# 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, October 14, 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, Utility Installation Agreement with OPPD to install an underground primary election cable west of CR 18 & south of State Hwy 30, as well as crossing under CR Q east of CR 16, Certificate of Liability Insurance for The L.E. Myers Co. and Rightfiber – Great Plains Communications and NIRMA Safety Shorts for October 2026.

The Board, with Supervisor Tawney abstaining since he was not present at the September 30, 2026 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the September 30, 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 55 inmates in custody with 39 of them being held in Washington County, 10 in Platte County, 3 in Dodge County, 2 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 1 at the Lincoln Regional Center.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, October 28, 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 $318,232.45.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of $437,718.21.

The Board unanimously received a letter from Dodge County Treasurer Kristine Winterstein regarding the closure of the Treasurer's Office due to an update of the Motor Vehicle computer system on January 15, 2027. Chairman Missel said the finance committee met to discuss this and decided the office can be closed, but, per the employee handbook, the employees of the Treasurer's Office would be required to take a personal day, vacation day or day without pay since January 15, 2027 is not a holiday. Supervisor Backens asked if there is other work the employees can do during the computer system update and Treasurer Winterstein said the tasks that could be done rely on the Motor Vehicle computer system. Supervisor Bendig said there may be people coming in to pay property taxes and he thinks the office should remain open to serve the public.

The Board unanimously received information from the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) regarding “Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers – 2026 Election” and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Voter Registration as the person casting the ballot for Dodge County for the December 2026 election. Included in the motion, the Board named Vice-Chairman Strand as the alternate designee if Chairman Missel is unable to vote.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2027 Dodge County Courthouse holidays.

The Board unanimously approved the tentative days for Dodge County Board meetings for 2027.

The Board unanimously tabled the acceptance of the Relinquishment Agreement for U.S. Highway 30 – 16.54-mile segment with the State of Nebraska Department of Transportation. The State does not want to have control of when Dodge County cleans out ditches or works on culverts, but the wording on page C5 of 6, 12c – Access Control Changes says the State has the right to review and approve certain changes. Supervisor Tawney said this wording needs to be changed to clarify that Dodge County does not have to go to the State for permitting. The City of North Bend is pushing for this contract to get amended because they are building a new water treatment facility and they need to start the de-watering process; Dodge County will need to clean out ditches in this area to aid the water flow. Superintendent Huppert said he has permission from State officials to dig out the ditches without the relinquishment agreement being signed. Since Superintendent Huppert has this permission, County Attorney Hopkins recommended tabling the acceptance of this agreement until the October 28, 2026 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors; the rewording of the aforementioned section should be done by then.

The Board unanimously approved the Reimbursement Agreement – Preliminary Engineering (PE) Services with Union Pacific Railroad Company and authorized Chairman Missel’s signature on the agreement. Dodge County will reimburse Union Pacific for PE work regarding the conceptualization and development of the project to replace the crossing surface at the railroad crossing at County Road 6 and Shoreline Drive.

The Board unanimously received the Application & Certificate for Payment from JMN Construction, LLC for County Road 2 Bridge Rehabilitation, Project C-27 (647B) and authorized the payment of $151,594.18.

The Board unanimously approved the On-Call Professional Services Task Order Agreement with HDR Engineering, Inc. for Morningside Road Improvement Environmental Services (Project No. DPS-7848(1) and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that employees have completed project 668 on County Road 10 between county roads K and L. They continue to repair and/or replace culverts throughout the county. Asphalt work on the bridge on County Road 2 will start this week; the road is open to traffic. Old Highway 275 into Hooper is closed for the gas company to install gas lines and it will be closed for a while yet since they have had some trouble with installation. ProSeal has applied the asphalt rejuvenator on Old Highway 8; they will return next week to take core samples to see how well the product penetrated the asphalt.

At 9:41 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 9:48 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

Immediately thereafter, the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 10:04 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 10:05 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, October 28, 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 and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding Notice of Appeal for Darling Ingredients Inc., Case No. 26C 0703, Notice of Appeal for Debora D. Volnek, Case Nos. 26A 0307, 26A 0309 & 26A 0326, Notice of Appeal for Tyler J. Dunklau, Case No. 26A 0338, Notice of Appeal for Deerfield Three, LLC, Case No. 26C 0466, Notice of Appeal for Julia Hindmarsh, Case Nos. 26A 0443 – 26A 0447 and 26A 0449, Notice of Appeal for Freemont Mall, LLC, Case No. 26C 0549, Notice of Appeal for RTG-WLG QAICB LLC, Case No. 26C 0331, Notice of Appeal for Carolyn Weiss, Case No. 26A 0385, Notice of Appeal for Dillon Stores, Case No. 26C 0263, Notice of Appeal for Diers Family Farm LTD Partnership, Case Nos. 26A 0386 – 26A 0390, Notice of Appeal for Royal Canin USA Inc, Case Nos. 26C 0433 – 26C 0441, Amended Order for Single Commissioner Hearing and Notice of Hearing for Chase Steele, Case No. 25R 0048, Order for Single Commissioner Hearing and Notice of Hearing for Chase Steele, Case No. 25R 0048, Order for Single Commissioner Hearing and Notice of Hearing for Michael D. Arps, Case No. 25R 0439, Order for Single Commissioner Hearing and Notice of Hearing for Pebley Inc., Case No. 25R 0418, Order for Single Commissioner Hearing and Notice of Hearing for Gary D Pebley, Case Nos. 25R 0419 - No. 25R 0421, Order for Single Commissioner Hearing and Notice of Hearing for James Brabec, Case No. 25R 0148 and Order for Single Commissioner Hearing and Notice of Hearing for Mary Sue Korus, Case No. 25R 0081.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution setting the 2026-2027 Tax Levies for various Political Subdivisions in Dodge County and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Supervisor Strand read the Resolution for the record.

At 10:12 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, October 28, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk