

## 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, December 23, 2025 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Beam and Giesselmann. 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, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup and pricing, Board of Trustees Minutes for November 10, 2025 meeting and Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the five months ending November 30, 2025 and 2024 from Fremont Community Health Resources, Public Official Bond for Steven Allely, Clerk, SID #3 Lake Ventura, bond documents for Paul Dvorak, Treasurer, Dodge Rural Fire District, Property Inspection/Appraisal Update from NIRMA (Property Appraisal report is available in the Emergency Management Office), Certificate of Liability Insurance from G & R Electric, Inc., Utility Installation Agreement with OPPD to install overhead & underground electrical line and minutes of the December 11, 2025 meeting of the Dodge County Highway Department Safety Committee.

The Board, with Supervisor Backens abstaining because he was not present at the December 10, 2025 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the December 10, 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 except for Supervisors Beam and Giesselmann.

Under any items of discussion, a report by Sergeant Libra stated that there are currently 52 inmates in custody with 29 being held in Saunders County, 11 in Washington County, 1 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 11 in Dodge County for court. This report from Sergeant Libra updated the report given by County Attorney Hopkins.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 9:05 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisors Beam and Giesselmann.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$294,311.63.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$605,667.39.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution setting elected officials' salaries for the upcoming four-year term beginning January 2027 and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Supervisor Tawney read the Resolution for the record.

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The Board unanimously approved the Rawhide Creek Watershed Agreement, which adopts the Rawhide Creek NRCS Watershed Project Plan-environmental Assessment established after the 2019 flooding and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Gilfry's signatures on the agreement. Emergency Manager Tom Smith said the assessment identified alternatives to mitigate future flooding in the Rawhide Creek Watershed. It was also noted that having this agreement in place makes Dodge County eligible to apply for funding for subsequent phases of the plan.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Treasurer Winterstein to proceed with tax refunds to Dillon Companies Inc. – 2022 Tax Roll Correction #5802, Dillon Companies Inc. – 2023 Tax Roll Correction #5803, Dillon Companies Inc. – 2024 Tax Roll Correction #5804, First State Bank & Trust Co. – 2023 Tax Roll Correction #5805 & First State Bank & Trust Co. – 2024 Tax Roll Correction #5806. The total amount due from Dodge County for these refunds is \$12,507.74.

The Board, after consideration of Presidential Executive Order 11582 stating that all executive departments and agencies of the federal government be closed on Wednesday, December 24 and Friday, December 26, 2025, unanimously decided to close the courthouse all day on Wednesday, December 24 through Friday, December 26, 2025. County Attorney Hopkins pointed out that the Dodge County employee handbook states that the County will follow the Supreme Court's holiday schedule, which is stated in Presidential Executive Order 11582.

At 9:27 A.M., Chairman Missel opened the public hearing to consider the request of the Volline VonSeggern Family Trust of 1868 County Road C, Hooper, NE, to subdivide a 17.93-acre tract and obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an existing dwelling as per Article 12, Section 4.2 Exemptions B. (1) located in SW ¼ SE ¼ Section 12, Township 20 North, Range 7 East in Cuming Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. County Surveyor Clark Boschult said the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously approved this subdivision and CUP by a 7-0 vote. 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. It was noted that the approval of the CUP is contingent upon the Volline VonSeggern Family Trust filing an application for a No-Fee Residential Registration Permit.

At 9:30 A.M., Chairman Missel opened the public hearing to consider the request of Faltin Joint Venture (D. Faltin, P. Cassel, Rep.) of 526 County Road B Dodge, NE 68633, to subdivide a 10.70-acre tract and obtain a Conditional Use Permit for a proposed dwelling as per Article 12. Section 4.1.A located in S ½ SW ¼ Section 2, Township 20 North, Range 5 East in Webster Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. County Surveyor Clark Boschult said the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously approved this subdivision and CUP by a 7-0 vote. 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. Supervisor Strand abstained from the vote on this matter.

The Board acknowledged that the request of Scott Real Estate Services Inc. to subdivide a 5.14-acre tract and obtain a Conditional Use Permit for a new dwelling was

continued by the Dodge County Planning Commission at their December 16, 2025 meeting. The request will be on the agenda for the next Dodge County Planning Commission meeting on January 20, 2026.

The Board unanimously approved the Public Highway At-Grade Crossing Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company for the crossing at Shoreline Drive and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the agreement. Highway Superintendent Huppert said this agreement gives the County the right to use the crossing and start construction. Any other work done by Dodge County needs to be approved by the railroad but no separate agreement would be needed since this agreement is in place.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert introduced Joann (Jo) Pruess as the new Highway Department assistant. He said employees have been cleaning out ditches, hauling riprap and patching potholes. The box culvert project on Luther Road is complete; barricades are being taken down today. On December 1, 2025, the 9 bridges selected out of the 64 bridges considered for the Bridge Match program were announced. The two bridges submitted from Dodge County were not selected. Now that the agreement is in place with Union Pacific Railroad for the crossing on Shoreline Drive, Superintendent Huppert can meet with the State and the railroad to start the construction process. Superintendent Huppert said the bridge weight limit sign posting mandate has created a conflict with insurance and there is also an issue with the way the signs are posted. He said the County may have to purchase another sign to post that will correct the problem.

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 with the following members present: Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5827 through #5831.

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 Mary Sue Korus, Case No. 25R 0081.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2025, on a Micro Bird School Bus and a Chevrolet Microbird G5 for Dodge County Head Start, 1024 W. 23<sup>rd</sup> St., Fremont, NE, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein to approve the Applications for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2026 (Form 457) from various nonprofit organizations, granted the exemptions and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the forms.

At 10:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, Chairman Missel also adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, January 7, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry  
Dodge County Clerk