

Board Minutes Monday August 17, 2015

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am on August 17, 2015 with all members present.

Wayne Walter, county Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss some parcels of land owned by the City of Decorah. The City had purchased these parcels after July 1, 2014 so they were not marked as exempt for the 2014 assessment and therefore show taxes due in September 2015 and March 2016. They have notified Walter of their intent not to pay under Iowa Code 445.63. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to abate the taxes on the four parcels as discussed. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the liquor license for Country Express, and accept and file the quarterly report of the county Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

Jerry Thompson and Ferneva Brimacombe, Winneshiek County Historical Society, met with the Board to discuss the Historical Society WEB page. They asked whether the Board would host the Historical Society WEB page, to save them the expense of purchasing separate hosting services. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Beard to permit the Historical Society to have its WEB site hosted on the Winneshiek County WEB site as long as all costs of set up and maintenance are paid by the Historical Society. Motion carried unanimously.

Lee Bjerke, county Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road issues.

Don Wurtzel, Calmer Development, met with the Board to update them on Economic Development projects in Calmar. Calmar Development sold some land that the Board had partnered in acquisition of several years ago. They reinvested the proceeds from the sale of that property in the purchase of other property. They plan to annex the newly acquired property into the city and have a potential development already planned.

Andy Van Der Maaten, county Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

Jon Lubke and Chopper Albert, IT and GIS departments, and Chad Bird, city of Decorah, met with the Board to discuss IT staffing issues. Workload has exceeded available time for IT staff at both City and County levels. The Board in coordination with the City will begin the process of hiring another IT staff position with the intention of sharing that position, and having that position report to Chopper Albert as the IT department Head.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 9:30am Monday August 24, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors