

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, March 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, Board of Trustees minutes for January 12, 2026 and financial report from Fremont Community Health Resources, Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association (NIRMA) 2025 Annual Report, Notice of Public Hearing of the Douglas County Planning Commission on February 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. for the following: Sabrina Arguello Torres – Applicant for Special Use Permit for a commercial recreation (controlled impact) specifically an indoor recreational tennis facility and attached gym, Notice of Public Hearings of the Fremont City Council on February 24, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for the following: Request by Pillar 23 Investments for a Pearson Subdivision Final Plat for property generally located at 425 W. Washington St., Fremont, NE; request by Deerfield Fremont LLC (Michael Maley) for a Preliminary Plat Submission for 46-R2 (Low/Medium Density Residential District) Duplex Units (47 lots) for property generally located southeast of Pathfinder Dr. and Wilmont St., Fremont, NE; request by Alex Henry, Rainwood Development Partners for a Zoning Text Change; request by Horacio Lopez for Conditional Use Permit to expand a nonconforming use to allow the installation of an accessory structure on property generally located at 1130 S. Co. Rd. 26, Dodge County's 2025 Livestock Friendly Annual Report and Certificates of Liability Insurance from Midwest Crane Service LLC, Nickerson Township, J & R Concrete & Construction LLC and Northern Clearing Inc.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 18, 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 65 inmates in custody with 36 being held in Saunders County, 27 in Washington County, 1 in Douglas County and 1 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. In February, 128 individuals were booked into custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, March 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 \$312,181.77.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$217,125.37.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation from the Fremont & Dodge County Convention and Visitors' Bureau (CVB) Advisory Committee to grant \$10,000 of funding to MainStreet of Fremont, Inc. for their 2026 calendar of events. Molly Paden, Executive Director of Fremont & Dodge County CVB, was present and told the Board that this is MainStreet of Fremont's yearly sponsorship request and will financially support the eleven events they have planned for 2026.

Brandon Jerred, Drug Court Coordinator, updated the Board on the status of the Drug Court Program. He said they currently have 23 participants, which is less than what he would like to see, but he is confident the program will continue to grow. Mr. Jerred has resigned from his position and he introduced Beau Godwin as his replacement.

A Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Scott Real Estate Services Inc. of 2910 S County Road 29, Valley, NE to subdivide less than 10 acres and obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a new dwelling located on Tax Lot 8, Section 36-17-9E, Zoning District A-2, Agriculture. Zoning Administrator Jeff Ray reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this subdivision and CUP for Scott Real Estate Services Inc. 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.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Dodge County Planning Commission and approved the application from Westervelt Ecological Services LLC for a Conservation Easement by the Nebraska Department of Revenue for land generally located south of Scribner, northeast of the intersection of Highway 275 and County Road H. Included in the motion is authorization for Chairman Missel to sign the application. A public hearing was not required for the Board to act on this request for a conservation easement.

The Board unanimously approved the request for payment to Burns & McDonnell for Morningside Road improvements, Project 185002 of 90% completion. The payment of \$164,970 will be made by the Fremont Municipal Inland Port Authority but needs to be approved by the Dodge County Board of Supervisors since it is road work.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that his employees continue with culvert extensions and additions as well as pothole patching. Bridge inspections are complete. He is working with the engineers on the details for the bridge and overlay project on County Road 2 on the west side of Dodge; bid letting for this project will be soon. Superintendent Huppert is assisting the State with the environmental requirements for the railroad crossing at County Road 6 and Shoreline Drive. He is also starting the process of acquiring right-of-way for the Morningside Road port authority project.

At 9:29 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss possible litigation.

At 10:03 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of possible litigation. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

At 10:04 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

Immediately thereafter, the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously received a letter and attached list of New Permissive Exemption Applications (Form 451) for 2026 from County Assessor Marshall. The public hearing for new permissive exemption applications is scheduled for March 18, 2025 at 10:05 A.M.

At 10:05 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

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

At 10:06 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:20 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of general assistance claims. No action was taken as a result of the closed session.

At 10:20 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the Dodge County One- & Six-Year Road Improvement Plan. Highway Superintendent Huppert summarized the projects on the one-year plan and pointed them out on a map. Chairman Missel closed the hearing at 10:39 A.M. Hearing no testimony for or against the Dodge County 2026 One- & Six-Year Road Improvement Plan, the Board unanimously adopted and authorized the necessary signatures on a Resolution approving the plan as presented. Supervisor Tawney read the Resolution for the record.

At 10:41 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, March 18, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk