

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, October 29, 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 correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup, Board of Trustees Minutes for September 16, 2025 meeting and financial statements from Fremont Community Health Resources, Public Official Bond documents for Hooper Township Officials (Chairman John VonSeggern Jr., Treasurer Rita Cuda & Clerk Larry Klahn), a list of Distress Warrants from County Treasurer Winterstein issued on Personal Property but not collected, correspondence from Nebraska Department of Water, Energy & Environment regarding the Closeout of Dodge County Community Assistance Contact noting that Todd Neilsen represented Dodge County as the Floodplain Administrator during the Community Assistance Contact held on October 16, 2025, Notice of Public Hearing on October 20, 2025 for the City of Fremont Planning Commission for a request by Michael Worley on behalf of Omaha Collision Center for a Conditional Use Permit for car sales and auto repair on property generally located at 3303 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE, Notice of Public Hearing on October 28, 2025 for the Fremont City Council for a request by Michael Worley on behalf of Omaha Collision Center for a Conditional Use Permit for car sales and auto repair on property generally located at 3303 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE and Moving Permit for First Logistics Inc. to move a grinder over County Road 21 from Highway 30 to 1669 County Road 21.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 15, 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.

The Board unanimously received the State of Nebraska Jail Standards Inspection Report from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Jail Standards Division and referred it to the Jail Standards Committee. Chairman Missel said there is one minor facility issue of non-compliance with the Standards, but overall, it is a satisfactory report.

Information was obtained from Sergeant Libra with Dodge County Corrections regarding the number of Dodge County inmates in custody. Currently, there are 60 inmates in custody with 40 of them being held in Saunders County, 15 in Washington County, 4 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 1 at the Lincoln Regional Center.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 12, 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 \$300,252.59.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$371,298.28.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Convention and Visitors' Bureau Advisory Board and reappointed Kirk Brown and Becky Stecher as members of the Dodge County Visitors' Promotion Committee for another 4-year term expiring October 29, 2029.

The Board unanimously approved an agreement with WJE Consulting LLC to provide consulting services in the development of a central services cost allocation plan identifying the various costs incurred by the county to support and administer Federal and State programs. This is a three (3) year agreement to prepare the plan based upon year-end financial data for FY 2025, FY 2026 and FY 2027, which will result in cost reimbursement in FY 2027, FY 2028 and FY 2029.

The Board discussed the newly revised Dodge County Employee Handbook and decided to table any action until the November 12, 2025 board meeting. There were a few corrections and clarifications brought up by the Board. Zelle Human Resource Solutions helped with revisions to the employee handbook; Supervisors Beam and Bendig will contact them with the changes discussed in today's meeting.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Strand reported that the election office is nearing completion and Election Commissioner Gilfry should be able to move into the space over the winter. Supervisor Bendig reported that there is \$550,000 of ARPA money needing to be spent by December 2026. He added that \$113,000 of that is for the election office and \$200,000 is for roads projects.

The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a Caterpillar 950GC Wheel Loader and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. Highway Superintendent Huppert told the Board that he and the Road and Bridge Committee compared the John Deere and Caterpillar deals. He said Caterpillar is giving a higher amount for trade-in on the 930 Caterpillar and they are including an extra bucket. Last year, the roads department was using the bigger loader machine the county has now to pile snow on the Herman Scribner road; the graders can push the snow but cannot pile the snow. Superintendent Huppert said they will be able to use this new wheel loader in a lot more situations. This machine was budgeted for but will go over budget a bit. He said there are other machine purchases that will come in under budget this year that will offset the difference.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2025 and passed a motion adopting a Resolution authorizing Chairman Missel to sign the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent form.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees are finishing ditch work (including culverts for farmers), patching potholes, installing snow fence and preparing the trucks and snowplows for winter weather. The concrete patch work on County Road 2 (west side of Dodge) is done and the engineer has signed off on that work. Superintendent Huppert will discuss the next phase of work on this road with the Road and Bridge

Committee. On Friday there will be a pre-construction meeting for the box culvert project on Luther Road. The deadline for completion of this project is November 7, 2025 and the contractor thinks it can be completed this fall. Superintendent Huppert is concerned that the weather will be too cold and is considering delaying the project until spring. Dennis Wagner will be putting the new tarp on the salt shed. The salt/magnesium chloride/sand dry mixture used to treat winter roads has been ordered; Superintendent Huppert compared the cost with liquid treatment and it is about the same cost and will last for a longer period of time. Utility work continues on Morningside Road; Burns and McDonnell Engineers provided the 60% completion invoice to Superintendent Huppert. Approval of this invoice will be included on the agenda for the November 12, 2025 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. The invoice will then be taken to the Fremont Inland Port Authority for inclusion on their November 19, 2025 meeting agenda. Superintendent Huppert has been doing bridge inspections, but he injured himself so he will be getting help to complete them. Chairman Missel asked about County Road 19 where the soil stabilizer called Perma-Zyme was applied. This is a new product that is supposed to increase the durability of unpaved and paved roads. It is also supposed to eliminate the need for gravel and grading for as long as ten years. Superintendent Huppert said the product failed within a couple of weeks on the 2-mile stretch of County Road 19 on which it was tested. He sent the company pictures of the road for them to start an investigation as to what happened.

At 9:38 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5799 through #5801.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding the Notice of Appeal for Royal Canin USA Inc., Case No. 25C 0519, Certification of Final Decision and Order for Gary D. Pebley, Case Nos. 23R 0447, 23R 0448 & 23R 0449 and Notice of Appeal for Darling Ingredients, Case No. 25C 0680.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2025, on a 2025 Chrysler Pacifica for Three Rivers Public Health Department, 2400 N. Lincoln Ave., Fremont, NE, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

The Board unanimously approved the request from County Clerk Gilfry to amend the levies passed at the October 15, 2025 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Equalization. County Clerk Gilfry explained there was a formula that did not carry over properly on the levy spreadsheet that affected the 2025 levies for the City of Hooper. The original approved levy was .836223 and the correct 2025 levy should be .836222.

At 10:04 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until November 12, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 12, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk