

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, June 14, 2023 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel, Tawney and Bendig. Absent: Beam. 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 changes in channel lineup, proceedings of the Fremont Municipal Port Authority's May 24, 2023 meeting, Certificate of Insurance for Scrib's House Moving Inc., Certificate of Insurance for a new 2023 John Deere Tractor with Platte Valley Equipment LLC of Fremont as Certificate Holder, Landowner Notification from Northern Natural Gas Co. regarding an HCA Pressure Test and Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a truck & trailer crane over county roads on May 31, 2023.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the May 31, 2023 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 Beam.

Under any items of discussion, there was no report from the Corrections Department or the County Attorney's Office.

At 9:05 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, June 28, 2023 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 Beam.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$279,661.69.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$1,056,131.88.

The Board unanimously approved and authorized signatures for renewal of a Work/Financial Plan with the United States Department of Agriculture Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services (APHIS-WS) for expenses not to exceed \$16,184.16 for the period July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Scot Rosendahl, Wildlife Specialist with APHIS-WS, was present and told the Board that this year he has been called in for technical assistance to remove badgers. He does this by controlling the presence of ground squirrels. He continues to deal with the turkey vulture nuisance at

the airport; there are 6 turkey vultures, which is down from 20-30 when Mr. Rosendahl started. He is in maintenance mode for controlling the pigeon population in Fremont. He also helps the city control the beaver population in the ditch system surrounding Fremont.

The Board unanimously received bids for roof repair on the building at 92 West 5th Street (future location of the Dodge County Election Office), awarded the contract to A & M Commercial Roofing and M S Roof Repairs in the amount of \$38,915.00 and authorized Supervisor Strand to sign the contract. M S Roof Repairs is phasing out their business and A & M Commercial Roofing is acquiring their customers. The 15 year warranty will be carried by A & M Commercial Roofing and they will perform any warranty work that needs to be done. This is an American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded project.

The Board unanimously received and accepted the recommendation of Nathen Cummings, Commander, VFW Post #8223 and approved the reappointment of Brad Martindale to the Dodge County Veterans Service Committee for a 5-year term expiring on June 30, 2028. In a separate motion, the Board unanimously received correspondence from Brad Martindale stating he would like to continue serving on the Dodge County Veterans Service Committee.

The Board unanimously received NIRMA correspondence regarding the 2023-2024 workers' compensation and general liability premium (which increased 35.22%) that is due by June 30, 2023 and authorized the payment of the premium.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Bendig reported that the Information Technology Committee will be meeting tomorrow to work on the Request for Proposal (RFP) for Wi-Fi, phone and cabling for the courthouse. Supervisor Tawney reported that since the new Highway 30 bypass will be opening soon, there are signage issues with Old Highway 30. Dodge County will have to rename Old Highway 30. The Roads Committee will make a recommendation for the name change and will draft a resolution for adoption of the name change that will be presented at the June 28, 2023 board meeting. Chairman Missel reported that there will be a Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition meeting tonight at 5:00p.m. at Fremont City Hall. Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews reported that the Roads Department will be getting the second new truck today.

The Board unanimously acknowledged that no bids were received or opened June 12, 2023 for 2023-2024 Crushed Limestone Road Rock and authorized Highway Superintendent Huppert to use any supplier of this product at his discretion.

The Board unanimously received bids opened for 2023-2024 Road Gravel, accepted all bids and authorized using the lowest bid when possible. Assistant Highway Superintendent Jean Andrews told the Board that the average cost last year was \$23.61/ton and this year it is \$24.77/ton.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported the Morningside Road project could be done as early as the end of this week. In some places the road was raised using dirt that came from County Road 26, south of Old Highway 8 that was the result of some ditch cleaning. Employees are out mowing & weed trimming around guard rails on

hard surface roads and around bridges and signs. He is trying to keep up with the number of employees he currently has; he is planning to hire more help. There are issues with the contractor for the Yager Road project that Superintendent Huppert will be consulting with the Roads Committee about. He will be meeting with Cedar Valley Paving to establish a start date for the paving project on County Road 18. One utility pole will have to be moved by OPPD before the paving starts, the others can be moved later. Superintendent Huppert continues to work on acquiring all of the right-of-way for the box culvert project on County Road F. He spoke with A & R Construction, the contractor for this project and their projected start date is August 2023. He will be discussing the new signage for Old Highway 30 with the State today. There will be resolutions presented to the Board over the next few months that will have to be adopted to change stop signs and road descriptions. The weeds around the radio towers have been sprayed and will be trimmed if necessary.

At 9:34 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims and the appeal of the denial of three-time max in a calendar year for general assistance to a client.

At 9:49 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the claims and appeal. No action was taken on any of the claims.

The Board unanimously authorized extending 3 more months of assistance to the client appealing the denial of three-time max in a calendar year for general assistance. This assistance will be at the discretion of the General Assistance Administrator.

The Board unanimously received and authorized funding of \$2,000 in the 2023-2024 Budget for the Keep Fremont Beautiful October 2023 Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event.

The Board unanimously approved the request for a Special Designated License from La Hacienda Mexican Restaurant LLC to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits at a Class Reunion to be held at the Fremont SRA Group Lodge at 5350 State Lakes Road, Fremont, Nebraska from 5:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M. on June 24, 2023.

At 9:53 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved tax roll correction #5609.

The Board unanimously received 2023 Property Valuation Protests #1 through #19.

The Board unanimously received June 14, 2023 Board Notices from County Assessor Churchill of her request for changes to valuations of parcels for 2023 and passed a motion approving and authorizing the County Clerk to mail notices to the owners of the properties.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from County Treasurer Bargstadt regarding Wholestone Farms LLC Tax Roll Corrections #5596 (2022 Tax Year Penalty & District Change), #5602 (2021 Tax Year District Change) and #5601 (2020 Tax Year District Change).

At 10:05 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request from St. Patrick's Church, parcel ID No. 270138816, Lot 7, Block 2, Brentwood Park Sixth Addition to the City of Fremont, Dodge County, NE for tax exemption on real and personal property (Form 451) for tax year 2023. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, Chairman Missel closed the public hearing. The Board unanimously accepted Assessor Churchill's recommendation, approved the exemption and instructed Assessor Churchill to process the application.

At 10:11 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Board of Equalization until Wednesday, June 28, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk