

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, October 16, 2024 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, Certification from County Treasurer Winterstein of Return of Tax Sale Proceedings, Board of Trustees Minutes for September 9, 2024 meeting, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the twelve months ending June 30, 2024 and 2023, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the one month ending July 31, 2024 and 2023, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the two months ending August 31, 2024 and 2023, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the three months ending September 30, 2024 and 2023, Financial Statements June 30, 2024 and 2023 and Oath of Office for Steve Pribnow, Board of Trustees all from Fremont Community Health Resources, correspondence and pictures from Dave & Bonnie Jo Mandel regarding the Oberman Cemetery's donation of a flag and flag pole for the cemetery and Certificates of Insurance for Great Plains Communications LLC, Control Services, Inc., Murphy Tower Service, LLC, Palleton, Inc., Elkhorn Township and Alfras Drilling LLC.

The Board, with Supervisor Weddle abstaining since he was not present at the October 2, 2024 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the October 2, 2024 meeting.

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 50 inmates in custody with 42 of them being held in Saunders County, 6 in Washington County and 2 in the Lincoln Regional Center. So far for the month of October, there have been 61 inmates booked into custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, October 30, 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.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$310,683.76.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$960,212.88.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from Nebraska State Probation, Sixth Probation District, Patty Lyon, Chief Probation Officer, regarding Probation – Quarterly County Billings 2024/2025 and reimbursement of expenses to Dodge County for the period July 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024. Chairman Missel pointed out that while the letter is made out to the Dodge County Clerk, it references Burt County in the first paragraph. The motion includes acknowledgement that a corrected letter needs to be obtained for the record.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and authorized the designation of Emergency Manager Tom Smith as the Authorized Representative and Fiscal Officer for DR4808 May 20 – June 3rd, 2024 storms. The motion included authorization for Chairman Missel to sign the Recovery Section Authorized Representative form.

The Board unanimously received information from the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) regarding “Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers – 2024 Election” and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Voter Registration as the person casting the ballot for Dodge County for the December 2024 election. Included in the motion, the Board named Vice-Chairman Strand as the alternate designee if Chairman Missel is unable to vote.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Convention and Visitors’ Bureau Advisory Board and reappointed Vince O’Connor as a member to the Dodge County Visitors’ Promotion Committee for another 4-year term expiring October 29, 2028.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2025 Dodge County Courthouse Holidays.

The Board unanimously approved the tentative days for Dodge County Board meetings for 2025. The motion included changing the December meeting days to Wednesday on the form that was attached to the agenda. The December meeting dates were correct, but they were erroneously listed as Tuesday.

The Board unanimously approved moving the December 10 (Tuesday) meeting date to Wednesday, December 11, 2024, due to the NACO Annual Conference being moved to December 18 – 20th, 2024.

Committee Reports – Chairman Missel made a request for three board members to attend the Nebraska Broadband office visit on November 14. He also reported that there is a Fremont Municipal Port Authority board meeting today at 4:00p.m. They will be discussing grant funding that will allow work to begin on Morningside Road.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that all hail damage has been repaired. She also reported that there will be no Planning Commission meeting this afternoon due to lack of a quorum.

The Board unanimously approved the Reimbursement Agreement Preliminary Engineering Services between Dodge County and Union Pacific Railroad Company for the installation of active warning devices at the existing at-grade crossing at Shoreline Drive and authorized the necessary signature on the agreement. Highway Superintendent Huppert told the Board he has been working with the State on a safety grant that could

possibly reimburse the cost of the preliminary engineering services included in this agreement. He thinks the chances of receiving the grant are good based on where this intersection is located and the amount of traffic passing through it.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees are still cleaning corn stalks out of ditches and they will continue through December and January if it doesn't snow. He said he still has 30 days to add to the claim with FEMA to get reimbursed for this work. They have a pile of cornstalks at the Fremont yard and can pile it on farmers' land for them to spread after FEMA approves it. They cannot push the matter back into the ditches. Ditch 7 on S Road is being cleaned out and culverts are being installed. Superintendent Huppert reported that Century Link cut through a culvert and that culvert will need to be replaced. He would like to re-examine the county's permitting policy especially as it relates to utilities. County Road F is complete and very nicely done; Scribner will be paying a percentage of the cost for this project. Old Highway 275 resurfacing is done from Morningside Road to Downing Street is complete except for the striping. Now they are working from Downing heading south and they are coordinating the traffic going to the Schilke ball fields. The intersections on Platte River Road will be completed after the bridge work is done and all paving is completed. Superintendent Huppert said he is still working on FEMA projects and bridge inspections. Supervisor Backens asked if the gate has been installed on the Washington County right-of-way on County Road 29 in Elkhorn Township. Superintendent Huppert said he has not heard back from Washington County on this issue.

Congressman Mike Flood was scheduled to address the Board at 10:00 a.m. He had to cancel and intends to reschedule the visit.

At 9:35 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

Immediately thereafter, the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:01 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization with all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved voiding the following tax roll corrections: #5713 and #5714. Supervisor Backens asked why these tax roll corrections are being voided. Assessor Marshall said these are in tax sale and would have to be taken out of tax sale to collect the fees and put back into tax sale. It's a less cumbersome process to void them.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins the following correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC): Notice of Appeal for RVR Bank fka First State Bank & Trust Co., Case No. 24C 0623, Notice of Appeal for Chad Schoeneck, Case No. 24R 0735, Notice of Appeal for Chad Schoeneck, Case No. 24R 0736, Notice of Appeal for 47 Holdings LLC, Case No. 24R 0515, Notice of Appeal for 47 Holdings LLC, Case No. 24R 0516, Notice of Appeal for Dale Wimer, Case No. 24R 0514, Amended Order for Single Commissioner Hearing and Notice of Hearing for Helen Einspahr, Case Nos. 23R 0509, 24R 0574, 23R 0510, 23R 0511, 24R 0572 and 24R 0576. County Attorney Hopkins said all matters for the Helen

Einspahr cases have been resolved; there will be a correction made to one case and the other valuations will remain the same.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2024, on a 2021 Ford Transit Van, a 2024 Chevy Trax and a 2017 Ford Van for Midland University, 900 N Clarkson St, Fremont, NE, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

The Board tabled the discussion about a 6-year Service Agreement with Vanguard Appraisals, Inc. for services provided for the Dodge County Assessor's Office. Supervisor Bendig asked if there is an early termination fee if they don't want to keep it for the full six years. He also asked what a 3-year Service Agreement would cost. Assessor Marshall said she would check on the cost of a 3-year agreement and will report back on that at the October 30, 2024 meeting.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution setting the 2024-2025 Tax Levies for various Political Subdivisions in Dodge County. Supervisor Strand read the Resolution for the record.

At 10:13 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, October 30, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk