

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, November 29, 2023 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Beam, Weddle, Strand, Backens, Missel and Tawney. Absent: Bendig. 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 official's report, Board of Trustees Minutes for October 9, 2023 meeting and Statement of Revenues & Expenses YTD Comparison for the four months ending October 31, 2023 and 2022 from Fremont Community Health Resources, correspondence from Care Corps LifeHouse thanking the Board for approval of an increase in their annual appropriation dollars, Certificate of Insurance for Barnhart Crane and Rigging Co. and Minutes of the Dodge County Planning Commission meeting on November 21, 2023.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the November 15, 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 Bendig.

The Board unanimously received the State of Nebraska Jail Standards Inspection Report from the Nebraska Commission on Law Enforcement and Criminal Justice Jail Standards Division. Supervisor Beam reported that there are currently 67 inmates in custody with 50 being held in Saunders County, 15 in Washington County and 2 at the Nebraska Department of Correctional Services. There have been 108 inmates booked into custody in the month of November. County Attorney Hopkins reported that the court judges are frustrated at the lack of a jail in Fremont. Chairman Missel said the Board would be willing to meet with the judges on this issue. Supervisor Strand said a jail in Dodge County is not economically feasible. County Attorney Hopkins also said the Saunders County Attorney contacted her about jail operations in Saunders County. Supervisor Beam said he has not heard of any issues there. Chairman Missel also expressed the willingness of the Board to meet with the Saunders County Attorney and Board about any concerns they may have. He added that it would be a good time to resolve any issues before the next contract negotiations take place.

At 9:10 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Tuesday, December 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 except for Supervisor Bendig.

The Board unanimously approved the wage & hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$275,250.17.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$395,242.93.

The Board unanimously received and referred to the Finance Committee an application for the investment of funds for the year 2024 from Union Bank & Trust, Lincoln, NE.

Committee Reports – County Clerk Gilfry reported for the IT Committee in the absence of Supervisor Bendig. Applied Connective Technologies are still working on the wiring in the courthouse for the new telephone system. They plan to start the change over of phones the week of December 18th. They will provide training and hope to port over the new system on December 20th. Supervisor Backens reported that the radio system is running smoothly. A contract with Tom Christensen was signed for another year for him to manage the radio system. He said when the Fremont Police Station moves there will have to be some money spent to get the radio system up to speed in the new location. Chairman Missel said there has been \$50,000 a year set aside for capital improvements since they entered into the radio system agreement with the City of Fremont. Supervisor Backens reported that the rural address sign project is nearly complete.

At 9:17 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 9:29 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present except for Supervisor Bendig.

At 9:30 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Larry D. & Mona T. Faltin (Trustee) and Gary Faltin of 438 County Road B, Dodge, NE 68633 to obtain a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) to expand a Livestock Feeding Operation to a Class 1 (999 AU) as per Article 12, Section 2.19 Livestock Feeding Operations located in the SE ¼ SW ¼ and N ½ SW ¼ Section 3, Township 20 North, Range 5 East in Webster Township, Zoning District A-1, Intensive Ag. Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews reported that the Planning Commission unanimously recommended approval of this CUP for Larry D. & Mona T. Faltin (Trustee) and Gary Faltin. Hearing no testimony for or against the request, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Planning Commission and approved the CUP based on the conditional use conforms to the intent and purpose of the regulations and the use conforms to the regulations of the district in which it is located.

A Public Hearing was held to consider the request of Zoning Administrator Jean Andrews to approve the amended Dodge County Zoning Map as presented, adopt the Resolution of Adoption and authorize the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Ms. Andrews said the last amendment to the zoning map was made in 2015. She said with the expansion of the City of Fremont and the changes in zoning for Platte Valley Equipment and the parcel to the south of them, she felt it was time to update the map. The Planning Commission unanimously approved the amendments to the zoning map. The Board unanimously approved the amended Dodge County Zoning Map, adopted

the Resolution of Adoption and authorized the necessary signatures on the Resolution. Chairman Missel read the Resolution for the record. Ms. Andrews asked JEO Consulting to create the map since they had the last version on their computer; there is a copy for the Dodge County Clerk's office, the Dodge County Zoning office and the Dodge County Board of Supervisors' room. Supervisor Strand asked if she obtained a pdf of the map. Ms. Andrews said she did not but should be able to get one that could be sent to interested entities (i.e., cities/villages).

Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert reported that the rebuilding of County Road 17 is complete. Employees are still working on culvert installations and will be patching potholes and trimming trees next week. Superintendent Huppert met with the City of Fremont on the plans for snow removal; he will be training new employees on the snow routes. The signs for Platte River Road (old Highway 30) have been ordered; there are a total of 44 signs to mark the county intersections. Supervisor Tawney asked if the county signs along the new Highway 30 Expressway will be moved closer to the expressway. Superintendent Huppert said the signs will stay where they are because they cannot infringe on the state right-of-way. He added that there will be new larger signs the state will put in the medians. Bridge inspections continue; Superintendent Huppert said he's over halfway done with them. Over the next few weeks, Superintendent Huppert is hoping to meet with the townships about road problems; Supervisor Tawney said he would go with him to the meetings with the townships he represents. Nearly all of the rural address signs are installed. Superintendent Huppert wants to know going forward who is responsible for the cost of replacement signs or other issues that may arise with the signs. Chairman Missel said the Finance Committee will discuss this.

At 9:50 A.M., the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 10:05 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 corrections #5617 through #5636.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of County Treasurer Bargstadt to approve the Applications for Exemptions from Motor Vehicle Taxes for 2024 (Form 457) from various nonprofit organizations and authorized Chairman Missel to sign the forms.

County Assessor Churchill reported that they are processing permissive exemption filings. Per the Nebraska Department of Revenue, those entities that have multiple parcels must file a permissive exemption form for each parcel. She wanted to let the Board know this in case they get any phone calls about it. As an example, she said Midland University has over one hundred parcels, so they will need to file a permissive exemption form for each parcel. In the past, they were able to list all parcels on one form. Assessor Churchill said she has also been trying to get the word out about the Vacant or Unimproved Lot Application (Form 191) that developers with multiple vacant lots for sale must file by December 31. There have been advertisements published in the county newspapers and broadcast on the local radio station about filing these forms.

At 10:09 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 10:00 A.M.

At 10:19 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

A Public Hearing was held to consider the Resolution to vacate the 656' segment of County Road H between Tax Lot 3 in SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 4 and Tax Lot 9 in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 9, both in Township 19 North, Range 7 East. Upon vacation of said segment of road, the Right-of-Way shall revert to the landowner of record. Chairman Missel read the Resolution for the record. Hearing no testimony for or against said vacation of County Road H, the Board unanimously adopted the Resolution.

At 10:23 A.M. the Board adjourned as a Board of Supervisors until Tuesday, December 12, 2023 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk