

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, May 13, 2026 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: 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 officials' reports, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup, TeamMates Mentoring of Fremont event flyer for the Hawaiian Celebration Fundraiser, Certificate of Liability Insurance from Ray Planning Solutions, LLC and Certificates of Liability Insurance from DSD Ground Maintenance and WSP USA Inc.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the April 29, 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 except for Supervisor Giesselmann.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 53 inmates in custody with 29 of them being held in Saunders County, 19 in Washington County, 1 in Pottawattamie County, 1 in Dodge County, 1 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 2 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services in Lincoln. County Attorney Hopkins reported that talks continue with Saunders County Corrections regarding the contract to house Dodge County inmates.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, May 27, 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 Supervisor Giesselmann.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$308,592.37.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$289,683.61.

The Board, with Supervisor Strand dissenting, accepted the recommendation of the Fremont & Dodge County Convention and Visitors' Bureau (CVB) Advisory Committee to grant \$20,000 of funding to Midland University for Heedum Field Lighting Replacement. Molly Paden, Executive Director of Fremont & Dodge County CVB, was present and told the Board there have been many upgrades made to the Heedum Field facility over the past year. These upgrades will make bidding for larger events possible; the improved lighting will also allow for more flexible scheduling of events in the evening, which will increase the ability to host invitationals and regional competitions. Supervisor Strand said he is apprehensive about giving funds to private entities, adding that most of the events that receive funding are for

communities, fairs and other county events. Ms. Paden said the guidelines they follow from the state allow them to fund non-profit organizations like Midland University.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Strand reported that the inspection for the election office is complete and they are waiting for the certificate of occupancy from the City of Fremont. County Clerk Gilfry told the Board the new election office was used to gather the poll worker supplies for the Primary Election held yesterday. The office will be fully functional to prepare for and provide services for the General Election in November. Supervisor Backens reported that the Merit Commission is accepting applications for deputies until Friday, May 15, 2026. He also reported that part of LB759 will require local governments to regulate operation of swimming pools, recreation camps, and mobile home parks with no state funding available.

At 9:15 A.M., a public hearing was held to consider amending the 2025-2026 County Budget, specifically to increase the appropriation in the Indigent/Relief Fund of 2025-2026 from \$198,200 to \$218,200 in expenses and increase revenue from \$198,200 to \$218,200; grand totals of the budget and revenue will also increase by \$20,000. Supervisor Bendig said the number of individuals seeking assistance will continue to increase, which prompted this request for a change in appropriation. He added that the money will be transferred out of the Inheritance Tax Fund and will not affect the levy. The Board unanimously approved the recommended amendment and authorized moving the funds from the Inheritance Tax Fund to the Indigent/Relief Fund.

The Board unanimously approved Work Order No. 015 to Master Professional Services Agreement for 2026 NSTM Bridge Inspections, Dodge County, NE and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the document.

The Board unanimously approved Work Order No. 016 to Master Professional Services Agreement for 2026 Bridge Inspections in Dodge County, NE and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the document.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees continue to work on Project 667 by Scribner on County Road F between County Roads 8 and 10. Employees also continue ditch cleanout, culvert work and pothole patching. He said his employees have started working summer hours – 6:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Western Engineering Co., Inc. will be starting Project 647 (milling and overlay on County Road 2 on the west side of Dodge) next week instead of September. JMN Construction LLC will start the bridge rehabilitation project at this same location in July. Straight Line Striping Inc. will begin traffic line striping in the county next week. Superintendent Huppert is going to try a new rejuvenating product made by Proseal on County Road 8. This product is intended to add oil and chemicals back into the asphalt to extend the life of the road.

At 9:30 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:50 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.

Immediately thereafter, 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 except for Supervisor Giesselmann.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding: Certification of Final Decision and Order for Michael D. Arps, Case No. 24R 0631; Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for 47 Holdings LLC, Case No. 24R 0516; Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dan Knosp, Case No. 24R 0697; Decision and Order Reversing the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dan Knosp, Case No. 24R 0698; Decision and Order Reversing the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dan Knosp, Case No. 24R 0699; Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dan Knosp, Case No. 24R 0700; Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dan Knosp, Case No. 24R 0701; Decision and Order Reversing the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dan Knosp, Case No. 24R 0702 and Decision and Order Reversing the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dan Knosp, Case No. 24R 0703.

The Board unanimously approved the Cover Sheet to be submitted with 2026 Protest Forms.

At 10:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, May 27, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk