

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, September 12, 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 various county officials' reports, minutes of Cotterell Diking & Drainage District's annual meeting held September 10, 2018 announcing their appointment of Lynda Cerny to their Board of Directors, correspondence and map from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) of FIRM (Flood Insurance Rate Map) revised by LOMR (Letter of Map Revision) for City of Scribner and Dodge County, Certificate of Insurance for Dodge County with Caterpillar Financial Services Corp for two multi terrain loaders, correspondence from NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) regarding NIRMA Annual Membership Meeting & Luncheon as well as Nomination/Election of NIRMA Board Members, NIRMA's Safety Shorts for September, Notice of Public Hearing of Cuming County Planning Commission to amend Section of 17.02(1) and 17.03(2)b by adding "and any legally platted subdivision", Notice of Public Hearing held by City of Fremont Planning Commission for the following: Voluntary Annexation of SunRidge Place Second Addition; Approval request for Final Plat of SunRidge Place First Addition; Request by Boschult Engineering for rezoning from SC Suburban Commercial to GC General Commercial for property known as Hawthorn Heights proposed 2nd Addition; Amendments to Chapter 11 of Fremont Municipal Code pertaining to zoning, subdivision and site development regulations; Request by Boschult Engineering for rezoning SC Suburban Commercial to GC General Commercial – Hawthorn Heights 2nd Addition; Amendments to Chapter 11 of Fremont Municipal Code pertaining to zoning, subdivision and site development regulations; and Voluntary Annexation of Morningside Crossing; and Certificate of Insurance for docuLynx Inc.; and received and referred to the County Attorney correspondence from Patrick Cullan M.D., J.D. of Cullan & Cullan, LLC in behalf of their client Deborah Brandon, Special Administrator of the Estate of Jennifer J. Brandon, deceased & Kyle and Karrisssa Rose Kirkwood, withdrawing their tort claim filed on or about January 17, 2018 and a letter from James M. Bruno of Sherrets Bruno & Vogt LLC of Notice of Non-Payment of unpaid debt and the filing of a construction lien for their client, State Group Industrial Ltd., for labor and materials they provided for general contractor Sovde Enterprise, Inc. for Northern Natural Gas Company to install electrical instrumentation tubing at natural gas odorizer facility located at 662 Ridge Road.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the August 29, 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, Supervisor Beam commented the booking facility has averaged five arrests per day in the past ten days. He also commented on the scheduled inspection of the holding facility this morning by jail standards, the first inspection since the county took its operations back which were previously performed by Saunders County. County Attorney Glass commented the primary reason for increase in booking is due to methamphetamines and drugs arrests.

At 9:10 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, September 26, 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 \$233,957.35.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$311,161.45.

At 9:15 A.M., a Public Hearing was held on the proposed 2018/2019 County Budget. Chairman Missel opened the hearing for testimony for or against the proposed budget. Scott Brettmann, a farm manager and real estate agent in Fremont was present to express his concerns on the affect the proposed tax increase would cause for the property owners. He commented the taxes on a million dollar valued 160 acres of farmland would increase by \$3,000, about a \$20 an acre increase in taxes. He recommended the County Board to get behind the state legislature to change the structure of funding government shifting the real estate taxes to more sales tax and income tax, a suggestion he commented was not supported by Governor Ricketts. Supervisor Strand explained the 30% increase which was reported earlier was not all contributed to the county's tax request, only about 10% of the total tax. This would contribute to a 3% increase from last year in the county's tax request. Supervisor George commented the Finance Committee did their homework to try and keep the budget low. With the 18 poultry facilities coming into the county with the Costco development, he remarked that would help valuations. With no further testimony, Chairman Missel closed the public hearing. Comment: For example, the county's 2018 proposed tax request on 160 acres of agland with a taxable value of 1,000,000 would increase by \$500 a year, 5 cents per \$100 of valuation, which figures out to be a \$3.12 per acre increase.

With no amendments to consider to the proposed 2018/2019 County Budget, the Board unanimously passed a motion to surpass the state lids to the County Budget.

In two separate motions, the Board unanimously approved adding the allowable 2.5% plus growth in excess of 2.5% of restricted funds (214,547.87) for carryover to the 2019/2020 County Budget and approved adding the allowable additional 1% of restricted funds (\$85,819.14) requiring a super majority vote. (With these actions, it adds a total of \$300,367.01 in the restricted funds limits in the 2018-2019 Budget, which leaves a restricted funds limit base of \$8,882,282.01.)

The Board unanimously adopted and authorized the proper signatures on a Resolution approving the 2018/2019 County Budget as proposed.

The Board unanimously adopted and authorized the Chairman to sign a Resolution on transfers as outlined in the 2018/2019 County Budget in the amount of \$1,440,000.

A public hearing was then held on the proposed setting of Dodge County's tax request for fiscal year July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019. With no testimony for/or against the proposed tax request, the Board unanimously passed a motion adopting a Resolution setting Dodge County's tax request at \$11,401,866 for fiscal year July 1, 2018 thru June 30, 2019.

Next, the County Board discussed the request of Emergency Manager Thomas Smith to purchase a vehicle off of the State of Nebraska bid specs from Anderson Ford of Lincoln, Nebraska. Supervisor Vaughan explained a pickup was considered that would allow for towing a trailer when needed. The Board unanimously passed a motion to approve Mr. Smith's request to purchase the pickup off of the state bid specs as presented. (The vehicle requesting to be purchased is a 2018 Ford ½ ton 4x4 extended cab, 4 door truck with flex fuel E85 at a cost of \$28,235.)

The Board unanimously passed a motion declaring an emergency existed to act on an a special designated license for a truck rally, because of the timely submission of the application to the State Liquor Control Commission of at least 10 days prior to the event. The County Board's next meeting is scheduled for September 26th which would be too late to submit the request.

In another motion, the Board unanimously passed a motion recommending approval to the State Liquor Control Commission of the Special Designated License of Ken Enterprises, LLD of Bennington Nebraska to serve beer and distilled spirits at a truck rally at 1825 Hoegemeyer Road, Hooper Nebraska on September 28th, 29th and 30th and authorized the Chairman to sign the application. (Serving hours listed on the application are as follows: 09/28/2018 from 5 p.m. until 1 a.m., 09/29/2018 from 12 p.m. until 1 a.m. and on 09/30/2018 from 12 p.m. until 6 p.m.)

Committee Report – Supervisor Vaughan commented he is working with Emergency Manager Thomas Smith on the strategic five-year plan.

Committee Report – Chairman Missel commented Supervisor Strand, Vaughan and Saalfeld will be attending a meeting tomorrow with Consultant Rey Freeman and Motorola personnel at the PSAP regarding the new radio system.

Jean Andrews remarked the deadline to sign up for NIRMA's annual meeting and luncheon scheduled for October 5th in Kearney is September 19th.

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

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #4909 thru #4917.

The Board unanimously received a list of 2018 Dodge County Permissive Exemptions from County Assessor Churchill and authorized the list to be published in the month of September per Nebraska Statute #77-202.03 (5).

At 10:04 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, September 26, 2018.

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

At 10:05 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims for the month of August, 2018.

At 10:28 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.

With no further business, at 10:29 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, September 26, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk