

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, March 14, 2018 in the Board Room on the Third Floor of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Saalfeld, Weddle, Strand, Vaughan, George, Beam and Missel. Absent: None. Prior to roll call, Chairman Missel announced the meeting to be an open public meeting and that the current open meeting laws were posted on the wall and available for anyone's review.

The Board unanimously declared the meeting legally convened.

The Board unanimously approved the agenda as printed and received and placed on file various county officials' reports, correspondence on the appointment of Lisa Daniels at Benefit Professionals as our exclusive insurance agent for all lines of coverage for Dodge County and the transfer of listed Agent of Record on all Dodge County Accounts from John Huebert at Benefit Professionals to Lisa Daniels at Benefit Professionals, all retroactive to March 1, 2018, an "Application for Fremont & Dodge County CVB Visitor Improvement Fund" of MainStreet of Fremont for Downtown Christmas Lighting Project in the amount of \$20,000, NIRMA's Safety Shorts for March, correspondence from NDEQ (Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality) regarding incomplete System Registration for Onsite Wastewater Treatment System for a septic tank at 1896 Luther Lane, Hooper, Nebraska on Paul & Sarah Robertson Acreage, correspondence from NDEQ regarding non receipt of a System Registration for Onsite Wastewater Treatment System at 2037 County Road 15 Blvd, Ames, Nebraska on James & Jan Poulas Farm, correspondence from NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) regarding the Leadership Development Seminars in April 2018, Utility Installation Agreement with City of Fremont to install sewer, water, electrical and fiber in Sections 17 & 18, T17N, R9E Johnson Road, 16th Street, County Rd. V, Certificates of Insurance of Elkhorn Township, Union Township and NPL Construction Company for the Fremont Department of Utilities, Moving Permit for Scrib's House Moving to move a 30' x 70' modular home over County Roads S & 7, the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for the 2018 Applied Traffic Paint Striping to be opened April 5, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. in the Dodge County Highway Department Office and a letter of response from Highway Superintendent Huppert regarding the request to place stop signs at County Road 10 and 26.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the February 28, 2018 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, the County Board discussed an issue that began with a letter from Saunders County Corrections Director Brian Stystal and Saunders County Sheriff Kevin Stukeholtz regarding the possibility of handing over the operations of the jail doors to Dodge County. Chairman Missel and Supervisors George and Beam

met yesterday with Saunders County officials to discuss the issue. Supervisor George commented on what he felt to be the biggest concern that may have led to the discussion, the difficulty of staffing by Saunders County and liability issues. Chairman Missel commented no official action would be taken at this time, just wanted others to be aware of possible changes in the near future.

At 9:15 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, March 28, 2018 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 and hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$190,001.04.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$241,955.81.

In one motion, the Board unanimously passed a motion authorizing the Chairman to sign letters appointing Lisa Daniels at Benefit Professionals as the exclusive insurance agent for all lines of coverage for Dodge County and authorizing the transfer of the listed Agent of Record on all Dodge County Accounts from John Huebert at Benefit Professionals to Lisa Daniels at Benefit Professionals, retroactive to March 1, 2018. Chairman Missel commented the change in agent was due to the retirement of Mr. Huebert.

The Board unanimously, with Missel abstaining, passed a motion approving an Application for Fremont & Dodge County CVB Visitor Improvement Fund submitted by MainStreet of Fremont for Downtown Christmas Lighting Project in the amount of \$20,000. Chairman Missel commented the Business Improvement District will be contributing a total of \$60,000 towards the project at a rate of \$12,000 a year over a 5-year period. He also abstained, due to being the ex-chairman of the business district.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for the 2018 Applied Traffic Paint Striping to be opened April 5, 2018 at 11:00 A.M. in the Dodge County Highway Department Office.

The Board unanimously received a study letter from Highway Superintendent Huppert regarding the request to place stop signs at County Road 10 and 26 and passed a motion to adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign a Resolution approving the stop signs until lights and gates are installed.

At 9:40 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss a threat of litigation against Dodge County.

At 9:47 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the threat of litigation. No action was taken or needed as a result of the closed session.

At 9:48 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims for the month of February, 2018.

At 10:00 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the claims. No action was taken or needed as a result of the closed session.

Immediately thereafter, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, March 28, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

At 10:01 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #4880 thru #4882.

At 10:02 A.M., Chairman Missel called for a short recess until scheduled times for two public hearings on 2018 Exemption Applications.

At 10:09 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

At 10:10 A.M., Chairman Missel opened the first Public Hearing on a 2018 Exemption Application (form 451) of Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity on Parcel #270024479 – Lot 6, Blk 2, Fairview Addition, Fremont, Nebraska. With no testimony given for or against the exemption, Chairman Missel closed the hearing and the Board unanimously passed a motion to grant the 2018 exemption to Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity on the parcel and to waive the penalty as assessed by the Assessor, due to the purchase of the property being close to the end of the calendar year.

At 10:13 A.M., Chairman Missel opened the seconded Public Hearing on a 2018 Exemption Application (form 451) of Fremont Area Medical Center/Fremont Health on Parcel #270140063 – Fountain Springs 4th, Lot 1, Fremont, Nebraska. County Assessor Churchill explained the application was not late, just filed on the wrong form. With no testimony given for or against the exemption, Chairman Missel closed the hearing and the Board unanimously passed a motion to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor and to grant the 2018 exemption to Fremont Area Medical Center/Fremont Health on the parcel.

At 10:15 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, March 28, 2018.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk

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