

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 9:01 A.M., on Wednesday, November 2, 2022 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Strand. 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, Officials Bond Continuation Certificate for Mark Cuda, Treasurer, Winslow Rural Fire District, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding a change in channel lineup, Staff Report on PSAP matters and Moving Permit and Certificate of Insurance for Palleton of Fremont to move a flatbed trailer with Wooden Crates over County Roads – E. Cloverly Rd., Morningside Road to U.S. 275 to Omaha.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the October 19, 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 except for Supervisor Strand.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 69 inmates in custody. In the month of October, the daily average inmate count was 67.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 16, 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 except for Supervisor Strand.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$266,436.97.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$455,616.09.

The Board unanimously approved the request for Special Designated License for ANDGO LLC DBA: The Woodcliff Restaurant to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits at a Chamber After Hours event to be held at First State Bank of Fremont, 1005 E. 23rd St., Fremont, Nebraska on December 6, 2022 from 4:00 P.M. until 6:00 P.M. and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the request. Subsequent discussions determined that since the event is going to be held at First State Bank in Fremont, that the request should be

processed by the City of Fremont, not Dodge County. The county clerk's office will forward this information to the Fremont City Clerk.

The Board unanimously approved the service agreement for DR4420-0019 Elkhorn Township Drainage Improvement Project between JEO Consulting Group and Dodge County for professional services and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement. Emergency Manager Tom Smith told the board that this amendment details the complexities of the project and does not change any of the dollar amounts originally agreed upon.

The Board unanimously approved the agreement for professional services for EMK-2020-BR-13-NE-0015 BRIC West Fremont Scoping Project between JEO Consulting Group and Dodge County and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement.

Emergency Manager Tom Smith reported that all of the hazard mitigation projects have been approved. Last week he received the approved agreement for homeowners residential construction projects; kick-off meetings for residents will be held regarding these projects. On November 15 at 4:30 p.m. there will be a Joint Water Management Advisory Board meeting to discuss the Rawhide Creek watershed project in detail as well as an overview of all water management projects. Following at 5:30 will be a public board meeting with the Elkhorn drainage project on the agenda. Both meetings will be held in the City of Fremont Council Chambers. Mr. Smith also reported that the river monitoring project is nearing completion. The final inspections on the stream gauges for the river monitoring project were completed last week including a final check of coordinates.

The Board unanimously approved the Independent Contractor Agreement with PS Rad Com, LLC to provide radio administrator services for the public safety radio system and E-Verify Agreement with PS Rad Com, LLC and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreements.

Shelly Holzerland, Communications Director for Fremont/Dodge County 911, was present and reported that they are in the process of moving the 911 system from a local copper wire system to the state emergency services IP network. This will link all of the 911 systems in the state together, which will facilitate call transfers, improve location information and allow 911 centers to answer calls for one another. Tom Christensen, administrator for the public safety radio system, was also present and reported that all law enforcement in Dodge County is on the new system. Once the paging system is configured, fire departments will be added to the public safety radio system. He also reported that tests were performed to confirm 99% coverage in the county; the results exceeded expectations. Supervisor Weddle asked where the 1% of noncoverage is in Dodge County. Mr. Christensen said the locations that have no coverage are random throughout the county and they will continue to work towards 100% coverage.

Zoning Administrator, Jean Andrews reported that the dividend (\$9,420) Dodge County received from NIRMA was based on the premium that was paid on July 1, 2022. 64% of that dividend is deposited into the General Fund. She also reported that the ASSIST Grant applications were due to NIRMA by November 1, 2022. Emergency

Manager Smith applied for some grants through this program as well as Weed Superintendent Larry Klahn, who submitted a grant application for a gas powered post hole driver.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation regarding the year-end certification of County Highway Superintendent for 2022 and passed a motion adopting a Resolution authorizing Chairman Missel to sign the Year-End Certification of the County Highway Superintendent form.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that his employees are still doing culvert installations and have started putting up snow fence; there is a "snow meeting" tomorrow for the Roads employees. The grading work on County Road 21 off of 275 is complete. Regarding the Yager Road project, a layer of asphalt or a similar material was uncovered after removing 8" of gravel and dirt. The contractor wanted to leave the asphalt, but Superintendent Huppert wanted the asphalt removed to avoid future issues. The ground will be prepared during the rest of this week and paving could begin next Tuesday. Regarding the Highway 275 project at Scribner, County Road F is currently shut down so the dike can be rebuilt. All intersections on the Highway 30 By-pass are open with the exception of County Road 20 and Ridge Road (CR 21). Superintendent Huppert has agreed to take care of the snow removal on Ridge Road; it's technically the State's responsibility, but County equipment can maneuver that stretch of road easier than the State's equipment. The State is still using Morningside Road as a detour while they work on the on and off ramps from the Highway 77 By-pass to the new 275. This is preventing the County from getting in there to grade it. The contractor is laying rip rap for the Scribner/Elkhorn River Bank stabilization project. Superintendent Huppert has been working with engineers on bridge repairs that need to be done. The 2022 pick-up trucks on order still have not come in; other options may need to be explored to obtain some vehicles to replace older ones with many miles and mechanical issues.

At 9:33 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss a purchase agreement for property for an election office.

At 9:41 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of a purchase agreement for property for an election office. As a result of the closed session, the Board unanimously approved the purchase agreement based on a recommendation from the property committee and authorized the necessary signatures on the agreement.

At 9:45 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 9:00 A.M.

A brief 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 tax roll correction #5472.

The Board unanimously approved an amendment of levies concerning a portion of Fremont Public Schools in Saunders County. County Clerk Mytty also said Pender Schools are back in Pathways 2 Tomorrow and the levy was calculated correctly with the increased valuation.

At 10:07 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk