

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, May 28, 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 official's report, bond documentation for Jason Kreikemeier, Treasurer of Pebble Township, Certificates of Insurance for Scrib's House Moving, Inc., Skyline Imaging LLC and Coranco Great Plains, Inc., Minutes of the May 20, 2025 Planning Commission meeting, correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy regarding a letter of non-compliance of Title 124-Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems for Marilyn Miller of 729 Arneal Road, North Bend, NE, Notice of Public Hearings for the Fremont Planning Commission that will be held on May 19, 2025 at 5:00 P.M. regarding a corrective annexation of property in the Morningside Pointe First Addition located in the NW ¼ Section 30, T27N, R9E located south of Lauren Lane and east of Kate Ave.; A request of David Brakenhoff on behalf of NEBCO Inc. and Western Sand & Gravel for a final plat consisting of 18 lots and to annex property located south of East Sandcherry Road along Juneberry Road described as a tract of land composed of a portion of tax lot 2 located in the NE ¼ Section 35, T17N, R8E; and a request by Mario Lopez for a Conditional Use Permit to expand a non-conforming use to allow the installation of a swimming pool on property located at 976 County Road 26, Fremont, NE, Notice of Douglas County Planning Commission of their meeting on May 21, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. for Public Hearing for City of Valley to request Douglas County to cede jurisdiction of a parcel 0102010010, located at 30708 Rainwood Road, Section 15, T16, R9 which is in Douglas County's jurisdiction and Utility Installation Agreements for ALLO Communications LLC in public road right-of-ways to install Fiber Optic Line.

The Board, with Supervisor Bendig abstaining since he was not present at the May 14, 2025 Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the May 14, 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 73 inmates in custody with 54 being held in Saunders County, 11 in Washington County, 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 6 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. In the month of May, 114 individuals were booked into custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, June 11, 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 \$295,861.54.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$836,399.36.

The Board unanimously received a letter from Jewell & Collins Attorneys at Law regarding the Estate of Merri Jane Karr and "Order Determining & Assessing Inheritance Tax" and authorized County Treasurer Winterstein to process the refund of Inheritance Tax in the amount of \$.58 to the Estate of Merri Jane Karr.

The Board unanimously approved the request for \$3,100.00 funding for Medicare Education Support in Dodge County from Mary Loftis and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the funding agreement. Ms. Loftis is an independent contractor for the Nebraska State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP) and she offers this assistance in Burt and Washington County as well. The Medicare counseling provided includes helping individuals compare drug and health plans, health plan enrollments and fraud detection and reporting. Supervisor Bendig asked Ms. Loftis how she figures the savings for each county. She said the savings is the difference between the amount the client would have spent on their health insurance and what they would pay for the Medicare coverage she helps them obtain.

The Board unanimously received the grant award notice for the FY2023 State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program, EMW-2023-CY-00011 and authorized Dodge County Emergency Manager Tom Smith to be the Jurisdiction Official to sign the grant award notice. Supervisor Bendig explained that this grant is for cyber security software used to protect Dodge County's computer systems. Dodge County also applied for a grant for the server that Applied Connective Technologies installed. There has not been any word as to whether this grant will be awarded to Dodge County.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported for the Finance Committee that he attended the NACO Budget Workshop earlier this month. Supervisor Tawney reported on the Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency (ENHSA) of which he is a board member. The five counties included in ENHSA are Cass, Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy and Washington. He said at the last meeting a breakdown of ENHSA expenditures to each county was presented. Dodge County provides \$97,496 to the ENHSA budget and expenditures to Dodge County were \$524,142.50. Supervisor Backens reported that he and Supervisor Giesselmann attended the ribbon cutting for Re-Entry Court on May 23, 2025. He said there were four individuals that participated; Judge Hall said he appreciated the attendance of the board members. Chairman Missel reported that a Federal Disaster Declaration was made for the March 19, 2025 blizzard; Dodge County was included in the declaration.

At 9:30 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Gerald & Janis Stover of 323 County Road 25, Hooper, NE 68031 to subdivide a 6.32-acre tract and obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an existing dwelling as per Article 12. Section 4.2 Exemptions B. (2) located in E ½ NE ¼ Section 18, Township 20 North, Range 9 East in Logan Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this subdivision and CUP for Gerald & Janis Stover. Hearing no testimony for or against the

request, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and 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.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported employees are installing culverts, shredding as weather allows, cleaning out ditches, patching potholes and hard surface edging (filling in drop offs). The grading crew is still working on County Road N between County Roads 4 and 5. The Platte River Road relinquishment from the State to Dodge County will be coming in soon; County Attorney Hopkins will review the documents. Superintendent Huppert said there is some wording he does not like; he will be discussing this with representatives of the State Department of Roads. He also plans to go inspect the work the state has done before any documents are signed. Burns & McDonnell signed the contract for the Morningside Road project and a survey crew will be coming up so they can start the plans for the project. Speece Lewis sent the plans for the railroad crossing at Riverview Shores for review. Those will be forwarded to Union Pacific Railroad after the review by Dodge County. The free broadband agreements have been drawn up and there will be a zoom meeting with the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) on Friday, May 30, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. to discuss. Superintendent Huppert will be sponsoring a 2 ½ day free grader and loader operator training course in September at the Dodge County Roads yard that will be open to anyone wanting to learn. Supervisor Backens asked about the status of the jake braking sign on Highway 77 south of Fremont. Chairman Missel said Dodge County does not have an ordinance for this and if they created one, it would have to be imposed on all county roads. This is not something the County wants to do. The issue then falls to the City of Fremont and they do have a jake braking ordinance. The city would have to ask permission from the State of Nebraska to install the sign.

At 9:40 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Gerad Brichacek of 1765 Road Q, Dodge, NE 68633 to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to store and apply Bio-Mass as per Article 12, Section 2.18 Conditional Uses and Article 25 Supplemental Regulations, Section 22 Industrial Wastewater-Bio-solids located in the SW ¼ SW ¼ Section 18, Township 19 North, Range 5 East in Pleasant Valley Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this CUP. She also noted that there have been no complaints about Gerad Brichacek storing and applying Bio-Mass in the past. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and 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 9:45 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Brian Popken, Cheryl Pribnow and Cindy Settles of 1517 County Road A, Scribner, NE 68057 to subdivide a 5.38-acre tract and obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an existing dwelling as per Article 12, Section 4.2 Exemptions B. (2) located in the SW Corner S ½ SW ¼ Section 3, Township 19 North, Range 6 East in Ridgeley Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this subdivision and CUP. It was also noted at the Planning Commission meeting that the address of the parcel to be subdivided is not the address that is shown on the Lot Split Application, the Application For Conditional Use or the Application for No-Fee Residential Registration Permit. Ms. Andrews said the address on these applications cannot be changed, so the Planning

Commission acknowledged and approved the change of address to 1028 County Road H, Scribner, NE for the parcel to be subdivided. This address matches the legal description on the survey that was prepared at the request of Cheryl Pribnow. Ms. Pribnow of 1517 County Road A, Scribner, NE was present and addressed the Board regarding this request. She said her mother passed away and the acreage is now being inhabited by a renter. She and her siblings do not want to deal with rental property so they are selling off the acreage and retaining the farm ground. Hearing no other testimony for or against this request, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the subdivision and 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.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that she is getting close to having solar power regulations for the Board to review. She has gotten assistance from Dustin Marvel, Government and Community Relations Manager for Omaha Public Power District (OPPD) and has had discussions with the Dodge County Planning Commission.

The Board unanimously accepted the resignation of Vernon Brandert of the Dodge County Board of Adjustment effective May 15, 2025 and acknowledged their appreciation of Mr. Brandert's service to Dodge County. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that Mr. Brandert felt it was time to step down from his position on the Board of Adjustment. She also said she has a person in mind to fill the position but has nothing confirmed at this time.

Supervisor Bendig had another committee report about the status of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. He said County Clerk Gilfry prepared a report of the dollars that still need to be spent by December 31, 2026. The larger amounts on the report are the United Way with approximately \$200,000, roads project \$190,000 and the Election Office \$167,000.

At 9:57 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:00 A.M., Chairman Missel convened the Board 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 correction #5771.

The Board unanimously received the Findings and Order In the Matter of Equalization of Value of Real Property Within Dodge County for Tax Year 2025 Before the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) stating that the levels of value for real property in Dodge County for tax year 2025 meet the requirements of law; no further proceedings shall be held to determine whether further adjustments should be made.

The Board unanimously received the certification from County Assessor Marshall, per state statutes 77-126, 77-129 and 77-1311, that the portion of the Property Record file substantiating the calculation of the protested value is maintained in her office in electronic or paper form.

The Board unanimously approved agreements with Scott Brettmann and Jeff Reynolds to serve as referees for the upcoming 2025 property valuation protest season.

At 10:04 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, June 11, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk