

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, September 4, 2024 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel and Tawney. Absent: Bendig. 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 2024/2025 preliminary levy request from Winslow Rural Fire, county officials' reports, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding changes in channel lineup, Minutes of the Dodge County Planning Commission for the August 20, 2024 meeting and Utility Installation Agreement with WesTel Systems to install a fiber optic cable in public roads located in Logan Township.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 21, 2024 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 Bendig.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 48 inmates in custody with 38 of them being held in Saunders County, 9 in Washington County and 1 in the Lincoln Regional Center.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, September 18, 2024 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 Bendig.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$300,494.56.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$307,918.81.

The Board unanimously approved the Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte North Natural Resources District, Papio-Missouri River Natural Resources District and City of Fremont for annual payments for the operation and maintenance of Platte River USGS cameras and gauges and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the agreement. This agreement originated in July 2020 as a result of the 2019 flood. The agreement currently under consideration will be in effect for five years until September 30, 2029; each partner will contribute a maximum of \$5,741 annually to participate.

The Board unanimously received the letter from County Clerk Gilfry announcing no written protests were filed regarding the renewal of Class C – Alcoholic Liquor On/Off Sale licenses for Shoreline, LLC, dba The Tow Line Company, 3120 State Lakes Road, Fremont, NE and Tavern 30, 7026 Platte River Road, Ames, NE and recommended approval of the licenses to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

The Board unanimously approved the reallocation of ARPA Funds as follows: From Project 622 Bridge Repair, \$750,000, Project 640 Bridge Replacement, \$9,663.46 and Project 642 Road Rehab, \$182,773.01 (Total \$942,436.47) reallocated to “Highway 275 Overlay and Misc. Road Projects” – overlay cost is \$833,888.47 leaving \$108,548 to spend on small roads projects yet to be determined; From Sheriff Vehicle Purchase, \$11,897.12, Sheriff Body Cam, \$24.17, Sheriff Server, \$3,196.38, Sheriff Office Equipment, \$283.10 (Total \$15,400.77) reallocated to “Sheriff’s Mobile Computers Cruisers”; From County Attorney Omni Upgrade, \$7,141.00, Dodge Co. Email Migration, \$119.50, Dodge Co. Employee Premium Pay, \$11,556.07, Boardroom Speaker System, \$1,155.39 (Total \$19,971.96) reallocated to “Dodge County Computers” which has a balance of \$4,423.42 for a Grand Total of \$24,395.38 to be used for the purchase of new computers for the Treasurer, Zoning & Building, Assessor and Attorney offices.

Committee Reports - Chairman Missel reported that the Dodge County Historical Society will be hosting an event at the May Museum called “Music at the Museum” on Sunday, September 15, 2024 from 1:30 to 4:30. There will be live music, classic cars on display, a bake sale and sidewalk chalk for the children. Chairman Missel also reminded the Board about the Northeast District NACO meeting in Norfolk on Friday, September 13, 2024; registrations are still being taken on the NACO website.

The Board unanimously received Notice of the City of Fremont Council for Public Hearings requested by Scott Osterhouse to annex approximately 15.49 acres of property generally located at the southwest corner of the Highway 77 Bypass and Downing St. located in the NW ¼ of Section 36 and SW ¼ Section 25, all in Township 7 North, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Dodge County, Nebraska

At 9:30 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Gerad Brichacek of 1765 Rd. Q, Dodge, NE 68633 to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to store and apply Bio-Mass as per Article 12, Section 2.18 Conditional Uses and Article 25 Supplemental Regulations, Section 22 Industrial Wastewater-Biosolids located in SW ¼ Section 19, Township 19 North, Range 5 East in Pleasant Valley Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the CUP at their August 20, 2024 meeting. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously approved the CUP based on the conditional use conforms to the intent and purpose of the regulations and the use conforms to the regulations of the district in which it is located.

At 9:35 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Suhr Farms, Inc. of 1736 County Road D, Hooper, NE 68031 to subdivide a 12.34-acre tract and to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an existing dwelling as per Article 12, Section 2. Exemptions 4.2 B. located in SE ¼ SW ¼ Section 14, Township 20 North, Range 7 East in Cuming Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the CUP at their August 20, 2024 meeting. Hearing no

testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously approved the CUP based on the conditional use conforms to the intent and purpose of the regulations and the use conforms to the regulations of the district in which it is located.

At 9:40 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Bill Luebbert of 1887 B Rd., West Point, NE 68788 to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to store and apply Bio-Mass as per Article 12 Section 2.18 Conditional Uses and Article 25 Supplemental Regulations, Section 22 Industrial Wastewater-Biosolids located in NE ¼; NE ¼; NW ¼; S ½ NW ¼; NE ¼ SW ¼; N ½ SE ¼ SW ¼ Section 5, Township 20 North, Range 7 East in Cuming Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that this permit was needed because Mr. Luebbert was not able to complete the application of Bio-Mass with the first permit he obtained. She also reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the CUP at their August 20, 2024 meeting. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously approved the CUP based on the conditional use conforms to the intent and purpose of the regulations and the use conforms to the regulations of the district in which it is located.

The Board tabled any action on a citizen request to add stop signs at the intersection of County Roads L and 3 until receipt of a letter from Pleasant Valley Township requesting the same. Highway Superintendent Huppert said he drove the roads at this location in all directions. In his opinion, when driving the speed limit, the visibility of oncoming traffic to this intersection is adequate. He also thinks that speed is a factor in the accidents that have occurred here. Supervisor Tawney said the request is to add stops on County Road L and leave County Road 3 open (no stop signs). Supervisor Strand asked if stop signs can be added by the county without a request from the township. Superintendent Huppert said, by statute, the county cannot put up a stop sign without a formal request from the township.

The Board unanimously approved the Contract for Project C-27 (637) Pavement of County Road F in Scribner and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. Superintendent Huppert said Sawyer Construction is closing the road down today and will start the project.

The Board unanimously approved the Contract for a 2024 MACK Granite Dump Truck, all equipment installed and a trade-in of 2013 MACK Truck of \$50,000.00 and authorized the necessary signature on the contract pending the signature of RDO Truck Centers, LLC on the contract. The final sales price for the truck is \$175,213 (\$225,213 minus the \$50,000 trade-in for the 2013 Mack Granite truck).

Highway Superintendent Huppert reported that employees are working on a regrading project on County Road 4 between County Roads P & Q. On County Road 14 there is a 60" culvert installation project. Employees are working on cleaning ditches out on County Road 18, which is nearly complete, and they will then move on to County Road 6 for more ditch cleaning. The State is still overlaying and milling the asphalt on Platte County Road. The preconstruction meeting for the Old Hwy 275 overlay is next week; the project will start the following week.

At 10:05 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Bendig.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll correction #5710.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding the following: Notice of Appeal for Mary Sue Korus, Case No. 24R 0094, Notice of Appeal for John A. Palinski, Case No. 24R 0246, Notice of Appeal for Hy-Vee Inc., Case No. 24C 0280, and Notice of Appeal for The Kroger Co., Case No. 24C 0279.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2024, on a 2020 Toyota Tundra for Masonic-ES Home for Children, 2415 N. Main St., Fremont, NE, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

At 10:10 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Bendig.

At 10:11 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:18 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 10:20 A.M., a Public Hearing was held on the proposed FY2024/2025 County Budget. Former County Clerk Fred Mytty, who is also assisting Dodge County in the budgeting process, prepared a PowerPoint presentation on the proposed budget. Mr. Mytty recognized the efforts of Emergency Manager Tom Smith to recoup grant reimbursement dollars from the grant applications submitted for the 2019 flood. Because of these reimbursements, cash on hand in all funds went up 2.8% over last year. There was no testimony for or against the proposed budget. The Board will set the County's tax request at the September 18, 2024 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors.

At 10:35 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, September 18, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk