on for this project. The Road 18 project that is being paid for with ARPA funds was halted because the United States Army Corp of Engineers (USACE) claims that it is their ditch that Superintendent Huppert wants to move for this project; next week he will be meeting representatives of the USACE at the site to discuss plans moving forward. Bids will be going out for bridge projects. Superintendent Huppert is working with Emergency Manager Tom Smith to secure grant money to reimburse the unforeseen expenses (the county's 20% share paid) for flood damage repairs. He also reported that a number of the new township board members have been in contact with him, which he appreciates so they can all be on the same page.

At 9:42 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:00 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 10:01 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispenses with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved 2022 tax roll corrections #5538 thru #5546.

The Board unanimously received a 2022 Personal Property & Penalty Protest form from Scott Stinnette, 2155 E. 23rd Street, Fremont, NE 68025 and passed a motion upholding the 10% penalty as assessed by the Assessor, due to multiple efforts by staff of the assessor's office informing him that the protest needed to be submitted within 30 days of the Notice of Late Filing of their Personal Property Tax Return.

At 10:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, January 25, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk