

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, September 16, 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, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding the acquisition of Cox and its subsidiaries, correspondence from Nebraska SHIP/SMP counselor Mary Loftis regarding 2026 Medicare Open Enrollment dates and dates and locations she will be available to help enrollees, Notice of Public Hearing for the City of Fremont Planning Commission on September 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. for a request by Aaron Paden for a Conditional Use Permit to allow automobile service and sales in LI-Light Industrial District on property generally located at 3010 N. Broad St., Fremont, NE, Notice of Public Hearing for the City of Fremont Planning Commission on September 21, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. for a request by Turner J. Hyland of NEBCO, Inc. & Hills Farm East Lak, LLC for annexation of a parcel of land located in Tax Lot 57 in the SE ¼ of Section 26, Township 17N, Range 8E of the 6th P.M., Dodge County, NE and NIRMA Safety Shorts for September 2026.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 2, 2026 meeting as printed.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 2, 2026 Special Budget 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 66 inmates in custody with 40 of them being held in Washington County, 9 in Platte County, 2 in Thurston County, 9 in Dodge County, 4 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, September 30, 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 \$324,174.29.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$368,028.54.

The Board unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Tyler Technologies, Inc. and Dodge County for use of the web-based database "VetraSpec" by the Dodge County Veterans Service Office and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the MOU.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that the Technology Committee will be meeting on October 7, 2026. Chairman Missel reported that he attended the Northeast Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) meeting last week and Congressman Flood was a surprise guest speaker. He also said NACO Executive Director Jon Cannon provided a legislative update. Supervisor Backens reported that two potential sheriff's deputies are at the academy and they hired one certified applicant; he said the department is still not fully staffed.

A Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the Dodge County Zoning Regulations to add Event Center Venues to the definitions and as a Conditional Use Permit in the A-1, A-2, A-3 and the C-1 Zoning Districts. Chairman Missel said Zoning Administrator Jeff Ray was traveling and not able to attend the meeting. Chairman Missel said Mr. Ray reported that he has received multiple phone calls about where the proper location is for a wedding/event venue in Dodge County. The current regulations do not allow this type of use so this amendment establishes the Event Venue use by way of a Conditional Use Permit to allow each proposed site to be evaluated to mitigate potential impacts on adjacent property owners, county roads and protect existing agricultural operations. He added that there was no public opposition received in writing or at the public hearing held by the Dodge County Planning Commission; the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amendment. Hearing no testimony for or against the amendment, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors adopted and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution approving the amendment.

A Public Hearing was held to consider an amendment to the Dodge County Zoning Regulations to allow for the administrative renewal of previously approved Conditional Use Permits for Bio-Solids application upon the 5-year expiration date when the County Zoning Administrator has not received any notices or violations on said site. Chairman Missel said Mr. Ray reported that he has been approached by Bio-Solids applicators that think the Conditional Use process is time consuming and costly. This amendment to the regulations will allow for an administrative renewal to maintain the intent of the regulations but ease the burden on the applicators and local farmers. Mr. Ray also reported that there was no public opposition received in writing or at the public hearing held by the Dodge County Planning Commission; the Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval of the amendment. Hearing no testimony for or against the amendment, the Dodge County Board of Supervisors adopted and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution approving the amendment.

The Board unanimously received the Application & Certificate for Payment from JMN Construction, LLC for Bridge Rehabilitation on County Road 2, Project C-27 (647B) C002710335 and authorized this first payment of \$134,129.90.

The Board considered a study letter from Highway Superintendent Huppert regarding the request from the Pebble Township Board that the mile of County Road 9 between County Roads F and G be reclassified from a minimum maintenance road to a fully maintained road based on a request from the United States Postal Service for a mail route to a new residence on County Road 9. Highway Superintendent Huppert said the Pebble Township Board discussed this during their June 29, 2026 meeting and voted to reclassify County Road 9 to a

fully maintained road. Superintendent Huppert said, with his assistance, Pebble Township got the road up to standard to be reclassified. The new homeowner will pay for half of the gravel used to bring the road up to standard and Pebble Township will pay for the other half of the gravel. The Dodge County Board of Supervisors unanimously approved reclassifying County Road 9 between County Road F and G from a minimum maintenance road to a fully maintained road and authorized the signatures of the board members on the approval document.

The Board unanimously approved the Sales Agreement with Nebraska Machinery Company (NMC) for a 150-15-AWD Motor Grader DCA and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the agreement. Highway Superintendent Huppert said the warranty on the current 150 Motor Grader has expired and NMC is offering a program where the County will pay interest for the first two years and start making payments after the second year. He said making the interest payments will be cheaper than buying an extended warranty for the current 150 Motor Grader. The County will have the option to pay it off after the interest payments are made for two years.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees have started on Project 668 which is a grading project on County Road 10 between County Road K and M. He has one employee retiring soon and has two new applicants to interview. The abutments and first approaches are done on the CR 2 bridge project; the contractor will need to fix the abutment on the underneath side of the bridge after the top of the bridge is resurfaced. County Road 2 has been milled down up to the bridge approaches and asphalt will be applied in 2 weeks. The environmental study for the railroad crossing project on County Road 6 and Shoreline Drive has been completed and signed off by the railroad. Superintendent Huppert is planning to meet with representatives of the railroad regarding concerns about the alignment of the crossing. The Nebraska Department of Transportation is hoping to fast track the Morningside Road Improvement since Burns and McDonnell have already done a lot of the work that is included in the environmental piece of the project. ProSeal is going to apply their asphalt rejuvenator on County Road 8 but they have been delayed by the rain. Substrata, the company that applied a new soil stabilizer called Perma-Zyme on 2 miles of County Road 19 last fall, is going to redo the application on County Road 19. This application will be at their expense because the product applied last fall failed. Supervisor Bendig asked if there has been a study done on the traffic flow where the new Casey's is going in across the road from Sapp Brothers. Superintendent Huppert said he has discussed his traffic concerns with the City of Fremont but they do not think there will be any issues. He suggested installing a turn lane; the City does not think a turn lane is justified.

The Board unanimously adopted a Resolution setting final allocations of levy for fiscal year 2026/2027 to Fire Districts, Townships, the Agricultural Society and Historical Society. Supervisor Strand read the Resolution for the record.

At 9:51 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 except for Supervisor Backens.

The Board unanimously received the list of 2026 Dodge County Permissive Exemptions (including cemeteries) from County Assessor Marshall and authorized the County Clerk to publish the list in the month of September per Nebraska Statute #77-202.03(5).

At 10:01 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, September 30, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk