

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, November 1, 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. 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, Official Bond Continuation Certificate for Mark Cuda, Treasurer, Winslow Rural Fire District, Certificates of Insurance for Ensor Movers, Inc. and Dolezal Sand & Gravel, correspondence from NIRMA regarding the re-election of Jean Andrews to the NIRMA Board of Directors and Moving Permit for Ensor Movers, Inc. to move a house over county roads October 23, 2023.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 18, 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.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 59 inmates in custody with 40 being held in Saunders County, 16 in Washington County and 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. There were 116 inmates booked into custody in the month of October.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 15, 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 transfer of \$10,394.35 from Fund 2575 (2019 Flood Disaster) to Fund 100 (General) to correct a payment that was received into the wrong fund.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$274,745.49.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$388,349.34.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that the IT Committee will be meeting today at 11:00 A.M. Applied Connective Technologies has started on the phone system upgrade that will convert the old phone system to a Voice Over Internet Protocol (VoIP) system. The target date for completion of this project is the end of November 2023. Chairman Missel reported that the Finance Committee will be meeting on November 6 with Lisa Daniels, Risk Advisor for North Risk Partners, about health insurance renewal for the county.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from NIRMA regarding NIRMA II Dividend and Membership Recommitment, adopted the Resolution For Amendment and Addendum to NIRMA/NIRMA II Intergovernmental/Interlocal Agreements and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews said Dodge County will be receiving a membership dividend of \$11,993. The recommitment dividend of \$6,458 will be sent after NIRMA receives the signed recommitment resolution from Dodge County. While talking about NIRMA, Chairman Missel acknowledged the re-election of Ms. Andrews to another 3-year term on the NIRMA Board of Directors and noted how nice it is to have someone from Dodge County as a representative on this board.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert to purchase (2) Caterpillar motor graders. There is one motor grader in the budget for this fiscal year and the other will be in the budget for next year (FY2024/2025); it can take up to a year to receive a motor grader after it has been ordered. Superintendent Huppert said he wants to keep up with the warranty on these machines because they are expensive to repair.

The Board unanimously received the study letter from Dodge County Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert regarding the vacation of County Road H between Tax Lot 3 in SW ¼ Section 4 and Tax Lot 9 in the NW ¼ Section 9, both in Township 19 North, Range 7 East, adopted a Resolution setting the Public Hearing date of November 29, 2023 at 10:15 A.M. and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2023 and passed a motion adopting a Resolution authorizing Chairman Missel to sign the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent form.

The Board unanimously adopted an amended Resolution renaming Old US Highway 30 to Platte River Road from Fremont to County Road 4 west of North Bend. Supervisor Tawney read the Resolution for the record. At the September 6, 2023 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors, the Board adopted a Resolution renaming Old US Highway 30 to County Road U. This Resolution was rescinded at the September 20, 2023 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors because there is already a County Road U in Saunders County with Fremont addresses. County Clerk Micki Gilfry will be responsible for sending a copy of the Resolution to the 911 Center, post offices, radio stations, newspapers, utilities, delivery services and other entities with a need to know about this change.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees are working on culvert extensions and installing new culverts. County Road 17 is closed from Highway 30 to County Road T so the road can be rebuilt. The new shredder is here and is being used. Dodge County is responsible for the ditches along Platte River Road (Old US Highway 30) since the state relinquished their responsibility for maintaining them after the Highway 30 Bypass was built. Road 18 is paved, seeded and the poles have been moved. Superintendent Huppert said a farmer in this area thinks the county closed the ditch on the west side of County Road 18 and wants the county to remove the trees. Superintendent Huppert said the ditch on the west side is considered wetlands by the United State Army Corp of Engineers, so he has been in contact with them to find out

what he can and cannot do. On County Road 11 north of County Road R, there will be a bridge replaced with 3 – 6' culverts that are 38' long. There will be a snow meeting with all highway department employees on Friday, November 3 to prepare for the season. Bridge inspections continue; Superintendent Huppert said he has around 20 bridges done so far. He will be inspecting 118 bridges this year.

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

At 10:08 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 10:09 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously received and referred to the County Attorney correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission (TERC) regarding the following: Second Amended Order for Single Commissioner Hearing & Notice of Hearing for Robert J. Schmidt, Case No. 21A 0600 and Second Amended Order for Single Commissioner Hearing & Notice of Hearing for Robert J. Schmidt, Case No. 22A 0449.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Clerk Gilfry to amend the Levies passed at the last Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 18, 2023. County Clerk Gilfry explained that when the Ames Diking & Drainage District submitted their budget, they had signed a form that indicated there would be no property tax request. However, the District did have a special assessment that wasn't calculated into their levy. This levy change will only affect 28 parcels. All other levies approved on October 18, 2023 remain the same.

At 10:11 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, November 15, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk