

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, February 4, 2026 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 changes in channel lineup, Board of Trustees Minutes for December 8, 2025 meeting and Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the six months ending December 31, 2025 and 2024 from Fremont Community Health Resources, correspondence from Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District regarding the Urban Conservation Assistance Program and the Recreation Area Development Program, Bond Continuation Certificate for Michael Schuler, Treasurer, Everett Township, List of 2026 Dodge County Standing Board Committees, Notice of Public Hearings for the Fremont City Council to be held on January 27, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. for the following: request by Deerfield Fremont LLC (Michael Maley) for a Preliminary Plat Submission for 46-R2 (Low/Medium Density Residential District) Duplex Units (47 lots) on property generally located southeast of Pathfinder Drive & Wilmont St., Fremont, NE, Minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting of the Dodge County Planning Commission, Certificate of Liability Insurance for Certified Testing Services Incorporated and Hooper Township and Utility Installation Agreement with OPPD.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the January 21, 2026 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 54 inmates in custody with 32 being held in Saunders County, 20 in Washington County and 2 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. In January, there were 93 individuals booked into custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, February 18, 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.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$307,321.46.

The Board unanimously approved the transfer of funds from Inheritance Tax Fund to the Indigent Fund in the amount of \$20,000. Expenses for the Indigent Fund continue to increase, so the Board agreed this money should stay in the Indigent Fund and not be paid back when funds become available.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$346,092.44.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution approving the funding of the Fremont Community Health Resources (FCHR) Pension Plan with the actuarially recognized funding method set out in the Hub Report and approved by the FCHR Board of Trustees.

At the request of County Attorney Hopkins, the Board unanimously tabled the consideration of an Inheritance tax refund for Robert D. Boettger in the amount of \$45,435.61 and referred it to the County Attorney's Office. County Attorney Hopkins said her office oversees all inheritance tax worksheets and she wants to confirm that it meets the legal requirements for what is being requested; she added that this is the first time she has seen any documents regarding this refund. This item will be placed on the February 18, 2026 meeting for consideration.

The Board unanimously authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the Disclosure of Woods Aitken LLP and Consent and Waiver. Chairman Missel said he spoke directly with Pamela Bourne, Attorney with Woods Aitken LLP, and she said the firm has hired new attorneys. One of those attorneys is representing Seth McGinn on a flooding matter in Dodge County. Ms. Bourne said she is confident there will be no conflict of interest with Woods Aitken representing Mr. McGinn and their representation of Dodge County in matters unrelated to the flooding issue.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that Information Technology systems (Applied Connective Technologies) are performing well overall. Chairman Missel reported that the NE Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition will be holding a meeting in Fremont on February 26, 2026. The Joint Water Management Advisory Board will meet on February 12, 2026 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fremont City Council Chambers.

At 9:15 A.M., a public hearing was held to consider the approval of a Class D "Beer, Wine, Spirits Off Sale Only" new liquor license application for Saga Properties Fremont, LLC dba "Dual Stop Fremont," 1305 Morningside Road, Fremont, Nebraska. Hearing no testimony for or against the license, the Board unanimously approved the liquor license.

The Board unanimously approved the new Security, Access, and Parking Policy as presented by Sheriff Weitzel. The policy included the two additions to the policy identified at the January 21, 2026 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. The first addition was the statement that "Elected Officials and Department Heads will see that each of their employees are following these guidelines." The second addition was "Exemptions – The Sheriff will have the final approval for exemptions (to the policies) if necessary." The effective date of this new policy will be Monday, March 2, 2026.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution effective January 1, 2026 allowing public schools that are not under the jurisdiction of a city or village to pay 10% of the building permit fee as listed on the fee schedule that became effective May 1, 2024.

The Board unanimously approved setting the public hearing date for March 4, 2026 at 10:15 A.M. for the 2026 One- & Six-Year Road Improvement Plan.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees continue to install culverts and patch potholes. They have also been cleaning out the county highway sheds during this cold weather stretch. Once the weather warms up they will continue with ditch

clean out. The engineers have been establishing estimates for bridge rehabilitation and overlay projects throughout the county. Plans for the One- & Six-Year Road Improvement Plan are still coming in and Superintendent Huppert told the Board if they have any requests to let him know so he can get them on the plan. Next week Superintendent Huppert will be attending the asphalt conference. Today he will be testifying at the State Legislature in favor of LB1218, the State Bridge Match Program.

At 9:33 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 9:43 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors.

Immediately thereafter, the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:58 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the claims. No action was taken on any of the claims as a result of the closed session.

At 9:59 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

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 correction #5835.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding Findings and Order on Confession of Judgment for Lane & Amy Nelson, Case No. 25R 0295.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2026 from Rebuilding Together Platte Valley East for 3 trailers and a 2000 Chevy Silverado, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

At 10:01 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, February 18, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk