

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 28, 2023 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 Board of Trustees Minutes for May 15, 2023 meeting and Statement of Revenues and Expenses YTD Comparison for the eleven months ending May 31, 2023 & 2022 from Fremont Community Health Resources, correspondence from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) regarding FEMA Closeout: HMPG DR-4420-NE-0022 Platte River Gauge Monitoring Project, Final Public Notice for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Project 4420-0034 North Bend Drainage Ditch, Certificates of Insurance for Dolezal Sand & Gravel, Elkhorn Township and Eveland Supply Co., Inc., Certificates of Insurance for Caterpillar Financial Services Corporation, Arvest Bank ISAOA/ATIMA, Platte Valley Equipment, LLC, University of Nebraska Cooperative Extension, Metropolitan Community College, Rupert Dunklau Foundation, Inc., Papio-Missouri River NRD and Mainstreet of Fremont, Notice of Public Hearings for the City of Fremont Planning Commission to be held June 26, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. for the following requests: Scott Osterhaus on behalf of NEBCO for a Comprehensive Plan Amendment from Rural Residential/Agricultural to "Lake and River Residential" located on the south side of River Rd. on both sides of Burlington Northern Railroad tracks in Sections 25, 26, 35 and 36 in Township 17 North, Range 8 East; a request of NEBCO for a Preliminary Plat for residential lake subdivision consisting of 147 lots located in above location and a change of zoning for NEBCO from GI, General Industrial to R, Rural on property located on the south side of River Rd., on east of the Burlington Northern Railroad tracks in Sections 25 & 36 in Township 17 North, Range 8 East and Moving Permit for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads June 23 and 24, 2023.

The Board, with Supervisor Beam abstaining since he was not present at the June 14, 2023 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the June 14, 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.

Under any items of discussion, Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 78 inmates in custody with 56 being held in Saunders County, 18 in Washington County, 3 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services and 1 under house arrest. He also reported that Sergeant Libra said all is going well utilizing the Washington County jail under the new contract.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, July 12, 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.

The Board unanimously approved a reallocation of funds in the amount of \$9,500 from the General Miscellaneous fund to the District Court budget as the result of a budget deficit.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$272,063.15.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$1,651,095.52.

The Board unanimously authorized Emergency Manager Tom Smith to proceed with Everbridge as the County mass notification system provider beginning October 2023. The motion also authorized him to sign the quotation for services with Everbridge.

The Board unanimously approved the amended 2023-2024 Budget Calendar. LB 727, which was signed by Governor Pillen on June 6, 2023 shortened the timeframe for the LB 644 Public Hearing (if needed) for subdivisions that need to exceed the 2% tax cap. The date for the public hearing changed from September 27th to September 21st.

The Board unanimously approved the Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Hosted VoIP-Based Telephone System Category 6 Ethernet Wiring for Dodge County Courthouse and WiFi for Dodge County Courthouse. The motion also authorized County Clerk Gilfry to publish the notice once on July 6, 2023 and once on July 13, 2023.

The Board unanimously adopted the Resolution approving the proposed Third Amended and Restated Interlocal Solid Waste Management Agreement Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition and authorized Chairman Missel and County Clerk Gilfry to sign the Resolution and the Interlocal Agreement. Supervisor Weddle attended the open house in Fremont that outlined Northeast Nebraska Solid Waste Coalition's landfill master plan. He said the coalition plans to expand the dump in Clarkson with a small increase in service fees. It is projected that the improvements in the master plan will make the dump viable for the next 27 years.

The Board unanimously received the request for funding for the Fremont Transit Program and referred it to the Finance Committee. Terra Uhing with the Fremont Transportation Task Force was present to update the Board about the Fremont Transit Program that will replace the transportation program provided by the Eastern Nebraska Office on Aging (service ending on June 30, 2023). The new service will begin operating around the end of August 2023 and will serve all of the City of Fremont and a 2-mile radius around Fremont. The hope is to expand the service to all of Dodge County in the future. The task force is asking Dodge County to provide 50% of the Nebraska Department of Transportation (NDOT) 5311 Rural Transportation Grant for the first year in the amount of \$31,000. The total grant match for 2 years is \$124,000 and the City of Fremont has committed \$31,000 for each of the 2 years. Three vans have been purchased and the jobs have been posted for 1 full-time driver, 1 part-time driver, a

transit coordinator (similar to a dispatcher) and a grant coordinator. The task force has set the hours of operation and the rates for the fare and they are working on a passenger handbook. Ms. Uhing said the lack of transportation was identified as a barrier to care in the community health assessment that was administered in 2020. Christy Fiala, Fremont Transportation Task Force member, was also present to explain the grant details and provide information on the budget for the Fremont Transit Program. She said according to the grant requirements, this program must be available to everyone in the community (those 15 and under can ride with a parent or guardian) and they expect the program to grow quickly.

The Board unanimously received correspondence from Erickson & Brooks CPA regarding audit services for Dodge County for the year ended June 30, 2023 and authorized County Clerk Gilfry and Chairman Missel to sign the engagement letter.

Committee Reports – Supervisor Backens reported that he and Highway Superintendent Huppert met with the Dodge County Mutual Aid Association to discuss installation of the signs for rural addresses; details on this are still being worked out.

The Board unanimously received a study letter from Scott Huppert pertaining to his recommendation to relinquish ownership of the last part of Jones Street in its entirety approximately 300 feet north of Old Highway 275 to property owners Steve and Star Renner and David L. Veskerna of Eagle Development LLC. In the same motion, the Board adopted a resolution to set a Public Hearing date of July 26, 2023 at 10:15 A.M. to hear testimony on this action.

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that the Morningside Road project is done and they were able to get it drained. Employees are working on a project on Road 14 north of Road K. There is a crew working on installation of culverts and ditch clean-out. Now that the new Hwy 30 By-pass is open, Dodge County has taken over the maintenance of old Hwy 30 until the by-pass is complete. Superintendent Huppert has had a crew out mowing in this location. Road 12 will be closed possibly as soon as tomorrow for paving of the new by-pass. The paving company is hoping to have the Hwy 30 By-pass done (except for the bridges) by the end of July. Superintendent Huppert reminded the Board that there will be a number of resolutions presented to the Board regarding changes in stop signs and road classifications. Project 628 bridge removal at 9 and G is done and they will finish the dirt work once the project on Road K is complete. For the By-pass 275 project, the State will be closing Hwy 91 for the cross-over; Superintendent Huppert has been working closely with the State to control trucks running on non-haul roads. The Road 18 paving project #642 should be complete by harvest. The right-of-way for the F Road box culvert project #640 has been obtained, the road will be closed for a couple of months, but there will be a shofly installed to accommodate traffic. The contractor for the Yager Road project is doing ditch work, seeding and fixing the concrete panels this week; the striping will be done next week. Dodge County Roads employees will be in contact with homeowners that are not pleased with the ditch work after the contractor is finished.

At 9:59 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, July 12, 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.

The Board unanimously received 2023 Property Valuation Protests #20 through #133.

The Board unanimously passed a motion to advertise for two additional days for the Board to meet as a Board of Equalization, if needed, in July on the 19th and 21st at 9:00 A.M. to take action on 2023 valuation protests.

The Board unanimously received June 28, 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 2023 Reports of Destroyed Real Property (Form 425) from the following: David Von Seggern – parcel #270116382, G Meyer Farms Inc. – parcel #270139652, Todd Meyer - parcel #270138893, Todd Meyer – parcel #270117334, Steven Ferguson – parcel #270116368. It was noted that these Form 425's were included in the Board Notices (which identifies the new value of real property) to be mailed June 28, 2023.

The Board unanimously approved using the state printing office to print postcards relating to LB644 & LB927 regarding the "Property Tax Request Act".

The Board unanimously received the Certification of Final Decision and Order from the Tax Equalization and Review Commission for case nos. 20R 0151-20R 0305 (Gallery 23 E. LLC).

At 10:12 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk