

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 19, 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, revised, signed Compliance Statement from Northeast Nebraska Community Action Partnership (NENCAP) for receipt of ARPA funding, list from County Treasurer Bargstadt of distress warrants issued on personal property but not collected, correspondence from Vertical Cold Storage regarding termination of the Economic Opportunity Program Agreement dated June 2, 2021, correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Transportation clarifying its position regarding the Economic Opportunity Program Agreement between the State and Dodge County in light of the developments with Vertical Cold Storage, Landowner Notification from Northern Natural Gas regarding construction activities in Dodge County, Certificates of Insurance for Murphy Tower Service, LLC and Control Services Inc., NIRMA Safety Shorts for October 2022, revised Certificate of Insurance for The L.E. Myers Co., Certificate of Insurance for Scrib's House Moving, Inc., (2) Moving Permits for Scrib's House Moving, Inc. to move 2 houses over county roads on October 12, 2022 and Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads on October 14, 2022.

The Board, with Chairman Missel abstaining since he was not present at the October 5, 2022 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the October 5, 2022 meeting.

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 daily average count of inmates in custody is 68. Currently there are 70 inmates in custody.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, November 2, 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 \$268,820.76.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$641,477.05.

The Board unanimously approved the tentative days for Dodge County Board meetings for 2023.

The Board unanimously approved the proposed 2023 Dodge County Courthouse Holidays.

The Board unanimously received information from the Nebraska Association of County Officials (NACO) regarding "Election Procedures for Voting for NACO Officers" and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the Voter Registration as the person casting the ballot for Dodge County for the December 2022 election. Included in the motion, the Board named Supervisor Strand as the alternate designee if Chairman Missel is unable to vote.

The Board unanimously approved an addition to the Dodge County Employee Handbook that will expand the Technical section to address use of the internet and social media, mobile device security, password guidelines and electronic equipment disposal. Supervisor Beam said under the heading "Use of Social Networking Websites on County Equipment or During Work Hours" the first sentence should read *Employees are prohibited from using or accessing personal social networking sites on County equipment*. The word "personal" was left off of the draft that was reviewed by the Board.

The Board unanimously approved the addition of the "Employee Longevity Earnings" (approved on 6/15/22, effective 7/1/22) on page 18 of the Dodge County Employee Handbook.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Backens reported that the radio system is nearing completion and end users are being trained. Supervisor Bendig asked what the projected live date for this is. Supervisor Backens said possibly the end of November. Currently there are users that have connectivity because they can access the tower in Washington County. Chairman Missel reported that he and Supervisor Beam will be attending the NIRMA Self-defense Conference in Kearney on Thursday and Friday of this week. Supervisor Backens reported that he and Supervisor Bendig attended the Dodge County Extension Office luncheon. He said it was informative and gave them good insight as to what activities are offered by the extension service. Supervisor Bendig added that they expressed their appreciation for the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding they received.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert updated the Board on current projects. Employees are doing some grading and redoing a road for Hooper Township. All bridge inspections have been completed (140 this year); there are two bridges that he lowered the rating to 4 which sends a red flag to the state. One of those bridges has already been stabilized and should be functional for the next few years. Superintendent Huppert said he would like to get the bridges with lower ratings in on a bridge match program that would help fund repairs. He also reported that he recently attended a class for bridge inspectors; he passed the class and renewed his certification. Employees are installing culverts and extensions for farmers. The Yager Road project was shut down because of back ordered culverts. The culvert work is being completed today. Graham Construction will be working on grading and building the road base the remainder of the week and will bring in the machines to lay the concrete next week. Pruss Excavation Co. will begin the Elkhorn River Streambank Repair project at Scribner next week. On the By-pass 275 project in Scribner, County Road F is closed and will be for

approximately 3 weeks; they are building a road over the dike. When this is complete, County Road 13 will be closed, which will hopefully be after the farmers are done with harvest. On the By-pass 30 project, more crossings have been closed to lay concrete at the intersections. The State wants Dodge County to take care of snow removal on Ridge Road in front of the houses. Superintendent Huppert said the contract says as long as there is still construction going on there, the State is still responsible for snow removal. On the By-pass 77 Southeast Beltway project, the northeast exit ramp off new Highway 275 at old Highway 8 will hopefully be open next week. Regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funded projects, Superintendent Huppert said he has the construction and right-of-way plans for County Road 18 and County Road F and they are trying to determine when contractors can start on the Winslow bridge.

The Board unanimously approved referring to the county attorney, for their review, an Electronic Government Service Level Agreement with Nebraska Interactive, LLC dba NIC Nebraska and Nebraska State Records Board (NSRB) regarding electronic services provided to Dodge County to process online and in office electronic payments.

At 9:34 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, November 2, 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 adopted a Resolution setting the 2022-2023 Tax Levies for various Political Subdivisions in Dodge County and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Supervisor Strand read the resolution into the record. County Clerk Mytty gave highlights of the factors that influenced the levy calculations. The following are the tentative levies for property in the various cities and villages in Dodge County for 2022: Fremont – 1.895139, North Bend – 1.554293, Scribner – 1.574544, Most of Hooper – 2.124527, Brickyard Subdivision (Hooper) – 2.129664, Dodge – 1.524503, Inglewood – 1.985885, Nickerson – 1.749703, Snyder west of Main – 1.690783, Snyder East of Main – 1.698240, Uehling – 1.730689, Winslow – 3.862862.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from Nebraska Department of Revenue regarding the permissive exemption applications from Fremont Area Habitat for Humanity, Ministerio Internacional Dios Es Amor Inc. and Howells-Dodge Educational Facilities Leasing Corporation.

The Board unanimously received October 19, 2022 Board Notices from County Assessor Churchill 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 10:23 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, November 2, 2022 at 10:00 A.M.

Fred Mytty
Dodge County Clerk