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 Tuesday, November 10, 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 NIRMA announcing Dodge County's annual membership dividend of $11,132 for 2026, Small Business Administration press release announcing the availability of low-interest federal disaster loans to Nebraska businesses, private nonprofits and residents to offset physical and economic losses from the remnants of Hurricane Polo occurring September 30 – October 1, 2026; the declaration covers the Nebraska counties of Dodge, Douglas, Sarpy, Saunders and Washington, as well as Pottawattamie County in Iowa and Certificate of Liability Insurance for Dolezal Sand & Gravel.

The Board, with Supervisor Strand abstaining since he was not present at the October 28, 2026 meeting, approved the minutes of the October 28, 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.

The Board unanimously received the State of Nebraska Jail Standards Inspection Report from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Jail Standards Division. No action was taken.

Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 60 inmates in custody with 50 of them being held in Washington County, 8 in Platte County and 2 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 25, 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 $310,598.69.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of $549,044.67.

The Board, with Supervisor Strand dissenting, accepted the recommendation of the Fremont & Dodge County Convention and Visitors' Bureau (CVB) Advisory Committee to grant $50,000 funding to Elkhorn Valley Trails, Inc. for phase 2 of the trail extension of the public bicycle, walking and jogging trail along the former Fremont Elkhorn Valley Railway (FEVR). Molly Paden, Executive Director of Fremont & Dodge County CVB, was present and

told the Board phase 2 of this project will extend the trail from Highway 77 east of Hooper to Nickerson; construction of this section is projected to be completed in June of 2027.

The Board unanimously approved Chairman Missel's signature on the *Participation Package* for Opioids Settlement with Albertsons. Chairman Missel said the committee that was formed when the first opioid settlements came into the County still meets quarterly to manage the process and determine the best use of these dollars.

Discussion about the amended Hwy 30 Relinquishment Agreement, which was tabled at the October 28, 2026 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors resumed. Supervisor Tawney said the Roads Committee met this morning and they disagree with the State about the wording in the agreement that essentially requires Dodge County to get approval from the State to do any work on old Highway 30 (now known as Platte River Road). There is also a question about whether the wording in the agreement can even be changed. Supervisor Tawney said the Legislature has confirmed that the wording can be changed as long as both parties are in agreement. Highway Superintendent Huppert said he has talked to the Attorney General's Office and it is their opinion that the agreement cannot be changed because it is a Federal standard. He added that it is the State's opinion that Dodge County is responsible for maintaining the road, but the agreement says the State owns and has control of it. He said Dodge County would contact the State if any work is to be done, but he doesn't think the County should have to obtain permits or have engineers do unnecessary work to get the repairs done. It was also pointed out that the State is getting tax money from Dodge County, but they want Dodge County taxpayers to pay for repairs because those repair dollars would come out of the Highway Department's budget. Supervisor Tawney said he will email the Nebraska Department of Transportation and inform them that Dodge County will not sign the agreement but would be willing to attend a Highway Commission meeting to discuss the issue. This matter will be tabled until Highway Superintendent Huppert asks for it to be added to a future agenda.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Tawney said the Extension Office is having their luncheon on January 20, 2027. All Dodge County Supervisors are invited to attend; the Board of Supervisors meeting will be extended to include the luncheon.

Highway Superintendent Huppert reported that his employees have been meeting with area farmers to coordinate installing snow fences throughout the county. He will be conducting a winter storm meeting with his employees which will help get the new employees up to speed on winter weather protocols. The seeding for the County Road 2 milling and overlay project (647) was done yesterday; the last payment approval for this project will be coming soon. Superintendent Huppert is working with the engineers to determine what needs to be done to get the bridge back open on the hot water ditch east of the water treatment plant on Morningside Road. It has been closed for a couple of weeks because the pilings have rusted through. He would like to put a box culvert here but needs input from the engineers to see if that is feasible. He is also working with Speece Lewis engineers on bridge inspections; there are 322 bridges in Dodge County of which 167 will be inspected this year. The four fracture critical bridges in Dodge County are inspected every year; there are two on the Platte River and two on the cutoff ditch. A company out of South Dakota will be coming on Thursday to demonstrate a mill overlay in place process. This company has a machine that will mill the road down 1" to 1 ½" instead of 2 ½" and apply the overlay; this should save money on the grinding part of the process.

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

At 9:48 A.M., the Board reconvened and unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:59 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.

Immediately thereafter, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at 9:00 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization & Review Commission regarding the Notice of Appeal and Order to Show Cause and Notice of Hearing for Gregory H. Charter, Case No. 26C 0228.

At 10:01 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, November 25, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk