

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, October 10, 2018 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Saalfeld, Strand, Vaughan, Beam, Weddle, George 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' report, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding price adjustments, minutes of the Dodge County Courthouse Safety Committee meeting of September 26, 2018, Property Value Update from NIRMA (Nebraska Intergovernmental Risk Management Association) on the Probation Office located at 2860 W. 23rd Street, Fremont, Nebraska, NIRMA Safety Shorts for October, notices of Public Hearings by the City of Fremont Planning Commission of the following: request for Poultry Complex Final Plat; request for Voluntary Annexation of Lot 7 Poultry Complex, request for Poultry Complex Preliminary Plat and request by Justin Start on behalf of PCCW, Inc. for change of zoning from R Rural to GI General Industrial for Lot 7 Poultry Complex, minutes of the Dodge County Highway Department Safety meeting of September 25, 2018, certificate of insurance for Pebble Township and certificates of insurance from Lyman-Richey Corporation and Magellan Pipeline Company.

The Board, with George and Weddle abstaining, approved the minutes of the September 26, 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 reported an average of 5.3 people per day went through the booking facility the months of July thru September. As of October 8th, 1,300 people were booked in already this year compared to 1,251 for all of last year.

At 9:09 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 9:05 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved the wage and hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$217,223.80.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$288,304.94.

The Board unanimously passed a motion instructing County Treasurer Dill to refund Dodge County's portion of taxes in the amount of \$1,958.74 to Gene Ruzicka, due to a tax roll correction and to refund the amount when all other refunds from other political subdivisions have been received. (The property should have been removed from the tax list, because it was purchased in October of 2017 by the Nebraska Department of Roads and is now tax exempt.)

The Board unanimously received and placed on file a membership certificate from NENEDD (Northeast Nebraska Economic Development District).

The Board received correspondence from Wesley J. Ehlers, Manager of Sequoia Consulting Group, and approved and authorized Chairman Missel to sign a three-year Agreement with Sequoia Consulting Group to provide consulting services to prepare professional central services cost allocation plans at a cost of \$5,140 annually.

Fremont School's Superintendent Mark Shepard and Executive Director of Student Services and Business Affairs Brad Dahl presented and reviewed financial data for their school. Mr. Shepard commented they have balanced their budget the past five years using no reserves. Mr. Dahl reviewed their revenue sources which are funded from property taxes and state aid. The state aid formula is based on a school district's needs less their resources. Mr. Shepard commented the state doesn't have the money to support their formula; thus shifting the burden to property taxes. A chart of the Fremont School's last 10 years of valuation showed an average growth of just 2.86% a year. This year's increase in valuation in the school district showed a significant increase of 8.16% from last year. Their statistics showed Fremont Public Schools ranking 16th out of 245 school districts in Nebraska in per-pupil spending of \$10,852, only 15 districts spend less per-pupil. The current levy and expenditure limitation in state statute does not allow for their school district to spend the state average of \$12,230 per-pupil.

At 9:58 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss the 2018 Security Assessment prepared by Terry Baxter, NIRMA Law Enforcement and Safety Specialist. Mr. Baxter, Jean Andrews and Attorney Oliver Glass were present with the County Board in the closed session.

At 10:30 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the assessment. No action was taken as a result of the closed session. Chairman Missel announced the Security and Safety Committees will meet at a future date to continue discussion of the assessment and report back a recommendation.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to approve a proposal from Speece Lewis Engineers to provide construction engineering for Bridge Projects C-002702125

and authorized the Chairman to sign the engineering agreement with Speece Lewis Engineers. Highway Superintendent Huppert commented this is a fractured critical bridge on County Road 11 between Roads L & M.

Highway Superintendent Huppert reported on projects of his road and bridge crew. With the rain, they have been working on signage, stock piling rock and hauling asphalt for patching and pot holes. He has contacted the townships about their gravel needs, because he does not want gravel applied to roads any later than October.

Committee Report – Chairman Missel reported that at 1:00 P.M. tomorrow there will be a phone conference regarding the new radio project with Project Manager Rey Freeman.

At 10:42 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 received and placed on file changes to the 2018 final levy sheets for various political subdivisions of Dodge County as presented by County Clerk Mytty.

At 10:45 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

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

At 10:46 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims for the month of September, 2018.

At 10:50 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the claims. No action was taken as a result of the closed session. (Supervisor Strand was not present in the closed session and for the motion to go back into open session, but returned to the meeting room shortly afterwards.)

At 10:51 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, October 24, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk