

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, August 9, 2023 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 2023/2024 preliminary levy requests from the following: Cuming Township, Everett Township, Hooper Township, Logan Township, Nickerson Township, Pebble Township, Pleasant Valley Township, Ridgeley Township, Webster Township, Dodge Rural Fire District, Fremont Rural Fire District, Hooper Rural Fire District, Scribner Rural Fire District and Snyder Rural Fire District; county officials' reports, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding changes in channel lineup, Certificates of Insurance for Logan Township, Lux Sand & Gravel, Inc. and Kohl Construction Inc., NIRMA Safety Shorts for August 2023, Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy correspondence regarding Letter of Noncompliance for Christopher Johnson Property concerning violations of NDEE Title 124 – Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems and Neb. Rev. Stat. 81-1506. Violations were determined during April 20th and June 13th, 2023 complaint investigations at 7183 W. Highway 30, Ames, NE, 3 moving permits for Barnhart Crane to move Crane #16991 on 8/3 thru 8/12/2023 over county roads; move Crane #1632 over county roads on 8/7 thru 8/12/2023 and Crane #1671 over county roads on 8/7 thru 8/12/2023 and Bond Continuation Certificate for Ben J. Schole, Treasurer, Hooper Rural Fire District.

The Board, with Supervisor Tawney abstaining since he was not present at the July 26, 2023 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the July 26, 2023 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 were no reports given regarding the Corrections Department.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, August 23, 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 Beam.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$276,958.86.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$368,212.09.

The Board unanimously received the 2023/2024 preliminary levy request from the Dodge County Agricultural Society.

The Board unanimously received the 2023/2024 preliminary levy request from the Dodge County Historical Society (DCHS). It was noted that the resolution submitted by the DCHS was missing their governing board's vote to adopt the resolution.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution setting the final allocations of levies for fiscal year 2023/2024 to Fire Districts, Townships and the Agricultural Society and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. The Dodge County Historical Society (DCHS) must, in a timely manner, resubmit their Resolution adopting their 2023/2024 preliminary levy request with record of their governing board's vote. After Dodge County receives the completed resolution from the DCHS, they will be included in the Resolution setting the final allocation of levies for fiscal year 2023/2024.

Chairman Missel reported that the Finance Committee met with Fred Mytty yesterday to discuss the 2023-2024 Dodge County Budget. This year's budget is challenging. Supervisor Bendig agreed saying Consumer Price Index (CPI) increases have added to the challenge. The Finance Committee will be communicating with county departments to encourage cuts to their budgets. Chairman Missel said they will be prepared to act on the budget at the August 23, 2023 Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Chief Deputy Reynolds to declare a 2015 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FM5K8ATXFGA56952 & a 2017 Ford Explorer VIN: 1FM5K8AT8HGD07194 as surplus property and authorized the vehicles be taken to Jack Nitz & Associates for public auction.

The Board unanimously received and filed the Dodge County Sheriff's Department Distress Warrant Report.

The Board unanimously approved changing the date of the December 13, 2023 Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting to December 12, 2023 due to the Nebraska Association of County Officials' (NACO) Annual Conference that begins on December 13, 2023.

The Board unanimously received the Membership Certificate from Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District (NENEDD). Chairman Missel asked the board members to check their contact information on the NENEDD Council of Officials Representative Contact Information form that was also sent by NENEDD. All of Dodge County's contact information is correct and that will be communicated to NENEDD.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that the proposals for the Hosted VoIP-based Telephone System will be opened today at 12:30 P.M. There will also be an Information Technology meeting at 1:00 P.M. today.

At 9:16 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:25 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into closed session from the discussion of the claims. No action was taken on any of the claims as a result of the closed session.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to receive and adopt a Resolution for Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2023 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 2023.

The Board unanimously adopted and authorized the necessary signatures on a Resolution declaring the relinquishment of ownership of a segment of vacated Jones Street from the South Line of Morningside Road, south to the westerly extension of the South Line of Lot 1R, of Replat of Veskerna Business Park and conveyance of ownership to Steven and Star Renner and Eagle Development, LLC, the adjacent landowners located in the NW ¼ Section 25, Township 17 North, Range 8 East. This Resolution will be filed with the Dodge County Register of Deeds. Action on this Resolution was tabled at the July 26, 2023 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors so that clarification of the wording could be made.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that the bridge replacement on County Roads G & 9 is near completion. Employees are working on shredding, installing culverts and patching potholes as the weather allows. Sawyer Construction has been working on the paving project on County Road 18 for the past two weeks, but the rain has slowed down progress. The shofly detour on County Road F (box culvert project) will be done in the next couple of days; sign boards will be going up this week to inform motorists of the detour. Supervisor Strand asked if this project will be done before harvest. Superintendent Huppert said the plan is to complete it before harvest, but it will be close. F Road and possibly County Road 14 will be closed for the 275 By-Pass project for approximately 2 weeks. During this closure, motorists will use Fair Acres Road, which was opened just in time for the Dodge County Fair. Truck drivers for the contractors working on the Highway 30 By-Pass continue to use roads that are not designated haul roads. Superintendent Huppert has been monitoring this and will call in those truckers that he sees speeding and running through intersections. Nothing has been done on Yager Road due to rain; Graham Construction still needs to finish grading, back slope work, shredding and seeding. Superintendent Huppert has been in contact with a hot mix asphalt company that could repair some of the hard surface roads that he has identified as needing repairs. A Resolution will have to be adopted by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors to rename the old portion of Highway 30 to County Road U; this will be on the August 23, 2023 agenda. The State has handed responsibility for mowing, snow removal and signage over to Dodge County for this portion of the old highway; road maintenance is still the responsibility of the State. Supervisor Tawney asked how the name change of the highway will be communicated to the residents and businesses. Supervisor Backens said he has talked to the postmaster in North Bend and he suggested that a copy of the Resolution renaming the highway be sent to them so they can officially change the addresses. Superintendent

Huppert reported that the blue rural address signs are going up on the west side of Dodge County; his team is working Saturdays and Sundays, rain or shine.

At 9:43 A.M. Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization with the following members present: Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Beam.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5610 through #5616.

The Board unanimously received 2023 Property Valuation Protests #318 through #321.

The Board unanimously received the list of exempt cemeteries in Dodge County for 2023 from County Assessor Churchill.

The Board unanimously approved a waiver of the deadline of 2023 application for homestead exemption according to statute 77-3512 for Ronald L. Tridle, 2205 N. Aaron Way, Fremont, NE due to this being the first time Mr. Tridle filed late.

The Board unanimously approved a waiver of the deadline of 2023 application for homestead exemption according to statute 77-3512 for Travis D & Stephanie R. Von Seggern, 1686 County Rd. 13, Ames, NE due to this being the first time they filed late.

At 10:05 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, August 23, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk