

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 27, 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 Board of Trustees Minutes for April 12, 2026 meeting and Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the ten months ending April 30, 2026 and 2025 from Fremont Community Health Resources, Eastern Nebraska Human Services Agency 2026-2027 budget request in the amount of \$88,508.00 for Duet (referred to the finance committee), Notice of Public Hearings of the Douglas County Planning Commission to be held May 20, 2026, 6:00 p.m. at 15335 W. Maple Rd., Omaha, NE 68116, Utility Installation Agreement with OPPD to install new primary underground cable in the public right-of-way between County Road U Blvd & Hwy 30 along County Road 26 in T-17-N (Elkhorn Township) and Utility Installation Agreement with Great Plains Communications to install fiber optic cable with vaults and warning marker posts.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 13, 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 59 inmates in custody with 35 of them being held in Saunders County, 18 in Washington County, 1 in Douglas County, 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, June 10, 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 \$307,082.71.

The Board unanimously approved reversal of the duplicate transfer of \$20,320.55 made on 2/18/2026 from the General Fund to the First Responders Fund as part of the approval of the audit report for 6/30/2025. A transfer of \$16,361.06 approved on 7/23/2025 and a transfer of \$3,959.49 approved on 8/6/2025 equaling \$20,320.55 had already been made from the General Fund to the First Responders Fund.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$867,421.55.

The Board unanimously approved the request for \$3,600.00 funding for Medicare Education Support in Dodge County for July 2026 through June 2027 from Mary Loftis and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the funding agreement. Ms. Loftis is an independent contractor for the Nebraska State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) and Senior Medicare Patrol (SMP); she offers this assistance in Burt and Washington County as well. The Omaha SHIP also serves Dodge County, but Ms. Loftis said there is not as much awareness in Dodge County for these services as she would like. Chairman Missel suggested using a public service announcement on local radio to get the word out about Medicare Education Support services in Dodge County.

The Board unanimously authorized Chairman Missel to sign a 2026 Ballot for Election to the Nebraska Regional Interoperability Network (NRIN) Board of Directors for Jamie Carlson, Supervisor, Fremont/Dodge County Communications. Ms. Carlson addressed the Board and said she has been attending NRIN meetings with Shelly Holzerland over the past year and is learning all she can about the NRIN. The Board voiced their support of Ms. Carlson representing Dodge County on this board.

The Board unanimously approved the State of Nebraska Department of Economic Development Block Grant – Disaster Recovery, 2nd Amendment to agreement No. 23-03-307, extending the grant period of performance until September 17, 2026 and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the amendment.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Strand reported that the occupancy permit for the election office has been obtained. This permit is an official document issued by local government that verifies the building or leased space complies with building codes, zoning laws, and safety regulations for its intended commercial use.

The public hearing to consider the request of Joyce Glodowski of 1368 CR 11 Blvd., North Bend, NE to obtain a Conditional Use Permit to allow a lot split of less than 20 acres, but greater than 10 acres for a new No-Fee Residential Registration Permit was tabled until the June 10, 2026 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. The legal description of the property where this zoning action is taking place was not correct in the public hearing notice printed in the Fremont Tribune. A corrected public hearing notice will be printed in the Fremont Tribune for the hearing to be held June 10, 2026.

The Board unanimously approved the Contract for Project C-27 (647) County Road 2 Milling & Overlay, Dodge Co., NE with Western Engineering and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. Highway Superintendent Huppert said Western Engineering was going to start the project right after the grinding on County Road 2 was completed, but he wanted to give the concrete at least 3 days to dry out before laying the asphalt. Western Engineering could not fit that into their schedule so the start date has been moved back to late August or September of 2026.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that the work on Project 667 by Scribner on County Road F between County Roads 8 and 10 should be done within the next week. He said employees are working on cleaning out ditches as long as the weather stays dry. He has discussed a fleet management system with the Road Committee; this paperless system can provide administrative and operational oversight of the county's vehicles. He added that the Road Department is getting a new phone system that is part of the fleet management system. Employees can talk to all employees by pushing the microphone; they are also looking into hands free options.

At 9:37 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 unanimously approved tax roll corrections #5880 through #5886.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding the following: Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dan Knosp, Case No. 24R 0701 – the verbiage on page 5 of this decision under section IV. Order, No. 1 was changed from “The decision of the County Board of Equalization determining the taxable value of the Subject Property for tax year 2024 is vacated and reversed.” to “The decision of the County Board of Equalization determining the taxable value of the Subject Property for tax year 2024 is affirmed.”, Certification of Final Decision and Order for The Row Fremont, LP for Case Nos. 22R 0331 through 22R 0355, Certification of Final Decision and Order for Hidden Brook Townhomes II, LLC for Case Nos. 22R 0304 through 22R 0309, Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for 47 Holdings LLC, Case No. 24R 0515, Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Dale Wimer, Case No. 24R 0514, Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for JSJ Properties LLC, Case No. 24R 0588, Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Jeff N. Schoeneck, Case No. 24R 0824, Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Chad Schoeneck, Case Nos. 24R 0735 and 24R 0736 and Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for John Palinski, Case No. 24R 0246.

The Board unanimously received the Findings and Order In the Matter of Equalization of Value of Real Property Within Dodge County for Tax Year 2026 Before the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) stating that the levels of value for real property in Dodge County for tax year 2026 meet the requirements of law; no further proceedings shall be held to determine whether further adjustments should be made. In the same motion, the Board received the certification from County Assessor Marshall, per state statutes 77-126, 77-129 and 77-1311, that the portion of the Property Record file substantiating the calculation of the protested value is maintained in her office in electronic or paper form.

The Board unanimously approved agreements with Jeff Reynolds, Chad Howser, Craig Miller and Jeff Quist to serve as referees for the upcoming 2026 property valuation protest season and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreements.

The Board, with Supervisor Giesselmann abstaining, unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2026 from St. Patrick’s Catholic Church for a 2013 Chevy Silverado K1500 LTZ, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

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

Immediately thereafter, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk