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 28, 2026 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Giesselmann, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Strand. 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 Board of Trustees Minutes for September 14, 2026 meeting, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the twelve months ending June 30, 2026 and 2025, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the one month ending July 31, 2026 and 2025, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the two months ending August 31, 2026 and 2025, Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the three months ending September 30, 2026 and 2025 and Financial Audit FY ending 6/30/2026 all from Fremont Community Health Resources, correspondence from Nebraska State Probation, Sixth Probation District, Patty Lyon, Chief Probation Officer, regarding Probation – Quarterly County Billings 2026/2027 and reimbursement of expenses to Dodge County for the period July 1, 2026 to September 30, 2026 (referred to finance committee), bond documentation for Mark Cuda, Treasurer, Winslow Rural Fire District, Utility Installation Agreement with Maple Creek Poultry, LLC to install geothermal heat pump loop piping under the public right-of-way between Sections 35 and 36, T19N, R5E Road 6 at 1560 ft. and 2021 ft south of Road L, Pleasant Valley Township, Dodge County, NE, Utility Installation Agreement with L6 Poultry, LLC to install geothermal heat pump loop piping under the public right-of-way between Sections 35 and 26, T19N, R5E, Road L at 234.9 ft. west of Road 6, Pleasant Valley Township, Dodge County, NE, Utility Installation Agreement with Stealth Broadband to install a Fiber Optic line with handholes in the public right-of-way on the west side of Oliver St. going south to 5105 Oliver St., T17, R8E, S-2, Dodge County, NE and Certificate of Liability Insurance for Palleton, Inc., Allo Communications, LLC, Control Services, Inc., Midstates Data Transport, LLC and Berggren Architects, PC.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 14, 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 Strand.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 55 inmates in custody with 41 of them being held in Washington County, 8 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 Tuesday, November 10, 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 Strand.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of $329,411.89.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of $951,656.31.

The Board unanimously approved revising the 2027 holiday list removing the half day off on December 23, 2027 to align with the approved Dodge County Employee Handbook.

The Board resumed discussions about amendments to the Hwy 30 Relinquishment Agreement with the State of Nebraska that was tabled at the October 14, 2026 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. Highway Superintendent Huppert said he gave the contract to the County Attorney's Office and he thought County Attorney Hopkins was going to email it to the State with the requested amendments. County Attorney Hopkins did not know she was supposed to be forwarding it to the State. Supervisor Tawney asked what the next steps should be and it was decided that County Attorney Hopkins will email the contract with the amendments to the State. Supervisor Tawney requested that this item be tabled again until the November 10, 2026 meeting.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Tawney reported that he got a call from a Dodge County resident wanting to thank the Board for approving the road work and bridge rehabilitation that has been done on County Road 2 on the west side of Dodge. Chairman Missel reported that he received communication from Seth Mitchell, Executive Director of the Nebraska Pork Producers Association about an event they are hosting today in John C. Fremont Park at 11:30.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the Year-End Certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2026 and passed a motion adopting a Resolution authorizing Chairman Missel to sign the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent form.

The Board unanimously received the Application & Certificate for Payment from JMN Construction, LLC for County Road 2 Bridge Rehabilitation, Project C-27 (647B) and approved the payment of $22,022.66. This will be the last payment for this project except for an overrun of concrete for extensions that Superintendent Huppert approved that will cost approximately $38,000.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that his employees are working to catch up on ditch cleaning since the farmers are getting finished with harvest. The grading crew has moved to County Road 16 between County Roads P and R; they are building up the road to prevent water from pooling. As he stated before, County Road 2 is open and the striping and shoulder work is complete; crews will be seeding there soon. There is a bridge closure on Morningside Road on the hot water ditch east of the water treatment plant. He said it is hard to inspect with the water levels as they are, but they have determined the pilings have rusted through. He is working with the engineer to determine replacement options. Superintendent Huppert would like to put a box culvert here because of the corrosion issue, but there may be too much water flow for that. He would like to go out for bids on this project this fall and get the work done in the spring. He also wants to start the concrete work for the approaches at the railroad crossing on County Road 6 and Shoreline Drive, but there has been a change in the plans that is going to require a meeting.

At 9:21 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 Strand.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding Notice of Appeal for NEBCO, Inc., Case Nos. 26R 0391 & 26R 0392 and Notice of Appeal for Hidden Brook Townhomes, Case Nos. 26R 0471 through 26R 0480.

At 10:01 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Tuesday, November 10, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk