

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, August 20, 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, Board of Trustees Minutes for July 7, 2025 meeting and Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the one month ending July 31, 2025 and 2024 from Fremont Community Health Resources, correspondence regarding Condemnation, Closeout Approval for DR4420-NE-0019 East Fremont/Elkhorn Township Drainage, list from County Treasurer Winterstein of distress warrants issued on personal property but not collected, Certificate of Insurance for Skyline Imaging LLC, NIRMA Safety Shorts for August 2025, Notice of public hearings for the Fremont City Council on August 12, 2025 for the following applications: request by Greg Perry on behalf of Pillar 23 Investments for a Preliminary Plat consisting of 11 lots on property located southeast of S. Nye and W. Washington Streets and a request by the City of Fremont to consider a Blight & Substandard Study covering an area described as part of NW ¼, part of SW ¼ and tax lot 7 located in Section 29, T17N, R9E southeast of Highway 275 and Morningside Road.; a request by the City of Fremont to consider a General Development Plan covering the above description; a request by the City of Fremont to amend and restate the North Broad Blight & Substandard area to consist of All of Lot 2 and Part of Lots 1, 3 and 4, Block 3 LJ Abbott Subdivision, Tax Lot 42, the vacated County Road T; Part of Lots 3-4, Block 3, LJ Abbott Subdivision; and a portion of Tax Lot 12 located in Section 11, T17N, R8E southeast of N. Broad St. and Judy Dr.; and a request by the City of Fremont to consider an amendment to the N. Broad and Part of Lots 1, 3 and 4, Block 3, LJ Abbott Subdivision, Tax Lot 42, the vacated County Road T, Part of Lots 3-4, Block 3, LJ Abbott Subdivision and a portion of Tax Lot 12 located in Section 11, T17N, R8E, located southeast of Broad St. and Judy Dr., Notice of public hearing for the Fremont Planning Commission on August 18, 2025 for a request from Robert Fields for the Hammer Handle Preliminary Plat and Final Plat consisting of 42 lots on property generally located west of S. Howard Street on either side of Donna St., Utility Installation Agreement for Great Plains Communication to install a fiber optic cable in Sections 30 & 31 and 29 & 32 of Cotterell Township and Utility Installation Agreement for Telecom Construction for Lumen to bury service wire in Platte Township – 645 S. Ridge Road.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 6, 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 that there are currently 52 inmates in custody with 36 being held in Saunders County, 11 in Washington County, 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. There have been 76 individuals booked into custody so far in the month of August 2025.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, September 3, 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 \$292,531.36.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$706,087.96.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution setting final allocations of levy for fiscal year 2025/2026 to Fire Districts, Townships, the Agricultural Society and the Historical Society. Chairman Missel read the Resolution for the record.

The Board reviewed the preliminary 2025-2026 Dodge County budget for which there will be a public hearing on September 3, 2025 at 10:15 A.M. Supervisor Bendig thanked the department heads for their cooperation during the budget process and said he thinks this is a good budget considering the 2% cap the State Legislature imposed. Dodge County was able to stay below that 2% cap so they will not have to participate in the joint public hearing that is part of the Property Tax Request Act. Supervisor Bendig pointed out that this budget will put \$1 million into the Capital Improvement Fund. This money will help pay for repairs to the courthouse, roads projects and Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) expenses as a result of the new police station being built. Chairman Missel noted that Inheritance Tax funds are again being used to lower property tax requests. Supervisor Strand said he hopes property valuations will continue to fall in line with the Board's requests, noting that the housing market is slowing down.

The Board unanimously received the list of delinquent personal property taxes for the years 2021-2022 from County Treasurer Winterstein and granted her request to strike them from the tax rolls.

The Board unanimously approved the reappointment of Larry Ruzicka to the Dodge County Board of Adjustment to a three-year term expiring August 31, 2028.

Highway Superintendent Huppert reported that employees are trying to keep up with the shredding. They are also grading on County Road O off Highway 79 and the rain is affecting this project as well. Beavers have plugged up four culverts with dams, so Superintendent Huppert called Wildlife Specialist Scot Rosendahl to help with the problem. Mr. Rosendahl is working directly with the homeowners for permission to access their property where the plugged culverts are. The contractor has started tearing out concrete 200' – 300' at a time on County Road 2 on the west side of Dodge. Superintendent Huppert said he has received numerous complaints about them working on the road. He said one lane is open at all times; they will shut down the work there during Harvest and will pick it back up after Harvest. He is hoping to have the contractor for the culvert work on F Road

(Herman/Scribner Road) start the first part of September; it will also be one lane in this location part of the time while these repairs are made. Superintendent Huppert has also had numerous complaints about the work on Platte River Road; there is still work being done on the highway and the striping and signs still need to be completed. Supervisor Tawney said he got an email from the State yesterday that said the work could go on for another two months. Superintendent Huppert said the State keeps asking him where the signed contract is for the relinquishment of Platte River Road to Dodge County. County Attorney Hopkins said they are not done with the work and the contract will not be signed before the road is done.

The Board unanimously received the certification from County Clerk Gilfry stating no written protests were received regarding the renewal of the Class C (Beer, Wine, Spirits, On and Off Sale) liquor licenses for Tavern 30, 7026 Platte River Road, Ames, NE and Shoreline LLC, dba Tow Line, 3120 State Lakes Road, Fremont, NE and recommended approval of the renewal of the licenses to the Nebraska Liquor Control Commission.

The Board unanimously approved the Interlocal Agreement with North Bend Central and Logan View Schools with Dodge County to provide a school resource officer and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the agreement.

At 9:31 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 10:02 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding the following: Decision and Order Reversing the decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Elkhorn Valley Golf Club, Case No. 22C 0371. County Attorney Hopkins said the TERC did reverse the decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization, but it was based on the thorough review made by the Assessor's Office, which resulted in the Assessor suggesting a lower valuation. County Attorney Hopkins also wanted the Board to be aware that this Single Commissioner hearing was held on October 16, 2023 and the decision was just received by Dodge County last week.

At 10:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until September 3, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, September 3, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk