

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, April 3, 2024 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, correspondence from Charter Communications regarding changes in channel lineup, a letter from County Treasurer Bargstadt regarding Nathan and Lisa Schole 2023 Tax Roll Correction #5679 resulting in a tax refund of \$515.14, Certificates of Insurance for Pebble and Cuming Townships, Moving Permits for Barnhart Crane to move a self-propelled crane over county roads on March 18-19, 2024; March 21-22, 2024; March 25-26, 2024, Dodge County Highway Department Safety Committee Minutes from the March 21, 2024 meeting and correspondence from the Nebraska Department of Economic Development regarding Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Contract #19EM001 (Ames Dike)/Dodge County/UEI:NV86LL2EHHH8 (Dodge County Emergency Management) Monitoring Performance Review Report #2 (R2) – Clearance.

The Board, with Backens abstaining since he was not present at the March 20, 2024 meeting, unanimously approved the minutes of the March 20, 2024 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 47 inmates in custody with 39 being held in Saunders County and 8 in Washington County. In the month of March there were 109 inmates booked into custody. County Attorney Hopkins reported that she still intends to meet with the Saunders County Sheriff and other stakeholders about issues related to Saunders County Corrections.

At 9:06 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, April 17, 2024 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 \$292,577.12.

The Board tabled approval of the financial claims as submitted until corrections could be made by County Clerk Gilfry on the large claims section of the finance report regarding the vendor, description and payment.

The Board unanimously received the “Reports and Requirements Summary” (2023) for Dodge County from Trevor Johnson, Program Manager, Nebraska Department of Agriculture, Noxious Weed Program regarding annual evaluation of the County Weed Control Authority and authorized the necessary signatures on the summary.

The Board unanimously approved the following amounts for internet service provided by Great Plains Communications and authorized the necessary signatures on the following three-year contracts: An upgrade to 1G/1G speeds for internet at the Courthouse for \$189.95/month, Probation Building for \$149.95/month and the Schneider Building for \$149.95/month. Supervisor Bendig told the Board that he needed to bring this to the Board again to clarify the final monthly amounts and to get the authorization for Chairman Missel’s signature on the contract.

The Board unanimously approved an upgrade to 300 x 300 Mbps for internet service provided by Great Plains Communications at a rate of \$99.95/month on a one-year contract for 33 W. 4th St. (Diversion) and authorized Chairman Missel’s signature on the contract. Supervisor Bendig said he was bringing this to the Board again to authorize Chairman Missel’s signature on the contract.

The Board unanimously approved the addition of a three-year contract with Great Plains Communications for an upgrade to 1G/1G speeds for internet at a rate of \$149.95/month for the Sheriff’s Department and authorized Chairman Missel’s signature on the contract.

The Board unanimously approved the addition of a three-year contract with Great Plains Communications for 300 x 300 Mbps for internet at a rate of \$94.95/month for the Election Office at 92 W. 5th St. (service will begin when the office opens).

The Board unanimously received the corrected report of financial claims and approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$192,599.35.

The Board unanimously approved the amended amount of \$185.18/month for 500/500 Mbps backup internet for the Courthouse with Allo Communications. Chairman Missel’s signature on this contract was approved during the March 20, 2024 meeting of the Dodge County Board of Supervisors. Supervisor Bendig pointed out that the dollar amount of \$185.15/month that was approved at the last board meeting was incorrect.

The Board unanimously received a letter from Gail Bargstadt announcing her retirement as the Dodge County Treasurer, effective at the close of business May 3, 2024. County Treasurer Bargstadt told the Board the treasurer’s office is in competent hands and she thanked the Board for their support. Chairman Missel said the Board is tasked with making an appointment to fill the remainder of Treasurer Bargstadt’s term which expires January 2027. A committee comprised of Dodge County Assessor Churchill, Dodge County Clerk Gilfry, Dodge County Attorney Hopkins and Supervisors Backens and Bendig was formed to move forward with seeking a replacement. This committee will assess candidates for this position and will come back to the Board with a recommendation. Chairman Missel thanked Treasurer Bargstadt for her service and said he always appreciated how efficiently she ran the office.

Supervisor Strand updated the Board for Highway Superintendent Scott Huppert. Employees are working on project 654, grading on County Road 13 and crack sealing on roads in the northwest section of the county. Next week they will be hauling riprap for bridge work. He has taken 2 informal bids for work on 3 bridge approaches and a culvert repair. The State is pouring concrete on the bridges for the Highway 275 By-Pass and they are moving barricades and pouring the second lane south of Scribner. On April 15, Cedar Valley will begin to pour the crossovers and the rest of the bridges on the Highway 30 By-Pass. Overall, the gravel roads withstood the winter fairly well; there are a few townships asking for gravel. Superintendent Huppert would like to replace 2 flatbed trucks, a 2003 and a 2011. These trucks have new boxes so only the chassis is needed.

At 9:34 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go into closed session to discuss general assistance claims.

At 9:48 A.M., the Board unanimously passed a motion to go back into open session from the discussion of the claims. No action was taken on any of the claims as a result of the closed session.

Immediately thereafter, the Board recessed as a Board of Supervisors.

At 10:13 A.M., the Board convened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

There was no business for the Board of Equalization.

At 10:14 A.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 10:00 A.M.

Immediately thereafter, the Board reconvened as a Board of Supervisors. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members being present.

At 10:15 A.M., a Public Hearing was held to consider Dodge County's resumption of control of County Road 6 from the Riverview Shores Gate to the Union Pacific Railroad tracks and then 660 feet north to Platte River Road. A motion was made to close the hearing at 10:16 A.M. Hearing no testimony for or against said resumption of control, the Board unanimously approved Dodge County's resumption of control of County Road 6. In a separate motion, the Board unanimously adopted and authorized the necessary signatures on a Resolution to approve resuming control of the 66-foot segment of 160 feet in length of County Road 6 from the Riverview Shores gate to the Union Pacific (UP) Railroad tracks and a 660 foot in length segment of County Road 6 from the UP Railroad tracks to Platte River Road. Supervisor Strand read the resolution for the record. This Resolution will be filed in the office of the Register of Deeds.

At 10:19 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, April 17, 2024 at 9:00 A.M.

Micki Gilfry
Dodge County Clerk