

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 2, 2024 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Weddle. Prior to roll call Chairman Missel announced the meeting to be an open public meeting and that the current open meeting laws are 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 county officials' reports, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding the implementation of all-in pricing for new video customers, Public Meeting Invite for Maple Creek Watershed Plan on October 9, 2024, 4:30pm, Nickerson Fire Hall, Certificates of Insurance for Kohl Construction Inc., LaPointe Utilities, Inc., DBA: R & R Companies, LLC, Sawyer Construction, Inc. and The L.E. Myers Co., Notice of Cancellation of Certificate of Insurance for Cedar Valley Corp., LLC, Minutes of the September 17, 2024 Planning Commission Meeting, Utility Installation Agreement with WesTel Systems to bury a fiber optic cable in Section 17, T18N, R8E Nickerson Township, Highway Department Safety Committee Meeting Minutes of September 19, 2024 and Moving Permit for Midstates Trucking Inc. to move an Asphalt Mill over County Road 14 Blvd. from Old Lincoln Hwy. to US 30 west to Hwy. 79 and then south.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the September 18, 2024 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 except for Supervisor Weddle.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 43 inmates in custody with 35 of them being held in Saunders County, 6 in Washington County and 2 in the Lincoln Regional Center. In the month of September 121 inmates were booked into custody.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:05 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$300,891.71.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$973,550.14.

The Board unanimously received Dodge County's Countywide Cost Allocation Plan from WJE Consulting LLC based on actual costs for fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 and Indirect Cost Rate Computations for July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 fiscal year and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Certificate of Cost Allocation Plan.

Committee Reports - Supervisor Bendig reported that Applied Connective is installing the new server. The Clerk's Office has been done and the Treasurer's Office is in progress. The grant applications for the server and more technology to monitor for cyber-attacks have been approved; Supervisor Bendig wrote the grant applications for these. It was reported that the rooms for the NACO Conference in December have been reserved; board members need to register themselves for the conference on the NACO website.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors accepting the Dodge County Highway Department's 2024-2025 Road Fund Budget Forms and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Chairman Missel read the Resolution for the record.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors authorizing RVR Bank to finance the 2025 Caterpillar 140AWD motor grader and designating Chairman Missel as the person authorized to sign the loan papers. In the same motion, the Board authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Supervisor Tawney read the Resolution for the record. Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews said three equal annual payments will begin in 2025.

The Board unanimously received a letter from the Dodge Volunteer Fire Department and Pleasant Valley Township showing their support for the request to add stop signs at the intersection of County Roads L and 3. In the same motion the Board authorized sending the Pleasant Valley Township Board a notice that a four-way stop will be installed at this intersection unless the township responds by letter that they do not want a four-way stop there. Highway Superintendent Huppert and the Board discussed the pros and cons of adding the four-way stop. It was agreed that motorists still might not stop at the intersection and that this would not be a popular alternative. There are many intersections throughout the county with a history of accidents over the years, but no stop signs have been requested at any of these intersections; no precedence exists for this situation.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that project 659 (correction of a hill with sugar sand) is complete. Ditch cleanouts for the FEMA projects as a result of the weather events in May & June will continue for the next couple of months. Employees installed riprap around a couple of bridges on the Maple Creek, which is another FEMA project. Employees are also cleaning out field entrances for farmers. Sawyer Construction is finishing F Road; they will be seeding today and will open it up late tonight or tomorrow until the paint stripers come in a couple of weeks. Milling on Old Hwy 275 is going on today and tomorrow; the asphalt machine will be here by tomorrow and they will begin to asphalt it on Friday. The goal is to be done by the end of next week. The main road asphalt is complete on Platte River Road, but the intersections still have to be finished. The bridge on the cutoff is done, but the bridge on County Road 13 will probably not get done this year since it is a complete bridge replacement. Superintendent Huppert said he will be working on bridge inspections over the next three months. Supervisor Tawney thanked Superintendent Huppert for handling a lot of phone calls from him and residents lately regarding plugged culverts, ditch cleanouts, the new highway and tree removal/trimming. He added that a lot is getting done and the work the county has done looks good.

At 9:45 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Kirk & Jeanne Brand of 2190 Rosedale Road, Fremont, NE 68025 to subdivide a 5.308-acre tract and to obtain a No-Fee Residential Registration for an existing dwelling as per Article 14, Section 1. Permitted Principal Uses Section 1.3 located in Part of SE ¼ NE ¼ Section 27,

Township 18 North, Range 8 East in Nickerson Township, Zoning District A-3, Transitional Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of the No-Fee Residential Registration. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the No-Fee Residential Registration.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reminded the Board that they have until October 11th to register for the NIRMA Annual Conference to be held on October 24th and 25th.

At 9:49 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

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 on any of the claims as a result of the closed session.

At 10:01 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Weddle.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins correspondence from the Nebraska Tax Equalization and Review Commission (TERC) regarding the Notice of Appeal for Dennis & Helen Einspahr Trust, Case No. 24R 0572, Notice of Appeal for Dennis & Helen Einspahr Trust, Case No. 24R 0573, Notice of Appeal for Dennis & Helen Einspahr Trust, Case No. 24R 0575 and Notice of Appeal for Dennis & Helen Einspahr Trust, Case No. 24R 0576.

The Board unanimously received and referred to County Attorney Hopkins the Motion to Consolidate for Fremont Northside Townhomes II LLC, Case Nos. 24R 0309, 24R 0310 & 24R 0311. Consolidation of these cases was requested because they are all part of the same rent-restricted housing project and they all relate to the same property in Dodge County but have different parcel numbers.

The Board unanimously approved the late filed Homestead Exemption Application for Donald & Phyllis Holt, 1817 N. H Street, Fremont, NE and authorized Chairman Missel's signature on the Notice of Rejection of Homestead Exemption (Form 458R) showing the approval. The application was approved because the requesters sent a letter of explanation, including a Physician's Certification for Late Homestead Exemption Filing (Form 458L), and this is the first time they filed late.

At 10:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, October 16, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk