

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., Wednesday, August 29, 2018 in the Board Room 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; received and placed on file Low Income Ministry Food Pantry Report (June & July 2018), letter of correspondence from Charter Communications regarding changes to their channel lineup for customers in the community, 7th Annual Report (August 2018) of Summit Grove, A Pioneer Cemetery established in 1873, certificate of insurance for Berkshire Hathaway Energy Co., including Northern Natural Gas Co., certificate of insurance for M.E. Collins Construction, correspondence from NDEQ (Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality) regarding pumping an onsite wastewater treatment systems at Dan & Sandy Boyd Cabin at 645 S. Ridge Road, Lot #14 and Mike Christensen at Elizabeth Armani Cabin at 645 S. Ridge Road, Lot #45 and correspondence from NDEQ regarding Maple Creek Poultry LLC construction and operating permit issued; and received and referred to the Finance Committee a list from County Treasurer Dill of distress warrants issued on personal property but not collected from November 1, 2017 to August 31, 2018, a request for funding in the 2018/2019 County Budget for Keep Fremont Beautiful in the amount of \$2,000 for the 2018 HHW Collection Event and Certification of Taxable Value and Value Attributable to Growth for Dodge County for tax year 2018.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 15, 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.

The Board unanimously received and placed on file a notice from Nebraska Jail Standards of annual inspection of the Dodge County Holding Facility scheduled for September 12, 2018.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam, Chairman of the Jail Committee, reported 185 people went through the booking facility in the month of July with 102 of the 185 being transported to the Saunders County Jail. The cost of boarding prisoners for the month of July was \$172,408.50.

At 9:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 9:05 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board reconvened 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 \$208,345.85.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$377,828.55.

The Board unanimously received and placed on file correspondence from NACO (Nebraska Association of County Officials) on election of NACO officers for the upcoming year. Chairman Missel remarked there were two positions to be filled on the board.

Martin Casey Jones, President of the Summit Grove Preservation Group, presented the 7th Annual Report (August 2018) of Summit Grove, A Pioneer Cemetery established in 1873. He pointed out the photos in the report were done by Justin Mensik using a drone. The Bryan Mausoleum was filled in and its arch was restored by Rocky Emanuel using 98% of the original structure. He also reported there were stones that needed new basis. Diane Emanuel reported on a website, www.forevermissed.com, she has been working on now available to research those buried at the cemetery. She said there is a chip on the bench located at the cemetery that can be scanned that leads you to the website. Supervisor Beam thought this was something he would like them to share with Ridge and others cemeteries.

Garry Clark, Executive Director of Greater Fremont Development Council, gave a presentation and review of their 2017 Annual Report. He anticipated Fremont to expand its population from 26,000 to 28,000 within the next few years, due to its proposed economic growth referring to two big industries, Costco and Hansen-Mueller. He reported there has been an increase in leads from businesses to locate in Fremont and the Dodge County area with 13 recent community visits. Thanks to the completion of a housing study, a grant for workforce housing funds from the Department of Economic Development was awarded in the amount of \$850,000 to help with housing infrastructures. With donations, the amount has grown to \$1.88 million. The funds are available with low interest rates, are used for building, but have to be returned to GFDC.

The Board unanimously received a request from County Treasurer Dill and authorized her to strike from the tax rolls delinquent personal taxes as listed for years 2008 to 2016. County Treasurer Dill was present and commented these stricken taxes can still be collected.

Committee Report – Chairman Missel commented on a meeting to be held at the PSAP on September 12th at 9:00 A.M. to discuss the Motorola radio project. They will be discussing land acquisitions for the tower placements. He commented he would like Supervisors Strand and Saalfeld to attend and also welcomed Zoning Administrator Andrews.

Jean Andrews commented there will be three openings on the NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) Board of Directors. There is also a self-defense conference scheduled for October 5th and 6th in Kearney at the Holiday Inn Central with a deadline of September 19th to register.

Highway Superintendent Huppert gave a brief review of the road department. He commented on the hiring of two new employees and schooling he will be attending in a couple of weeks to become certified to inspect fractured critical bridges.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized the Chairman to sign an agreement with Dodge County Historical Society to maintain the May Museum.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2018/2019 County Budget as presented by the Finance Committee for the public hearing and passed a motion setting the public hearing for the budget for September 12th at 9:15 A.M. The proposed budget shows a preliminary increase from last year in tax requirements of 26.54% and a 21.77% increase in the levy at .26987 per \$100 of valuation. This proposed levy is still way below the statutory limit of 50 cents per \$100 of valuation.

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

A hearing was held on protest #427 of Ronald L. Kracl, which was received at the last meeting. Mr. Kracl was present and remarked there has been no improvements made to the shed and it is 37 to 38 years old with two doors that will not open. He didn't think he could sell the Morton building for 10% of what the Assessor's office has it valued. The Board unanimously passed a motion to accept the recommendation of the County Assessor and to lower the building valuation on the parcel for a total valuation of \$44,910.

At 10:22 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 12, 2018.

Immediately thereafter, the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

Craig Jones, Managing Director of First National Capital Markets, was present to answer any questions regarding the financing of the radios and communication towers. He commented the sale of the bonds will be offered to local investors for a day or so prior to selling the remainder of them. The Board unanimously passed a motion adopting and authorizing the proper signatures on a resolution and documents from First National Bank, Omaha entering into a lease-purchase agreement to purchase communication equipment, including radios and communication towers not to exceed \$9,700,000 in additional expenses.

At 10:40 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, September 12, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk