

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, July 18, 2018 in the Board Room of the Courthouse, Fremont, Nebraska with the following members present: Saalfeld, Weddle, Strand, Vaughan, George, Beam and Missel. Absent: None. Prior to roll call, Chairman Missel announced the meeting to be an open public meeting and that the current open meeting laws were 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; received and placed on file various county officials' reports, notices of Public Hearings for the City Council of City of Fremont on July 31, 2018 at 7:00 P.M. to hear the following: Request of landscape buffer on Lot 6, Fremont North Business Park at 5324 N. Oliver; Voluntary Annexation PCD, L.L.; Final Plat of Heartland Addition; Rezoning of property at 2575 N. Luther Road from R Rural to GC General Commercial; Conditional Use Permit to allow a child care center at 3200 E. Military; approval of Preliminary Plat for Morningside Pointe Addition; request of approval of Final Plat for Morningside Pointe Addition; approval of Final Plat for Lincoln Park Second Subdivision; request for rezoning of property from R Rural to GC General Commercial by Pure Properties L.L.C. and request for voluntary annexation for Fremont Area Land Co., utility installation agreement for OPPD to install power line on Roads R & S on County Road 5, certificate of insurance for A.M. Cohron & Son, Inc. and utility installation agreement for Northern Natural Gas to install 6" & 10" natural gas pipeline thru County Road 4 at Sections 3 & 4, Township 17 North, Range 5 East; and received and referred to the Finance Committee the 2018/2019 budget request from Greater Fremont Development Council in the amount of \$25,000 and resolutions from Pebble Township and Dodge Rural Fire District requesting preliminary levy allocations.

The Board unanimously approved the minutes of the July 3, 2018 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 commented the operations of the internal controlling of the doors and videos in the jail is complete.

At 9:06 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Corrections until Wednesday, August 1, 2018 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 and hour claims as submitted in the amount of \$208,076.49.

The Board unanimously approved the financial claims as submitted in the amount of \$484,826.92.

Next, the Board reviews an application from Dodge County Agricultural Society for Fremont & Dodge County CVB Visitor Improvement Funds in the amount of \$50,000 for camp ground expansion/improvements in Scribner, Nebraska at the Dodge County Fairgrounds. Present were Executive Director of CVB Shannon Mullen and board member Vincent O'Connor of the Convention & Visitors Bureau along with Huston Moseman of the Dodge County Agricultural Society. Mr. Houston presented a map and plan of the proposed improvements to the fairgrounds. The proposed improvements include a building with new restrooms with showers and conference room/office space. Also, the proposal included an additional 10 camper hookups. It was announced grant funds have been awarded under LB840 for approximately \$67,000 to help with the improvements. The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Fremont & Dodge County CVB to fund \$40,000 of the project with funds from the Visitor Improvements Fund. (The original request was for \$50,000, but at this time the CVB Board felt the \$40,000 was enough with the grant funds and other raisings.)

Scot Rosendahl, Wildlife Specialist, was present with his request for the renewal of an Agreement for Work/Financial Plan and United States Department of Agriculture Animal & Plant Health Inspection Service Wildlife Services. He presented a brief review of his services provided last year. The Board unanimously passed a motion to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement at an annual amount not to exceed \$12,799.91.

The Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the Finance Committee and approved the request of County Attorney Glass for an additional deputy in his office. With the caseloads in the office being significantly higher than years ago, the County Board felt the additional deputy was warranted.

The Board unanimously recommended approval to the State Liquor Commission of an application for Special Designated License from Rise's Drive-in Liquor, Inc. of Fremont, Nebraska to serve beer, wine and distilled spirits from 1:00 p.m. until 1:00 a.m. on August 17, 2018 at a reception to be held at the Fremont State Lakes Lodge located at 4349 W. State Lakes Road, Fremont, Nebraska.

Under any business brought by the public or discussion from the public, Lawrence Marvin of Fremont, Nebraska expressed his concerns about the plan between Fremont Health and Nebraska Methodist Health Systems. He was wanting

answers to why the process was being done the way it was and while he did not think the proposal was acceptable, at the end of 20 years of the lease he would raise the one-dollar sale purchase price and offer two dollars, because he felt the sale should be open to all taxpayers of Dodge County and all Americans. Mr. Marvin presented his concerns in writing, but the two dollars was not accepted.

Committee Report – Supervisor Saalfeld reported on an ENOA meeting he attended remarking the state was good to them when it came down to budgeting.

Committee Report – Supervisor Vaughan reported the transition of the new Emergency Manager in going well.

Next, discussion began on the plan for Fremont Health to enter into the Affiliation Agreement, the Lease, and the Asset Purchase Agreement with Nebraska Methodist Health System. Patrick Booth, President and CEO of Fremont Health, addressed some of the concerns Mr. Lawrence addressed earlier in the meeting and informed him he could talk more with him after the meeting. Vice-Chairman of the Fremont Health Board of Trustees Ken Beebe commented he has been a part of the decision making since the beginning and findings showed it has become increasingly difficult to operate as a standalone hospital. Treasurer of the Fremont Health Board of Trustees Steve Pribnow commented his part of the decision making was exclusively financial. The federal and state governments set their own rates for care and the care for those patients' costs more than these rates. He commented Methodist to be the best fit for the new organization of Methodist Fremont Health to serve the people of Dodge County. Mr. Booth remarked Methodist was interested in the market in the community, not the building facilities. After discussion had subsided, Chairman Missel read the Resolution into the record approving and further authorizing Fremont Health to enter into the Affiliation Agreement, the Lease, and the Asset Purchase Agreement with Nebraska Methodist Health System. Motion was then made by Missel, seconded by Weddle, with George abstaining, to approve the adoption of the Resolution as read and authorizing the proper signatures on the Resolution. (Supervisor George stepped out of the meeting room at approximately 10:15 A.M. during the discussion.)

Adam Schmidt and Tony Kasiba from Motorola were again present to answer any questions for the County Board and public regarding the proposal for a new Dodge County Radio System. After Chairman Missel explained the importance of the new system, Supervisor Strand commented he was against it if rural fire departments were a part of the proposal. It was explained they were included in the proposal but were not obligated and could opt out of the purchase of radios for their departments. Mr. Schmidt explained it was beneficial to include them in the proposal for the discounted cost saving. Supervisor Beam was concerned there was one more meeting to be held in the rural area to explain the new proposed system and needed just one more day before a decision was made. Mr. Schmidt presented a solution, to allow a 12-month window after the signing of the contract guaranteeing the discounted prices for other entities such as the rural fires. Prior to voting on the contract, Chairman Missel asked others

present of their support of the new system. Those expressing their support were County Sheriff Hespen, E911 Coordinator Shelly Holzerland and Tom Christensen of the Fremont Fire Department. The Board, with George and Vaughan abstaining, passed a motion to authorize the Chairman to sign all agreement documents on the 27th of July, contingent on the approval of the Finance Committee on the lease purchase agreement for financing the radios, and with the addition of a clause in the agreed upon documents allowing a 12-month period after the signing of the contract securing the discounts for rural fires and other entities for them to opt in or out of the proposal. The Finance Committee will meet with the County Treasurer and County Clerk to determine the county's lease purchase options. (Supervisor George abstained, because he returned to the meeting room at approximately 10:45 A.M., in the middle of the discussion. Supervisor Vaughan abstained, due to a possible conflict if his current employer, Valmont, who could decide to bid the towers for the project.)

At 11:10 A.M., Chairman Missel adjourned the Board as a Board of Supervisors until Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at 9:00 A.M.

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

The Board unanimously approved a list of 2018 changes to real property valuations requested by County Assessor Churchill and passed a motion authorizing the County Clerk to send Notices of Valuation Changes reflecting these changes.

The Board unanimously approved tax roll corrections #4898 thru #4902.

A Public Hearing was held to consider an exemption for 2018 for School District No. 1, County of Dodge on Johnson Park Sub, Lot 2, exc 84.69' 8.71 acres. With no testimony for or against the exemption, the Board unanimously accepted the recommendation of the County Assessor and granted the exemption.

The Board unanimously approved the request of Richard A. Owston of 1505 E. 5th Street, Fremont, Nebraska and waived the filing deadline for his 2018 Homestead Exemption Application so the County Assessor may consider.

The Board unanimously received a personal property penalty protest from CliftonLarsonAllen LLP of Overland Park, KS for Westar Foods, Inc., Property ID 000048219, requesting the 10% penalty assessed by the County Assessor be removed and passed a motion removing the penalty, due to this being the first time their personal property schedule was filed late.

The Board unanimously received form 457, Application for Exemption, from St. Patrick Catholic Church of Fremont, Nebraska on a 1997 Chevrolet pickup and passed a motion to accept the recommendation of the County Treasurer and to grant the exemption.

The Board unanimously received protests and attachments to protests thru #423, but denied protest #424, due to it being filed after the filing deadline of July 2nd. (Protest #424 was postmarked July 6th.)

At 11:20 A.M., Chairman Missel declared a short recess of the Board of Equalization.

At 11:35 A.M., the Board reconvened as a Board of Equalization. Chairman Missel dispensed with roll all members present except for Supervisor Vaughan, who departed the meeting at the time of the recess.

For the next hour, the Board acted on 160 valuation protests for 2018, denying any change in the valuation of 69, lowering the valuation of 88 and raising the valuation of 3.

At 12:32 P.M., the Board adjourned as a Board of Equalization until 9:00 A.M. on Monday, July 23, 2018.

Sharon K. Neuhalfen
Deputy County Clerk

- County Officials' Reports
 - a) County Clerk (June 2018): [12a.pdf](#)
 - i) Marriage Licenses \$675.00
 - ii) Copies \$436.50
 - iii) Miscellaneous Fees \$6,199.65
 - b) County Sheriff (2018 Quarterly Report): [12b.pdf](#)
 - i) Title Inspections \$5,830.00
 - ii) Gun Permits \$355.00
 - iii) Copies \$258.00
 - c) Register of Deeds: (June 2018) [12c.pdf](#)
 - i) Preservation Fund \$1,836.50
 - ii) General Fees \$10,748.00
 - iii) Documentary Stamps \$5,383.96
 - iv) Copies \$1,776.00
 - v) Interest \$2.36
 - d) Clerk of District Court (June 2018) [12d.pdf](#)