

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, December 11, 2024 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Weddle. 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, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup, correspondence from the Natural Resources Conservation Service regarding the Maple Creek Watershed Plan, Stanton, Platte, Cuming, Colfax and Dodge Counties, Nebraska, certification of election results of General Election held November 5, 2024 for Dodge County Board of Supervisor races, Certificates of Insurance for Wiese Plumbing & Excavating; G & R Electric, Inc.; Cedar Valley Paving, LLC; Wardcraft Homes, Inc.; Maple Township and Stalp Gravel Inc., Notices of Public Hearings for the Fremont City Council to be held December 10, 2024 at 7:00 P.M. to hear a request by Roger Menn for a Conditional Use Permit for an event center with a waiver of hard surfacing for overflow parking on property located at 3551 N. Somers Ave., Fremont, NE and a request of Christine Acuna for a Conditional Use Permit for an in-home daycare on property located at 818 W. 9th Street, Fremont, NE and Moving Permit for Scribs House Moving to move a house on county roads December 3, 2024.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 27, 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 Weddle.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 43 inmates in custody with 35 of them being held in Saunders County, 5 in Washington County, 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 1 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. Over the past weekend, 28 individuals were booked into custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Tuesday, December 24, 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 Weddle.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$315,440.07.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$256,041.40.

Newly elected Legislative District 15 Representative Dave Wordekemper introduced himself to the Board and told them his goal is to not only represent Dodge County, but the entire State of Nebraska. He will have an open-door policy and wants to seek information

and understand issues with which he is not familiar. He said he wants to have a good working relationship with the Dodge County Board of Supervisors and other community partners to try to move the state forward economically and make Nebraska an affordable place to live. Chairman Missel thanked Mr. Wordekemper for coming to the meeting and said his presence reinforces his intentions to have an open line of communication with Dodge County.

The Board unanimously approved the 5-year Juvenile Services Comprehensive Plan: July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2030. Juvenile Diversion Director Meggie Studt told the Board this plan is required to receive grant funding and includes a lot of data from the schools, probation, department of health and human services and social service entities. County Attorney Hopkins said the diversion program is helpful to her office when dealing with juvenile issues. She added that these programs keep juveniles out of the court system, which has been proven to lead to better outcomes for juveniles.

The Board unanimously approved the FY2026 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid [CB] Application before submittal to the Nebraska Crime Commission and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the application. Meggie Studt, Dodge County Juvenile Diversion Director, was present and told the Board that this grant will pay for her salary and the continuation of juvenile diversion services.

The Board unanimously approved the FY2026 Community-based Juvenile Services Aid [EB] (Enhanced) Grant Application before submittal to the Nebraska Crime Commission and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the application. Ms. Studt said this is an enhancement grant and will cover the salary of bilingual staff and additional juvenile diversion services.

The Board unanimously authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the Settlement Agreement with NIRMA regarding claim for hail damage to vehicles and buildings occurring May 21, 2024. This agreement prevents any other payments to be issued to Dodge County on this claim.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees continue to work on cleaning corn stalks out of ditches for the FEMA grant and will continue to do so as the weather allows. He told the Board they may get calls about the dirt pile on County Road S between County Roads 2 and 3 that is affecting traffic flow. Employees are getting snowplows and sand trucks ready for the snow that may come on Friday. Issues with the salt shed have been fixed and will hopefully prevent water from getting in and onto the product for road treatment that it stores. Employees have been patching potholes and are caught up for now. Employees also installed the rest of the snow fence on Platte River Road. Superintendent Huppert said he and Chairman Missel attended the State Highway Commission meeting on December 6. They discussed the Platte River Road relinquishment. Superintendent Huppert will be meeting with Deputy Director of Operations (NDOT) Mick Syslo next week about what Dodge County would like to see done before responsibility for the road is completely relinquished. Yesterday Superintendent Huppert met with NACO and broadband providers (not contractors) about expectations on installations moving forward. The Nebraska Association of Highway Superintendents will be creating an agreement that all Nebraska counties can use that will not affect Federal Government regulations regarding "Internet for All". This agreement will also include language to protect counties from liability and damage to county structures.

At 9:36 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:43 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 9:44 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding the following: Findings and Order On Confession of Judgement for Hy-Vee Inc., Case Nos. 21C 0117, 22C 0201, 23C 0250 & 24C 0280, Certification of Final Decision and Order for Helen Einspahr, Case Nos. 23R 0510, 23R 0511, 24R 0572 & 24R 0576 and Certification of Final Decision and Order for Helen Einspahr, Case Nos. 23R 0509 and 24R 0574.

At 10:01 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Tuesday, December 24, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk