

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 9:01 A.M. on Wednesday, November 26, 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, Board of Trustees minutes for October 13, 2025 meeting and Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the four months ending October 31, 2025 and 2024 from Fremont Community Health Resources, correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation providing an update on the transportation improvement project on U.S. Highway 77 in Saunders and Dodge counties (referred to Highway Superintendent Huppert), Bond Continuation Certificate for Robin S. Custer, SID #3 (Lake Ventura) Board of Trustees, correspondence from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) regarding correspondence sent by Dodge County to Governor Pillen referencing Fremont Rural Fire Department and their costs responding to the Horizon Biofuels explosion, correspondence from NIRMA regarding upcoming NIRMA Board vacancies and Notice of Public Hearing for the Douglas County Planning Commission on November 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. at 15335 W. Maple Road, Douglas Conference Room, Omaha, NE.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 12, 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 47 inmates in custody with 28 being held in Saunders County, 15 in Washington County, 1 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, December 10, 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 \$299,063.87.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$641,483.68.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Strand reported that the Election Office is nearly done and Election Commissioner Gilfry should be able to move her employees in soon. Supervisor Bendig reported that the IT portion of the Election Office is ready, phones are in and cameras have been installed. Election Commissioner Gilfry said she has ordered the

copy machine and furniture. Supervisor Tawney reported on the status of the courthouse security regarding who will be required to go through security and which doors employees can use to enter the building. He said he and Sheriff Weitzel, along with the courthouse Security Committee, will meet to discuss the details and the plan will be presented during the December 23, 2025 meeting.

The Board unanimously approved a contract with Jeff Ray for zoning administration pending a review of the contract by County Attorney Hopkins. Since Supervisor Strand did not receive the contract until yesterday, the board members unanimously received the contract and took time to read it. There were some verbiage changes that were noted that will need to be made by Mr. Ray before the county attorney reviews the contract. Supervisor Strand said Mr. Ray is working under contract with the City of Fremont and other municipalities in the area. He said the Personnel Committee thought this arrangement would be an effective way to get someone with experience for less money than hiring someone who would be a Dodge County employee. Mr. Ray will attend Dodge County Planning Commission meetings along with the other zoning administrator duties.

At 9:25 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

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

Immediately thereafter, since there was no more business for the Board of Supervisors, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, December 10, 2025 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:01 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding the following: Findings & Order Nunc Pro Tunc on Confession of Judgment for The Kroger Co., Case Nos. 22C 0198, 23C 0351 & 24C 0279 – This is a correction to the Findings & Order on Confession of Judgment received by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors at the October 1, 2025 meeting.

At 10:02 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until December 10, 2025 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk