

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, February 5, 2025 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Giesselmann, 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, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup, Public Official Bond documents for the following: Cotterell Township Officials (Gregory Beebe, Steve Dvorak & Maynard M. Flamme), Union Township Officials (Mark D. Flamme, Randy G. Reznicek & Chad M. Ruzicka), Hooper Township Officials (John VonSeggern Jr., Larry Klahn & Rita Cuda) and Amanda Johnson – Treasurer Ridgeley Township, Certificates of Insurance for Telaid Industries, Inc., Hooper Township & G & R Electric, Inc., Cancellation/Nonrenewal Notice for G & R Electric of North Bend, NE, Logan Watershed Project Update, Dodge County's 2024 Livestock Friendly Annual Report, Notice of Public Hearing with the Fremont City Council on February 11, 2025 at 7:00 P.M. regarding 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, Minutes of the January 21, 2025 meeting of the Dodge County Planning Commission, Utility Installation Agreement with ALLO Communications to install fiber line in county roads of Dodge County including Westgate, County Road 18 and Royal Estates roads, etc. and Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads and return on January 24, 2025.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 22, 2025 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.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 52 inmates in custody with 37 being held in Saunders County, 12 in Washington County, 1 in Douglas County and 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center. In the month of January there were 125 individuals booked into custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, February 19, 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 \$297,879.99.

The Board unanimously approved of the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$195,924.19.

The Board unanimously approved the appointment of the following individuals to a three-year term on the Dodge County Extension Board expiring December 31, 2027: Laura Fitzke, Hooper - representing horticulture, Kelly Skinner, Fremont - representing Fremont business/minority population, Kelly Eklund, Fremont - representing youth/nutrition, Michelle Cummings, North Bend - representing youth/agriculture and reappointment of Kelly Abrahams, Hooper - representing rural business.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Treasurer Winterstein to proceed with a tax refund to Lodging Enterprises of Dodge County's share due to 2022 Tax Roll Correction #5722, Einspahr – 2023 Tax Roll Correction #5723 and Einspahr – 2024 Tax Roll Correction #5724 resulting in a refund of \$382.59.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Treasurer Winterstein to proceed with a tax refund to Fremont Mall LLC % Hy Vee of Dodge County's share due to 2021 Tax Roll Correction #5716, 2022 Tax Roll Correction #5717, 2023 Tax Roll Correction #5718 and 2024 Tax Roll Correction #5719 resulting in a refund of \$10,609.51.

The Board unanimously approved a new Dodge County Credit Card Policy and authorized the necessary signatures acknowledging the adoption of the new policy. Supervisor Bendig said the finance committee gathered samples of policies from other counties to create this new policy. The committee wanted a policy that would put controls in place and set guidelines as to what purchases can and cannot be made. County Clerk Gilfry said the State Auditor recommended that the county implement a policy for credit card usage. She asked the Board if they wanted this policy incorporated into the employee handbook. Ultimately the Board decided the policy does not belong in the employee handbook because it is only for anyone who is issued a credit card from the county.

Committee Reports – Chairman Missel reported that NACO is following LB468, which includes amendments to inheritance taxes and provisions to help offset the loss of revenue to counties. Chairman Missel and Supervisor Tawney attended a meeting of the Joint Water Management Advisory Board and Chairman Missel said Emergency Manager Tom Smith reviewed all activities related to flood mitigation. Supervisor Bendig reported that the phone updates for the jail holding area are complete. He also thanked the clerk's office and the treasurer's office for their assistance during the financial audit of the county. Supervisor Backens reported that he attended a PSAP (Public Safety Answering Point) meeting where they discussed upcoming expenses for the new police station specifically for the dispatch center. He reported that new equipment was added to the top of the utility building in an effort to keep up with technology. Equipment installs in new vehicles for the sheriff's department are behind.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission elected Matt Giesselmann as vice-chairman. Marlin Brabec remains chairman and Allen Rolf is still serving as secretary. She also announced that the Dodge County Courthouse Safety Committee will be receiving the "*Money for Minutes*" award of \$500 from NIRMA for turning in meeting minutes every quarter in 2024.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for 2025 Applied Traffic Paint Striping and to have the bids opened on February 18, 2025 at 11:00 A.M. in the office of the Dodge County Highway Department.

The Board unanimously received the Public Notice for consideration of setting the hearing date for February 19, 2025 at 10:15 A.M. on the 2025 One- & Six-Year Road

Improvement Plan. There will be three supervisors unable to attend the February 19, 2025 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. Therefore, the Board unanimously approved setting the hearing date for March 5, 2025 at 10:15 A.M. on the 2025 One- & Six-Year Road Improvement Plan.

At 9:30 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Norman J. Paasch Trust and David L. & Michelle A. Dahl Revocable Trust of 1466 County Road B, Scribner, NE 68057 to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to develop and construct a summer camp as per Article 14. Conditional Uses Section 2.7 located in NE ¼ Section 8, and the West ½ of NW ¼ Section 9, Township 20 North, Range 7 East in Cumming Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this CUP. **John Korinek** (Omaha, NE) gave an overview of the project and said the camp will be a place where attendees can encounter Jesus. **Alex Englekamp** (Omaha, NE), attorney and executive director presented a timeline for construction and operations at the camp. The first milestone is to close on the purchase of 150 acres for the camp (summer 2025). The second milestone will include tent camping and getting construction/infrastructure started. The next milestone will be the ability to host youth summer camps and the last milestone will include the family aspect where families can come and rent cabins or an RV spot to enjoy what the camp has to offer. Ms. Andrews clarified that this is not a rezoning request, but a Conditional Use Permit which changes how the land is being used. If there is no activity towards making it a summer camp within one year, the conditional use permit becomes invalid. The organization would have to reapply for a Conditional Use Permit in this case. **Abraham Englekamp** (Omaha, NE), son of Alex Englekamp, read a statement requesting the campground be approved so youth and adults can enjoy a quiet place to escape from our busy lives. **Ron Dierking** (rural Scribner, NE) lives close to the property and said this is a community project sponsored by a responsible organization and it will benefit the area. He said he thinks it is a good idea for the Board to support the project. **Carol Paasch** (Dakota Dunes, SD) is the trustee for the Norman J. Paasch Trust and said she has great memories as a child on this property. She is happy to share it so people can unplug; she wants today's "youth to realize they have a community and it is not online." **Dave Dahl** (Hooper, NE) owns part of the property to be used for the summer camp and he said after hearing the plans for the camp he and his wife are in favor of it. After the conclusion of testimony, 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 9:49 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:09 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 10:10 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Equalization with the following members present: Beam, Giesselmann, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: None.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5739 through #5765.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) and referred it to County Attorney Hopkins

regarding the following: Certification of Final Decision and Order for Lodging Enterprises LLC, Case No. 22C 0290 and Certification of Final Decision and Order for Dan Carlson, Case No. 24R 1518.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2025, on a 2009 Ford Econoline Van for St. Patrick's Catholic Church, 545 E. 4th St., Fremont, NE granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

At 10:13 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, February 19, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk