

## 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 26, 2023 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel and Bendig. Absent: Tawney. 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 2023/2024 preliminary levy requests from the following: Elkhorn Township, Maple Township, Platte Township, Union Township, Cotterell Township, Winslow Rural Fire, Uehling Fire District and North Bend Fire Protection District (all requests referred to the Finance Committee), county official's report, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding changes in pricing, Board of Trustees Minutes for June 12, 2023 meeting and Profit & Loss Budget Performance for the one-and twelve-months ending June 30, 2023 from Fremont Community Health Resources, Certificate of Insurance for Turnkey Holdings, LLC, Lower Elkhorn Watershed and Logan Watershed updates, Notice of Public Hearings of the City of Fremont Planning Commission to be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. for a request by Robert Fields for a Planned Unit Development consisting of 60 attached single-family dwelling units on individual lots located west of South Howard at Donna Street and for a Preliminary Plat of 60 residential lots located at the northwest corner of South Howard and Donna Streets and a request for a Final Plat consisting of four lots located at the northwest corner of South Howard and Donna Streets, Notice of Public Hearings of the City of Fremont Planning Commission to be held on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. for a request of Brian Reilly on behalf of Fremont Mall, LLC to amend the 23<sup>rd</sup> & Bell Street Redevelopment Plan to identify a project to rehabilitate the Fremont Mall and to designate an Enhanced Employment area for the imposition of a 2% occupation tax on sales on property described as located at the northwest corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Yager Road; also a request by Brian Reilly on behalf of Fremont Mall, LLC for a waiver of landscaping on property described as Lots 5 & 6 Rodamar Addition Replat 1; Lots 1 and 2 Rodamar Addition Replat 2 and generally located at the northwest corner of 23<sup>rd</sup> St. and Yager Road, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) correspondence regarding Letter of Noncompliance to Christopher Johnson of 7183 W. Hwy 30, Ames, NE 68621 where violations of NDEE Title 124 – Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems and Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1506. Violations occurred during April 20, 2023 and June 13, 2023 complaint investigations of his facility at 7183 W. Hwy 30 in Ames, NE, Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads on July 12, 2023 and Moving Permit for Scrib's House Moving to move a one-story house over county roads between July 20<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 12, 2023 meeting as printed.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 19 & 21, 2023 meetings of the Dodge County Board of Equalization 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 Tawney.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 74 inmates in custody with 59 being held in Saunders County, 11 in Washington County, 2 with the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 2 under house arrest.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, August 9, 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 except for Supervisor Tawney.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$274,072.94.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$764,114.33.

The Board unanimously approved the request from Care Corps LifeHouse to increase their annual appropriation from \$35,000 to \$54,045 and in the same motion, referred it to the Finance Committee.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized the necessary signatures on a Memorandum of Agreement for Mitigation Reimbursement Process for Dodge County and Fremont Area United Way for Home Mitigation Project DR-4420-NE-0032. Dodge County Emergency Manager Tom Smith told the Board that Dodge County Emergency Management has applied for Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)/Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) hazard mitigation grant assistance. This assistance will allow Dodge County to fully reimburse Fremont Area United Way for payments they make up front to contractors hired by the homeowners that have been approved for mitigation as a result of the 2019 flood event.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized the necessary signatures on an agreement with Lund Consulting for pre-construction engineering services for Home Mitigation Project DR-4420-NE-0032.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized the necessary signatures on an agreement with Patton Structural Solutions, LLC for pre-construction services for project DR-4420-NE-0032.

Dodge County Emergency Manager Tom Smith reported that there will be a public open house for the Rawhide Creek Project on September 6, 2023, 5:00-7:00pm at the Dodge County Extension Office.

The Board unanimously approved an additional \$5,000 American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding for chairs for the Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting room. The original request was for 8 new chairs, but that number was increased to 11 chairs.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Strand reported that the architect for the new election office took measurements in the building and he’s hoping construction permits can be pulled in August or early September. Supervisor Backens reported that he attended the last Fremont Area Chamber of Commerce meeting and they announced Brenda Wilberding (Midland College) as the new chamber president. He also attended a meeting at the Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) and listened to OPPD CEO Javier Fernandez talk about OPPD’s projects and strategies. Supervisor Bendig reported that the Requests For Proposal (RFP) for the Hosted VoIP-Based Telephone System are due August 4, 2023.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that the reconstruction of Road 14 between Roads J & K continues. Employees are finishing the bridge abutment and ditch clean out on Road C near Snyder. Employees are patching potholes as time allows. Township roads are in bad shape after all the rain and a lot of gravel and white rock has been used to improve them. The Yager Road project is on hold because of the rain as well. There are still complaints about construction trucks not running on the haul roads for the 275 Bypass around Scribner. Superintendent Huppert has been monitoring the traffic and keeps in touch with the State regarding the condition of the roads these trucks are using. On the Hwy 30 Bypass there have been people moving barricades around County Roads 10, 11 and 12; Superintendent Huppert said he has notified law enforcement about this. He also said they may have to start securing the barricades to the concrete, which may damage it when they remove them. The paving project on County Road 18 has been delayed by rain; Cedar Valley Paving LLC told Superintendent Huppert they would be there today. The contractor for the Road F box culvert project is moving culverts in for the shofly this week and will begin to haul dirt next week. After doing the assessments of the hard surface roads in the county, Superintendent Huppert said there is a lot of maintenance that needs to be done and it will be costly.

At 9:44 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

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 Tawney.

The Board unanimously received 2023 Property Valuation Protest #317.

The Board unanimously received County Assessor Churchill’s Three-year Plan of Assessment (2024-2025-2026).

At 10:05 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

At 10:15 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Tawney.

Immediately thereafter, a Public Hearing was held to consider a resolution to re-open a 300’ portion of Jones Street. Dan Martinez with Apex Land Surveying LLC was present and explained the action that has been taken over the past 2 years regarding Jones Street. The wording on the resolution as presented is incorrect. Dodge County is not re-opening a portion of Jones Street. Dodge County is relinquishing rights to the landowners adjacent to the right-of-way on Jones Street from Morningside Road south to the gate that Structural Components uses to allow truck traffic onto their property from Jones Street. The road will remain vacated. Steve Renner, one of the adjacent

landowners, was present and explained the history of Jones Street. Hearing no other testimony for or against this action on Jones Street, Chairman Missel closed the public hearing. Dodge County and both landowners agree that the wording on the resolution needs to be corrected. The issue was tabled until the next meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors when a corrected resolution will be considered.

At 10:22 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry  
Dodge County Clerk