

## **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, April 16, 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 to 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 Nebraska Sixth Probation District regarding Probation – Quarterly County Billings 2024/2025 and reimbursement of expenses to Dodge County for the period January 1, 2025 to March 31, 2025, Board of Trustees Minutes for March 10, 2025 meeting and Statement of Revenue & Expenses from Fremont Community Health Resources, proposal from Mytty PC Consulting & Training approved by the Finance Committee, Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare 2025-2026 budget request in the amount of \$97,496, Certificate of Insurance for Ellingson Drainage Inc., Notice of public hearings for the Fremont City Council for 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 to be heard on April 8, 2025 at 7:00 P.M., Notice of public hearings for the Douglas County Planning Commission on April 16, 2025, NIRMA Safety Shorts for April 2025 and Moving Permit for Equipment Share to move an excavator over County Road 12 and Platte River Road on April 3 & 5, 2025.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 2, 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 56 inmates in custody with 46 being held in Saunders County, 5 in Washington County, 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, April 30, 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 \$290,794.10.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$640,649.80.

The Board unanimously approved the Wildlife Management/Exclusion Agreement with Scot Rosendahl, Earlybird Pest Control, LLC and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the agreement. Chairman Missel reported that there is no early termination clause in the current USDA contract for wildlife management that expires June 30, 2025. For that reason, the motion by the Board noted that the dates of service on the contract with Earlybird Pest Control, LLC need to be changed from April 1, 2025 through March 31, 2026 to the effective date of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026. County Clerk Gilfry will send a letter to the USDA terminating the current contract for wildlife services. Dodge County received no notification from the USDA that Mr. Rosendahl retired from the Federal Government.

The Board unanimously approved the Proposed 2025-2026 Budget Calendar as presented. It was noted that the LB 644 Public Hearing (if necessary) for subdivisions that need to exceed the tax cap will be held September 18, 2025 at 6:01 P.M. in the meeting room at the Dodge County Extension Office, which has been reserved.

The Board unanimously approved the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between Dodge County and the City of Fremont to provide for the construction of a turn lane at the intersection of Broad Street and Judy Avenue due to the development of an event center located along North Somers Avenue and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. Chairman Missel said Dodge County is collaborating with the City of Fremont on this project. After studies were done, it was determined that for the City of Fremont to grant the developer permission to move forward with this project, the turn lane would be needed. Chairman Missel added that county officials do not feel Dodge County should have to incur all construction costs for the turn lane since the event center will benefit both Dodge County and the City of Fremont. The agreement says the developer will contribute \$50,000 to the construction of said turn lane; the City will contribute either 50% of the remaining construction costs incurred by Dodge County or \$150,000.00 towards remaining construction costs; whichever is less. Dodge County will manage the project since that intersection is in Dodge County's jurisdiction.

The Board unanimously approved the request from the Nebraska Department of Transportation to acquire temporary easement for the Rawhide Creek Culvert Project and authorized the necessary signatures on the documents.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution approving the selection of Burns & McDonnell engineering firm to proceed with the engineering of the Morningside Road Paving Project and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Fremont Municipal Inland Port Authority Board member Paul Vaughan was present and told the Board that two bids were received for this project. There was a large difference in the amounts of the two bids; the conclusion was that the bid from Burns & McDonnell had a larger scope and was more detailed. Chairman Missel pointed out that Burns & McDonnell has been involved with the Inland Port Authority since its inception and has a good understanding of the project. Mr. Vaughan suggested that an amendment be made to the Resolution stating that the approval of Burns & McDonnell as the engineer is contingent on the approval by the Port Authority Board at their meeting this afternoon. This amendment was acknowledged and accepted by the Supervisors that made the original motion. Chairman Missel read the Resolution for the record.

The Board unanimously approved the Contract with A & R Construction Company for Project 643, Structure No. C002704710, Dodge County Concrete Box Culvert and authorized the necessary signatures on the contract.

At 9:38 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:55 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 9:56 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5769 and #5770.

The Board unanimously approved the Referee Agreement and letter used to solicit protest referees that will be used for the 2025 property valuation protest season.

At 10:02 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, April 30, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry  
Dodge County Clerk