

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, April 15, 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 Nebraska State Probation, Sixth Probation District, Patty Lyon, Chief Probation Officer, regarding Probation – Quarterly County Billings 2025/2026 and reimbursement of expenses to Dodge County for the period January 1, 2026 to March 31, 2026, Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency 2026-2027 budget request in the amount of \$90,324.00 for ENOA (referred to Finance Committee), Public Notification of Dodge County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) Meeting on Monday, April 27, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Scribner Volunteer Fire Department, 509 3rd St., Scribner, NE, Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 2026-2027 annual membership request in the amount of \$930.00 (referred to Finance Committee), NIRMA Safety Shorts for April, 2026 and Certificates of Liability Insurance from Cotterell & Union Townships, Ellingson Drainage Inc., Eriksen Construction Co. Inc. & Loy Woerman.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 1, 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 70 inmates in custody with 41 being held in Saunders County, 20 in Washington County, 4 in Douglas County, 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center. County Attorney Hopkins reported that there was a meeting held between Dodge County and the Saunders County Attorney regarding the jail contract. There will be a follow-up meeting within the next 2 weeks; after that, the Jail Committee will be included in the discussions.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, April 29, 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 \$304,218.82.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$923,562.95.

Luke Bonkiewicz, Research Program Analyst for the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO), attended the meeting as part of their annual visit to counties in Nebraska. He provided the Board with literature from NACO that included a variety of information on the

organization. He also provided legislative updates on a number of bills that have been introduced in the session that adjourns on April 17, 2026.

Committee Reports – Pat Tawney introduced Jason Futch as a new reporter for the North Bend Eagle; he will be covering local government business.

At 9:29 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 tabled the approval of a referee agreement and letter used to solicit valuation protest referees. County Attorney Hopkins suggested requiring the referees to attend a pre-season meeting prior to the start of valuation protest season. This meeting would be to communicate the County's expectations to the prospective referees. The letter will be amended to include this requirement and will be reviewed by County Assessor Marshall before being placed on the April 29, 2026 agenda.

At 10:03 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, April 29, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk