

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 13, 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 county officials' reports, Official Bond Continuation Certificate for Mark Cuda, Treasurer, Winslow Rural Fire District, NIRMA Safety Shorts for November 2024, Notice of Douglas County Planning Commission Public Hearings to be held November 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. for the following: Jon Carrell, applicant for a replat of a parcel located at 415 S. 264th St., Waterloo, NE – Section 29, Township 15, Range 10 East Parcel #2332660000; Text Amendment update to the subdivision regulations of the Douglas County Zoning Regulations; Text Amendment update to Articles 3 and 4 of the Douglas County Zoning Regulations, Notice of Public Hearings for the Fremont City Council to be held on November 12, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. for the following: request by Joy McKay on behalf of Habitat for Humanity for a Conditional Use Permit to expand a non-standard use to allow the construction of attached single family dwellings and the subdivision of the property into two lots located at 350 W. Linden; a request by Mark Shepard on behalf of Fremont Public Schools to vacate a portion of H Street located 100 feet south of Washington St.; and a request by Terry McClain and Douglas Hartmann for Lincoln Park Second Subdivision Replat 2 Final Plat consisting of two lots located at 26th St. and Lincoln Ave., and Notice of NIRMA Board Vacancy.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 30, 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 55 inmates in custody with 44 being held in Saunders County, 8 in Washington County, 1 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center. So far in the month of November, 42 individuals have been booked into custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 9:05 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$300,492.61.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$1,076,460.87.

The Board unanimously accepted the Certificate of Liability Insurance from Berggren Architects, P.C. This will be filed with the American Institute of Architects Standard form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect once the agreement is approved by the Board. Back in March 2024, Doug Elting with Berggren Architects gave the Board information about the Nebraska Historic Tax Credit (NHTC). The Dodge County Courthouse is on the National Historic Register and would be considered a qualifying applicant to receive NHTCs for eligible expenditures to make improvements to the courthouse. The agreement is in the process of being reviewed by Dodge County Attorney Hopkins.

The Board unanimously approved the Conservation Easement Application (#5465262401YNR) from the Natural Resources Conservation Service for Wetlands America Trust and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the application.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Beam reported that a new employee has been hired to work in the General Assistance Office. Chey Hagen is leaving this position and will be training the new hire on the duties of this position.

At 9:15 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 9:21 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Bendig.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that last week she and Building Inspector Todd Nielsen went to a flood plain management educational presentation in Albion put on by the Department of Natural Resources. She said it was worthwhile to attend and a good refresher on the subject.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that he has employees working on County Road S between Yager Road and Luther Road. There are utilities laying cable. Employees continue to work on cleaning cornstalks out of ditches. He and Emergency Manager Tom Smith will be meeting with FEMA next week on this project. The annual snow meeting with employees is tomorrow; there are new employees that will need to be trained on snow removal. Superintendent Huppert has been in touch with City of Fremont Street Superintendent Cari Hoffart about coordinating snow removal this winter. Superintendent Huppert requested some shoulder work be redone on the old Highway 275 overlay project. The road is bumpy and he explained that this is the result of the lack of the contractor's truck availability which creates down time and affects the temperature of the asphalt. A profiler machine (measures road density), which is approximately \$486/hour to operate, was not part of the county's contract on this project because he did not think it would be necessary for this project. Chairman Missel asked if this will affect the longevity of the road. Superintendent Huppert said the density of the asphalt is good so longevity should not be affected. The bridges and asphalt on Platte River Road are not complete; Superintendent Huppert has been in touch with the State about who should be responsible for snow removal. The statute states that if the State is still working on the project, snow removal would be their responsibility. The State does not interpret the statute this way so as of December 1, the County will be responsible for snow removal. Superintendent Huppert has been working with other highway superintendents, NACO and state senators to address issues they are having with the Nebraska Department of Transportation. Supervisor Tawney said the State is leaving intersections incomplete as well as the bridges and asphalt mentioned previously. He said water will pool on the roadway causing

a hazard for motorists during the winter months. Superintendent Huppert has been working with utility companies that are providing internet access to all. The County has a right to tell these companies where they can place their cables. He also reiterated the need for the County to update the permitting process. Supervisor Tawney said he has been contacted by the transportation director at North Bend Central Public Schools to find out if bus routes are prioritized for snow removal. Superintendent Huppert said he communicates with the townships and they know the bus routes and try to clear them first. The concrete pad for the salt shed needs a redesign because water is getting in there. The roof is also getting fixed after a new tarp had to be ordered after the old one got ripped in the wind; there will be a crew out by December 1 to retie and tighten the tarp. County Attorney Hopkins reported that she spoke to the property owner at County Road T and County Road 9 that was the subject of Resolution 2024-018 (October 30, 2024 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors). The property owner indicated that the easement has been cleared out; Superintendent Huppert said he will go and inspect it.

Students from Archbishop Bergan Catholic, Scribner Snyder Community and Logan View Public Schools came into the boardroom for County Government Day. Chairman Missel and Supervisor Strand gave them an overview of county government.

At 9:55 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:07 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 10:08 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

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

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 for Midland University, 900 N. Clarkson St, Fremont, NE granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

At 10:09 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss negotiations regarding pending legal proceedings.

At 10:40 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of negotiations regarding pending legal proceedings. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

At 10:41 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk