

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, August 5, 2026 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Giesselmann, Strand, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Backens. 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 2026/2027 preliminary levy requests from Cotterell Township, Cuming Township, Dodge Rural Fire District, Everett Township, Fremont Rural Fire District, Hooper Rural Fire, Logan Township, Maple Township, North Bend Rural Fire Protection District, Pebble Township, Platte Township, Pleasant Valley Township, Ridgeley Township, Scribner Rural Fire District, Snyder Rural Fire District, Union Township, Webster Township and Winslow Fire District; county official's report; Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District 2026-2027 annual membership request in the amount of \$930.00 (referred to Finance Committee); correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation, Section 106 regarding a request for comments or concerns that Project HSIP-STWD (211), District 2,3,5,6 & 8 Beacons could affect any historic properties (referred to the Roads Committee); Minutes (Draft) of the Dodge County Planning Commission July 28, 2026 meeting; Moving Permit for Ensor Movers, Inc. to move a 28' x 64' modular building from Logan View School to Burt County; Utility Installation Agreement with OPPD and Utility Installation Agreement with Skywave Wireless, Inc. to install armored fiber optic cable in the public right-of-way between U Blvd & Co. Rd. S on County Road 26, Elkhorn Township.

The Board, with Supervisor Bendig abstaining since he was not at the July 22, 2026 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the July 22, 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 Backens.

The Board unanimously approved the Intergovernmental Agreement for Adult Detention Services with Thurston County and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement.

The Board unanimously received the notice of annual inspection of the Dodge County jail facility on September 17, 2026 for the Nebraska Jail Standards Board.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 64 inmates in custody with 46 being held in Washington County, 9 in Platte County, 2 in Dodge County, 2 in Thurston County, 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center.

At 9:08 A.M, the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, August 19, 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 Backens.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$305,445.34.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$289,782.43.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that the Finance Committee will have a budget meeting at 11:00 a.m. following this meeting. He also said there will be a technology meeting at 11:00 a.m. on August 19, 2026. Chairman Missel reported that he will be attending a listening session at Keene Memorial Library on August 10, 2026 featuring University of Nebraska President, Jeffrey Gold. Supervisors Bendig and Giesselmann also plan to attend this listening session.

A public hearing was held to consider the request of Gerald A. and Marilyn M. Bohling to subdivide a 5-acre tract and obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for an existing dwelling as per Article 12. Section 4.2 Exemptions B as well as a lot split for property legally described as the South $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 31, Township 20 N, Range 9 E of the 6th P.M., Dodge Co., NE (generally known as 643 County Line Rd., Hooper, NE), Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jeff Ray was present and reported that this request meets all zoning criteria and was unanimously approved by the Dodge County Planning Commission. 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.

A public hearing was held to consider the request of Western Seed, Inc. to split off a 39.07-acre tract from the existing 219.24-acre tract located in part of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ E of the 6th P.M., Dodge Co., NE (generally know as 1757 Hoegemeyer Rd, Hooper, NE), Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag on the north side of Hoegemeyer Rd and Zoning District A-2, General Agriculture on the south side of Hoegemeyer Rd. Mr. Ray reported that this request would allow for the creation of a lot containing the existing seed processing and storage facility and will satisfy the applicable standards of Dodge County zoning regulations. The Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously approved this request. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the lot split application.

A public hearing was held to consider the request of Allen Rolf to obtain a Conditional Use Permit to apply biosolids on a parcel described as the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 1, Township 20 N, Range 6 E of the 6th P.M., Dodge Co., NE. Mr. Ray reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously (with Mr. Rolf abstaining from the vote) approved the application. He also stated that the application of the biosolids will comply with all applicable Dodge County zoning regulations. 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.

A public hearing was held to consider the request of Gerad Brichacek to obtain a Conditional Use Permit to apply biosolids on a parcel described as the Western $\frac{1}{2}$ of the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ and West $\frac{1}{2}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 19, Township 19 N, Range 5 E of the 6th P.M., Dodge Co., NE. Mr, Ray reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously approved the application and the application of the biosolids will comply with all applicable Dodge County zoning regulations. 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.

Zoning Administrator Jeff Ray reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission will be considering amendments to the zoning regulations, including the application of biosolids. This amendment will allow for the renewal of a biosolids application when one has previously been approved on a particular site and there have been no complaints or opposition. The permit would be approved administratively and not have to be approved by the Planning Commission or the Board of Supervisors, which would eliminate additional fees and delays in obtaining the permit.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to receive and adopt a Resolution for Signing of the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance 2026 and authorized the required signatures on the Resolution as well as the County Annual Certification of Program Compliance to Nebraska Board of Public Roads Classifications and Standards 2026.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees are still working on County Road 16 north of the Herman/Scribner Road. This work will allow for future snow removal while saving the rock on the roadway. They continue to try to keep up with shredding; the department is down two employees, so Zelle is helping him find employees to be grader operators/truck drivers. Culvert replacements are ongoing. The bridge approaches on County Road 2 have been pulled out; this project is moving along slowly. The engineer says the milling at this location is set for the end of September, first part of October. There have been 8 or 9 concrete blowouts on County Road 3 south of Highway 91; there were also a few on County Road F that they fixed immediately. Superintendent Huppert was on a zoom meeting with Burns & McDonnell Engineering and the State about the Morningside Road project to see if the engineering plans will work with the wetlands environmental and right-of-way plans. If the engineering plans are acceptable, there should not be additional charges for the work already completed.

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

At 9:42 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 9:43 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 10:02 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Backens.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 24, 2026 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Equalization as printed.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Winterstein on form 457, Application for Exemption from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2026 from Midland University on a 2026 Ford Maverick passenger vehicle, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

At 10:10 A.M., a public hearing was held to consider the request from Fremont Opera House Inc. for tax exemption on real and personal property (Form 451), parcel #270002786 – OT N 22' Lots 1 & 2 Blk 141 located at 553 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE for tax year 2026.

Dodge County Assessor Marshall reported that this property was recently purchased by Fremont Opera House Inc., so it missed the annual approval of permissive exemptions and required a public hearing. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Assessor Marshall, granted the exemption and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the form.

At 10:12 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, August 19, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk