

## 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 9:04 A.M. on Tuesday, December 24, 2024 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Strand, Weddle, 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, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in pricing, Board of Trustees Minutes for October 7, 2024 and November 11, 2024 meetings, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the four months ending October 31, 2024 and 2023, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the five months ending November 30, 2024 and 2023 all from Fremont Community Health Resources, Bond Continuation Certificates for Michael Schuler, Treasurer, Everett Township & Jeremy Horvatich, Treasurer, Logan Township, Certificate of Insurance for LaPointe Utilities, Inc., dba R & R Companies, LLC, Minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting of the Dodge County Courthouse Safety Committee, NIRMA Safety Shorts for December 2024, Notice of Public Hearings for City of Fremont Planning Commission to be held December 16, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. for a request of Patrick Wewel on behalf of Menards for a Conditional Use Permit for a self-storage facility on property located at the northwest corner of Diers Parkway and E. 24th Street, Fremont, NE; a request by Kenna Investments II, LLC for a change of zone from R, Rural and GC, General Commercial to Mobile Home-Planned Development located at 5776 Platte River Road, Fremont, NE, Utility Installation Agreement for Omaha Public Power District to install an electric utility at 9375 E. Military Ave., Fremont, NE and Minutes of the Dodge County Highway Department Safety Committee meeting held on December 10, 2024.

The Board, with Supervisor Weddle abstaining since he was not present at the December 11, 2024 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the December 11, 2024 meeting as printed.

At 9:07 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 said he had not received a report from the Corrections Department. County Attorney Hopkins reported that as of yesterday, December 23, 2024, there are 35 inmates in custody.

At 9:08 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, January 8, 2025 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 \$296,987.09.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$406,560.45.

The board unanimously approved the list of designated official county newspapers for 2025.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approved the reallocation of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. Funding for the Election Office will be decreased by \$37,314.63; this money will go into the Highway Department funding along with \$44,935.48 (reallocated from Mutual Aid) and the overage of \$108,548.00 from the Old Highway 275 overlay project. The total reallocation into Highway Department funding will be \$190,798.11. Funding currently earmarked for Coroner costs (\$47,147.32) will be reallocated and used to hire a Human Resources consultant to help the county develop job descriptions and pay scales and provide other services related to human resources. Cleanup of previous allocations of unspent funds equaling \$44,918.16 will be reallocated to a new category called Technology/Security projects which will include replacement of personal computers, network upgrades, telephone replacements, improvements to cameras and door locks.

Supervisor Strand spoke about the need for a new comprehensive plan. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews said she has \$25,000 set aside in her budget for this but has been told by other counties that \$50,000 is a more realistic amount to budget. She said a new comprehensive plan would be needed to make amendments to the zoning regulations; she plans to budget for this over the next 2-3 years.

Committee Reports – Chairman Missel reported that the Nebraska Association of County Officials' (NACO) conference provided some useful information. He had a conversation with OPPD about the future of solar farms in Nebraska. Supervisor Backens said he spoke with an individual about human resource consulting; he will invite this individual to make a presentation at the committee level for Dodge County.

The Board unanimously approved an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Transportation for Project S-275-6 (1053), CN 32302A, Scribner North and South County Road 14 and adopted a Resolution authorizing Chairman Missel's signature on the agreement.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees continue to work on the FEMA ditch clean out project, tree clean up on County Road S between County Roads 17 and 18 and maintenance on equipment. Superintendent Huppert is working with NACO on creating utility agreements. He recently met with the State about barricades, gates and signs that need to be addressed on Platte River Road.

At 9:29 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization with the following members present: Beam, Strand, Weddle, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: None.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5716 through #5719.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Tax

Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding the following: Findings and Order On Confession of Judgement for Lodging Enterprises LLC, Case No. 22C 0290, Order for Dismissal with Prejudice for Dan Carlson, Case No. 24R 1518 and Decision and Order Affirming the Determination of the County Board of Equalization (Default Judgement) for Jennifer L. McIntyre, Case No, 21R 0507.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein to approve the Applications for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2025 (Form 457) from various nonprofit organizations and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the forms.

At 10:04 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, January 8, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry  
Dodge County Clerk