

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 28, 2018 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Saalfeld, Weddle, Strand, Vaughan, Beam and Missel. Absent: George, who was present shortly afterwards at 9:02 A.M. 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, with George abstaining, approved the agenda as printed and received and placed on file a Certification from County Treasurer Dill of Tax Sale Proceedings, County Tax Sale Certificates offered at tax sale that were not purchased and copy of Resolution requesting the County Attorney to proceed to such foreclosure and sale of these properties, Low Income Ministry's Food Pantry Report for the month of February 2018, Fremont Health Board of Trustees Operating Board minutes of their January 22nd meeting and Fremont Health Board of Trustees minutes of their February 5th meeting, copy of Oath of Office of Monte R. Sellon, M.D. & financial statement for month ending January, 2018, Notice to Landowners of condemnation proceedings filed in Dodge County Court by Nebraska Department of Transportation, Condemner vs. Liberty Land & Livestock, etal, Condemnees, correspondence from NDEQ (Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality) regarding onsite registration certificate received for James and Janice Poulas Farm, minutes of the Planning Commission meeting of March 20, 2018, Certificates of Insurance for Logan, Platte and Pleasant Valley Townships, Utility Installation Agreement and Certificate of Insurance for Black Hills Energy to install a gas pipe line at 1985 County Road 15 Blvd. and the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for bids for a used Tandem Axle Chassis & Cab. (Supervisor George abstained on the motion, because he just entered the meeting room.)

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the March 14, 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.

With no items of discussion under Board of Corrections, Chairman Missel adjourned the Board until Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 9:05 A.M.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel reconvened the Board as a Board of Supervisors with all members being present.

The Board unanimously approved the wage and hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$180,083.78.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$334,674.88.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Saalfeld commented on the next Extension Board meeting he would be attending next week on April 3rd. Supervisor Vaughan, the county's representative on the Merit Commission, commented they would be meeting today to start narrowing down the pool of candidates for the next deputy for the Sheriff's Department. He also has been talking with Region 5/6 Emergency Management Director Bill Pook regarding the IPAWS, Integrated Public Alert & Warning System, and they are working on getting all the entities within the region to agree with the system.

Rey Freeman, Consultant with RFCC, LLC, was present to update the entire board on his review of the Proposed Radio System Project. He commented on his findings when reviewing the proposed project, which incorporated a proposal from Motorola. He did agree there was a need for new towers to be built, but recommended 330', not 350' towers, which would be a significant savings since they did not require the more expensive lighting systems. He also recommended propane generators instead of diesel with larger two room buildings at the base of the tower sites to house the generators instead of installing them on the outside of the building. He also asked for the proposal to be cleaned up, requesting more detailed pricing and clarifications on requirements whether the county's responsibility or theirs. Also, Motorola was asked to include in their proposal other less expensive radio equipment that may be suitable for the smaller entities such as the rural fire and rescue departments. He expected a new revised proposal from Motorola sometime next week.

The Board unanimously approved amended specifications changing to a 14-15 liter big block engine for bids for a used Tandem Axle Chassis & Cab and passed a motion approving the request of Highway Superintendent Huppert to advertise for the bids and to have the bids opened at 11:00 A.M., Monday, April 23, 2018 in the Dodge County Highway Department.

Highway Superintendent Huppert updated the County Board on what was happening in the road department. With all the machine maintenance done, they now started cleaning ditches and seeding. He also commented employees were attending training on traffic control.

A Public Hearing was scheduled, but not held on the request of Luke and Chelsea Kardell, aka Chelsea LaCroix of 1712 County Road 16, Ames, Nebraska to subdivide (4) 5-acre lots as a Preliminary Plat located in the SW ¼ of the NW ¼ of Section 27, Township 18 North, Range 7 East in Maple Township, Zoning District A-2, General Ag. Zoning Administrator Andrews commented the applicants have withdrawn their request. She anticipated them coming back with a lot split and conditional use permit.

A Public Hearing was held on the request of James L. & Janice A. Poulas Irrevocable Trust of 2037 County Road 15 Blvd., Ames, Nebraska to subdivide a 6.5-acre parcel and obtain a Conditional Use Permit for an existing dwelling as per Article 20, Section 2, Conditional Uses, Exemptions 3.10 A, located in the East ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 9, Township 17 North, Range 7 East in West Platte Township, Zoning District PR, Platte River Corridor. With no testimony given for or against the request, Chairman Missel closed the hearing. The Board unanimously passed a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and to approve the subdivision and conditional use permit on the 6.5-acre parcel, based on the conditional use conforms to the intent and purpose of the regulations and the use conforms to regulations of the district to which it is located.

At 9:36 A.M., Chairman Missel called for a short recess until the next scheduled public hearing.

At 9:45 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

A Public Hearing was held on the request of Brian Harms of 1350 Brewer Dr., Fremont, Nebraska to subdivide a 5.34-acre parcel and obtain a Conditional Use Permit as per Section 2. Conditional Uses 2.1 located in the W ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 23, Township 18 North, Range 7 East in Maple Township, Zoning District A-2, General Ag. With no testimony given for or against the request, Chairman Missel closed the hearing. The Board unanimously passed a motion to accept the recommendation of the Planning Commission and to approve the subdivision and conditional use permit on the 5.34-acre parcel, based on the conditional use conforms to the intent and purpose of the regulations and the use conforms to the regulations of the district to which it is located.

At 9:47 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 9:00 A.M. and recessed the Board until 10:00 A.M., the scheduled time for the Board of Equalization.

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

The Board unanimously approved tax roll correction #4883 and approved amendments to tax roll correction #4868, which had been approved at the February 14th meeting.

The Board unanimously received and placed on file an Exemption Application (form 451) for 2018 of Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity on Parcels #270005026, #270049539 & #270137133 – Abbotts E74.6' Lot 1, Block 30 (Community Garden), Nye Hawthorne Lot 8, Block 17 (Habitat House) & Sampsons Add'n E1/2 E1/2 SW1/4 Block C (Habitat House), Fremont, Nebraska.

A hearing was then held on the 2018 Exemption Application (form 451) of Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity on Parcels #270005026, #270049539 & #270137133 – Abbotts E74.6' Lot 1, Block 30 (Community Garden), Nye Hawthorne Lot 8, Block 17 (Habitat House) & Sampsons Add'n E1/2 E1/2 SW1/4 Block C (Habitat House), Fremont, Nebraska. County Assessor Churchill remarked the application was not late, just filed on the wrong form. With no testimony for or against the exemption, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the County Assessor and granted the exemption for 2018.

Prior to adjournment, County Assessor Churchill presented some figures as to how much real property increased in value in Dodge County, versus other surrounding counties. Dodge County's increase was 3.75% higher than last year's total valuation reflected on her current abstract. Total values for Ag in the county went down 1.16%, due to a change in a soil type, Commercial up 4.7% and Residential up 10%. She plans to review commercial buildings and rural residential next year, which were not included in the above figures, except for new permits.

At 10:15 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, April 11, 2018.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk