

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, July 13, 2022 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: None. 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 Douglas J. Peterson, Attorney General of Nebraska regarding Opioid Litigation Settlement Payment Notices, Dodge County Courthouse Safety Committee Minutes from the June 29, 2022 meeting, Notice of Public Hearing for the Fremont City Council on July 12, 2022 at 7:00 P.M. for a request by Brian Wiese to approve a Final Plat for the Copperhead Subdivision consisting of 19 lots and an outlot as well as a request for Voluntary Annexation of approximately 16.4 acres generally located at northwest corner of Business Park Drive and West Military Ave., NIRMA Safety Shorts, Certificates of Insurance for Anchor Trucking Service, Inc. Graham Construction, Inc. and Turnkey Holdings, Inc., Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over 275, Morningside Road, old Highway 275, E. Cloverly Road to Wholestone Foods and return between July 1 and July 5, 2022, Utility Installation Agreement for OPPD to install an overhead and underground electric distribution line in SE COR Section 28, T19N, R8E to NE COR Section 22, T19N, R8E and Utility Installation Agreement for OPPD to install an overhead and underground electric distribution line in NW COR Section 5, T19N, R8E to N ¼ COR SEC 12 T19N, R7E.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the June 29, 2022 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 that the average daily inmate county is 61. Currently there are 68 inmates in custody with 61 in Saunders County, 2 under house arrest, 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 2 at the Lincoln Regional Center.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, July 27, 2022 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 & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$253,126.90.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$315,232.68.

With respect to the Correspondence from Douglas J. Peterson, Attorney General of Nebraska regarding Opioid Litigation Settlement Payment Notices, Supervisor Bendig asked if those funds would be earmarked for a specific purpose. Chairman Missel said they would have to go towards programs that address addiction.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Visitors Promotion Committee and appointed Stephen Dorsey (Rodeway Inn) to the Convention & Visitors Promotion Committee to finish Molly Paden's term that expires December 31, 2022 and a four-year term beginning 1/1/2023 thru 12/31/26.

The Board unanimously approved the Interlocal Agreement with Administrative Office of the Courts and Probation regarding District 6 Adult Drug Court and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. District 6 Adult Drug Court Coordinator Brandon Jerred was present and told the Board that the drug court employees work for Probation, but they have a separate budget. This interlocal agreement, which is renewed every three years, states that Probation will continue to provide personnel for the District Six Adult Drug Court.

The Board tabled the closed session to discuss terms of a proposed settlement until the next meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors on July 27, 2022.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Beam reported that the Historical Society wanted him to thank the Board for the funds they receive from Dodge County. He said one of the big projects they used the funding for was to remove the old carpet that still had asbestos. Those floors have been restored to the original pine. Another project they used funding for was the stained glass in the vestibule; the glass matches now. Supervisor Beam also reported that he attended a meeting facilitated by Mary Loftis, University of Nebraska Extension, regarding Medicare. This is part of the State Health Insurance Assistance Program (SHIP) which Dodge County provides funding for. He said the meeting was well attended and very informative. Supervisor Strand reported that the Schneider Street warehouse is progressing nicely and they hope to move some tenants in the first week of August. Supervisor Backens reported that he drove around to all four tower sites for the new radio system yesterday. He said there needs to be some maintenance done, specifically weed control and laying down some rock; this work will be coordinated with the Roads Department. County Clerk Mytty reported that he met with the School Districts in Dodge County on Monday regarding LB644, the postcard bill. All of the districts think their property tax requests will exceed 2% of the lid plus growth. A public hearing will be held on July 27, 2022 at the Educational Service Unit #2 (ESU 2) at 2320 N. Colorado Ave., Fremont, NE. County Clerk Mytty or his designee will moderate the meeting, and keep a list of attendees.

Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that she participated in a Title VI ADA Zoom seminar yesterday. She will add this subject to the July 27, 2022 Dodge County Board of Supervisors meeting to obtain signatures on the policy; the deadline to send it to the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) is July 31, 2022.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution as presented of Final Acceptance of Project Construction for the NDOR Project ER-3490 (13) Hooper North – Logan Creek, Control Number 22792 and authorized the signatures of the County Board.

The Board unanimously authorized the Dodge County Road & Bridge Committee to send a letter to a property owner requesting them to allow Dodge County to trim trees along West Military Road just west of County Road 19 for the safety of the traveling public. Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert said he has fielded numerous calls from citizens reporting the inability to see because of the trees. The State of Nebraska owns this ground; it is part of the Fremont Lakes State Recreational Area. If the State does not give Dodge County permission to trim the trees, they will be given 60 days to do the job themselves. Superintendent Huppert said the committee is also looking into placing two red flashing lights at this intersection. He plans to ask ADM to help pay for the flashing lights.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported on current projects the highway department is working on. Everett Township requested help with maintenance on the Hoegemeyer curves because of water settling; his employees have completed this project. On County Road Q between County Roads 19 & 20, they will be redoing a 2 ½ mile stretch due to the heavy truck traffic. Sawyer Construction is providing clay for this project. The ditch cleanout project on County Road T near North Bend should be done this week. The Scribner/Elkhorn Riverbank Stabilization Project bids are due July 19, 2022. Contractors will have the option to bid their own rip/rap or use the rip/rap Dodge County has, which would decrease Dodge County's cost on this project. Superintendent Huppert is meeting with Cedar Valley about the paving project on the Highway 30 By-Pass. Paving is to begin this week and they will be using county roads. Graham Construction continues work on the Highway 275 By-Pass and the dirt crew has done a great job of keeping the dust down and accommodating the neighbors. The Yager Road project is ready for Graham (the concrete contractor) to start paving. Cedar Valley is the contractor for the paving of T Road to the west; they will begin the week of July 25, 2022. Superintendent Huppert has been coordinating with Burlington Northern Railroad and the City of Fremont to establish a detour around the work.

At 9:41 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:51 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 9:52, the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, July 27, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

A short recess was taken at this time.

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

The Board unanimously approved a waiver of the deadline of 2022 application for homestead exemption according to statute 77-3512 for Dale A. Brant, 240 E. 7th St., North Bend, NE

The Board unanimously received a 2022 Personal Property & Penalty Protest form from Gary & Gretchen Odgen, 2831 E. 16th St., Fremont, NE and passed a motion upholding the 25% penalty as assessed by the Assessor, due to multiple efforts by staff of the assessor's office reminding them to file their Personal Property Tax Return.

The Board unanimously received a 2022 Personal Property & Penalty Protest form from Jim West, 2310 E. 23rd St., Fremont, NE and passed a motion upholding the 25% penalty as assessed by the Assessor, due to his Personal Property Tax Return being filed late in 2020 as well.

The Board unanimously received 2022 Valuation Protests #128 through #278.

The Board unanimously received July 13, 2022 Board Notices from County Assessor Churchill of her request for changes to valuations of parcels for 2022 and passed a motion approving and authorizing the County Clerk to mail the notices to the owners of the properties.

At 10:17 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, July 13, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk