

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, June 10, 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, certification of election results of Primary Election held May 12, 2026 for Dodge County races, correspondence from Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare regarding the Master Agreement dated December 13, 2024, between Region 6 Behavioral Healthcare and Netsmart, Notice of Public Hearing on June 9, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. for Fremont City Council for a request by David C. Mitchell for a Conditional Use Permit to allow a Therapeutic Group Home for youth (specifically girls) in NC-Neighborhood Commercial District on property generally located at 749 E. 32nd St., Fremont, NE, Certificate of Insurance for Pruss Excavation Co.: LJM, Inc.: Tracks & Treads, Inc., Utility Installation Agreement with Loy Woerman to install a tile tube in public right-of-way and Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 27, 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 60 inmates in custody with 32 of them being held in Saunders County, 22 in Washington County, 2 in Douglas County, 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 2 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, June 24, 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 \$317,895.97.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$874,972.00.

The Board unanimously received and referred to the Highway Department correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation requesting comments on the effectiveness of the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan (STIP) and comments on the proposed cooperation process used in the development of the Long-Range Transportation Plan (LRTP).

Members of program partners of the Fremont Transit Program were in attendance to provide an update on the program and to request funding from Dodge County for both FY2027 and FY2028. Three Rivers Public Health Department Executive Director Terra Uhing reported that a needs assessment survey revealed that access to health care is a big need in Dodge County; transportation is a major piece of that identified need. Fremont Area Community Foundation Executive Director Melissa Diers reported that the program partners are looking for ways to expand the program. She added that funding is critical to accomplishing this end goal. Supervisor Strand asked if a cooperative agreement could be reached with Joyride Public Transit, which provides transportation in Burt & Cuming County. Ms. Uhing said the group has had conversations with Joyride about how they manage their program and services they provide. There have not been any conversations about a cooperative agreement. Supervisor Strand said he would like them to reach out to Joyride again and discuss collaborating on the transit program. Supervisor Bendig asked if the federal funding has decreased requiring an increase in the local match. Ms. Diers said the shifts in funding necessitated asking local stakeholders to consider contributing to the program. They are asking Dodge County to up their commitment to \$35,000 for FY2026-2027 and FY2027-2028. The Board unanimously approved this increase in funding and stressed the need for continued efforts to provide services beyond the Fremont area.

The Board unanimously authorized payment of the NIRMA/NIRMA II 2026-2027 Insurance Billing Statement for General Liability and Worker's Compensation. The Board declined to select higher deductibles. Dodge County's annual contribution amount for 2026-2027 is \$409,596, which represents an 11.54% (\$42,386) increase from last year.

The Board unanimously approved having Dodge County Board Chairman Missel, Dodge County Sheriff Weitzel and Emergency Manager Smith sign a letter to Governor Pillen urging him to allocate available Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) non-deployment funds toward broadband connectivity and interoperability across Nebraska.

Stan Darling, Elkhorn Valley Trails, Inc. President, reported that the first segment of the rail-to-trail project is officially open from Main Street in Hooper to Highway 77. There will be a ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday, June 12 at the trail head in Hooper. The overall plan is to construct a trail on the old Fremont and Elkhorn Valley Railroad (FEVR) line from Hooper to Fremont. The segment of the trail from Somers Street in Fremont to Luther Road, which is being funded by a federal grant, is in the design phase; bidding for this portion of the project will be in late 2027.

A public hearing was held to consider the request of Joyce Glodowski of 1368 CR 11 Blvd., North Bend, NE to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to allow a lot split of less than 20 acres, but greater than 10 acres for a new No-Fee Residential Registration Permit in zoning district A-1, Intensive Agriculture, located in the NW ¼, of the SE ¼ Section 2, Township 18N, Range 6 East of the 6th P.M., Dodge County, NE. Zoning Administrator Jeff Ray reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the CUP. 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 approved the contract for Project C-27 (647B) County Road 2 Bridge Rehabilitation, Dodge Co., NE with JMN Construction LLC and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement.

The Board unanimously received bids opened on June 2, 2026 for 2026-2027 Road Gravel, accepted all bids and authorized the highway department to use the lowest bid when applicable.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that culvert installations continue. Project 666 on County Road F to C Blvd will begin next week. Superintendent Huppert has been talking with Proseal Inc. about an asphalt rejuvenator that he would like to try. This product is a spray on clear coat that seals the asphalt and protects it from moisture intrusion; paint striping will not be compromised by this product. He is going to have Proseal come in July or August to demonstrate the product on County Road 8. Straight-Line Striping has completed the traffic striping in Dodge County. The Morningside Improvements project and the railroad crossing project on County Road 6 and Shoreline Drive are still in the environmental engineering phase. The State Department of Roads wants to replace a box culvert on Highway 30 and are asking Superintendent Huppert to do work that is out of his jurisdiction. There will be work done on bridge approaches on County Road 8; the road will be closed in this location. One of the two new road graders has been delivered, the other is getting equipment added to it and will be delivered next week.

Supervisor Giesselmann left the meeting shortly before 10:00 A.M.

At 9:55 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:07 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 10:08 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, 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 2026 Property Valuation Protests #1 through #8.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to advertise for two additional days in July for the Board to meet as a Board of Equalization, if needed, on the 15th and 24th at 9:00 A.M. to act on 2026 valuation protests.

The Board unanimously received June 10, 2026 Board Notices from County Assessor Marshall of her request for changes to valuations of parcels for 2026 and passed a motion approving and authorizing the County Clerk to mail notices to the owners of the properties.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding the Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Black Heart Investments, Case No. 24R 0689 – 24R 0695 and the Decision and Order Affirming the Decision of the Dodge County Board of Equalization for Mary Sue Korus, Case No. 24R 0094.

The Board unanimously approved designating the State Print Shop to be used to print the postcards for LB644 - the "Property Tax Request Act" joint public hearing.

The Board unanimously approved a 5-year service contract with Vanguard Computer Systems for the Dodge County Assessor Website. Supervisor Bendig asked if a 3-year contract is an option. Assessor Marshall said she could ask Vanguard to prepare a 3-year contract. It was pointed out that the only other provider of these services is MIPS so the likelihood of the Assessor changing from Vanguard is minimal.

The Board unanimously received a 2026 Report of Destroyed Real Property (Form 425) from Daniel D. & Maria I. Vrana, took Assessor Marshall's recommendation on the revised valuation and authorized the County Clerk to mail the notice identifying the new value of real property to the owner.

At 10:22 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, June 24, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk