

PROCEEDINGS OF THE DODGE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Regular meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors was called to order by Vice-Chairman Strand at 9:00 A.M. on Wednesday, August 19, 2026 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Giesselmann, Strand, Backens, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Missel. Prior to roll call Vice-Chairman Strand 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 Uehling Fire District and Village of Winslow (referred to Finance Committee); County Officials' Reports; correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup; Board of Trustees Minutes for July 14, 2026 meeting and Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the one month ending July 31, 2026 and 2025 from Fremont Community Health Resources; closeout letter for project agreement NR216526XXXXC010 Rawhide Creek Watershed from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA); Dodge County Sheriff's Department Distress Warrant Report; Notice of Public Hearings of the Douglas County Planning Commission on August 19, 2026 at 6:00 P.M., 15335 W. Maple Road, Omaha, NE; Certificates of Insurance from Skyline Imaging LLC & Logan Township; NIRMA Safety Shorts for August 2026 and correspondence from Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding Bridge Load Posting Responsibilities and Confirmation Requirements.

The Board, with Supervisor Backens abstaining since he was not present at the August 5, 2026 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the August 5, 2026 meeting as printed.

At 9:05 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors and convened as a Board of Corrections. Vice-Chairman Strand dispensed with roll all members being present except for Chairman Missel.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 66 inmates in custody with 46 of them being held in Washington County, 3 in Douglas County, 6 in Platte County, 2 in Saunders County, 2 in Thurston County, 4 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services, 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center and 1 in Federal custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 9:05 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Vice-Chairman Strand dispensed with roll all members being present except for Chairman Missel.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$302,525.79.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$327,550.99.

The Board unanimously approved the reappointment of Linda McClain as a Trustee of the Fremont Community Health Resources Board for a six-year term ending 10/1/2032.

The Board unanimously approved the request of County Treasurer Winterstein to proceed with tax refunds to Thompson Construction of Dodge County's share due to 2023 Tax Roll Correction #5887, 2024 Tax Roll Correction #5888, 2025 Tax Roll Correction #5889, tax refund to Helen Knosp of Dodge County's share due to 2024 Tax Roll Correction #5890 & #5892, and tax refund to Dan Knosp of Dodge County's share due to 2024 Tax Roll Correction #5891 & #5893. The total amount due from Dodge County for these refunds is \$3,644.42.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that there will be an Information Technology (IT) meeting at 11:00 a.m. today and the Finance Committee will be meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Friday, August 21, 2026.

A Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Shawn Munderloh to subdivide a 20-acre tract and obtain a No-Fee Residential Registration Permit for property located in the NE ¼ of the SE ¼ and the North ½ of the SE ¼ for the SE ¼ and Tax Lot 8 in Section 32, Township 20N, Range 6E of the 6th P.M., Dodge County, NE (generally known as 685 County Road 9, Scribner, NE) in zoning district A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jeff Ray told the Board that normally this request would not come before the board of supervisors, but this one has a No-Fee Residential Registration Permit associated with it. He reported that the Dodge County Planning Commission unanimously approved the Lot Split and No-Fee Residential Registration Permits at the meeting yesterday. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously approved the Lot Split application and the No-Fee Residential Registration Permit application and authorized the necessary signatures on both documents.

Agenda items 22b and 22c, which both involved amendments to the Dodge County Zoning Regulations, were tabled until the September 2, 2026 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. Nebraska State Statute 23-164 requires that notice of a public hearing be published in a legal newspaper of general circulation in such county one time at least ten days prior to such hearing to consider amendments to the zoning regulations. Written notice shall also be given to the chairperson of any municipal, county or joint planning commission in the State of Nebraska that has jurisdiction over land within three miles of the property affected by such action. No notice was given in writing to the chairperson of any municipal, county or joint planning commission within three miles of the property affected by the action.

Supervisor Tawney wanted to know if any contact has been made with the members of the Dodge County Planning Commission whose terms expired 5/31/26 (Matt Giesselmann, Brad Fooker and Tom Weitzenkamp). Zoning Administrator Jeff Ray said he contacted all three and got confirmation from two of them that they are interested in serving another 3-year term. Supervisor Tawney asked Mr. Ray to follow up with these Planning Commission members and see what their intentions are. The term of Todd Taylor, who serves on the Board of Adjustment, expires 8/31/26; Supervisor Tawney said he will contact Mr. Taylor and see if he would be interested in serving another 3-year term.

Supervisor Strand said former zoning administrator Jean Andrews wanted to update the zoning regulations and comprehensive plan while she was here, but the estimated cost in approximately 2021 was around \$25,000. Supervisor Strand said he did not want to spend that amount of money for the updates and he asked Mr. Ray how much he thinks it would currently cost to update the county's comprehensive plan and zoning regulations. Mr. Ray said to update both would be at least \$50,000, but he could do a major overhaul, which has not been done since its creation in 1999, for a lot less. He added that he only has a hard copy

of the existing zoning regulations so it would be necessary to create a digital copy of the plan. It would also be a good time to consider the addition of regulations for data centers and wind energy.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that his employees completed the road rehabilitation project from County Road F to County Road C Blvd on County Road 16 (project #666). He said water damaged roads and bridges around Dodge and south of Snyder; he has crews working on this. Beaver dams were torn out and the areas drained; he is hoping this will help the state project going on there. ProSeal will be coming the first part of September to reseal Old Highway 8 with a new product. The panels where the concrete blowouts occurred (because of the heat) have been repaired. In the process of these repairs a collapsed culvert was discovered on County Road 3 north of County Road F. J & R Concrete & Construction will be repairing the culvert and he expects the road to be closed for approximately 2 weeks. Burns and McDonnell's scope of services information has been entered on the state forms for the Morningside Road Improvement project; there will be an amendment to the professional services agreement coming soon that will need Chairman Missel's signature.

At 9:27 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Vice-Chairman Strand dispensed with roll all members being present except for Chairman Missel.

The Board unanimously received and rejected Property Valuation Protest #307 from Joshua Kim for Holiday Inn Express, Fremont, NE that was received August 3, 2026, which is after the filing deadline of June 30, 2026.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding Certification of Final Decision & Order for James M. Brabec, Case No. 24R 0696, Certification of Final Decision & Order for John Palinski, Case No. 24R 0246, Certification of Final Decision & Order for Mary Sue Korus, Case No. 24R 0094, and Certification of Final Decision & Order for Black Heart Investments Case Nos. 24R 0689 – 24R 0695.

At 10:04 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until September 2, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board reconvened and adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, September 2, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk