

Board Minutes Monday February 23, 2015

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am on February 23, 2015 with all members present.

Greg Torgrim, Chief Deputy Sheriff, met with the Board to give an update on the hiring process for a jailer and deputy. He also discussed the Prison Rape Elimination Act which would require five or six additional jailers to comply with completely. Since that is not possible within the jail budget, they intend to comply with as many of the PREA guidelines as possible within the budget.

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

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to approve the four ten hour days working schedule for the road department for 2015. Motion carried with Ashbacher, Beard, Thompson, and Kuhn voting aye; and Logsdon voting nay.

Doug Groux, county Sanitarian, presented the plans and application by Einck Dairy for an expansion of their facility. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to approve the construction permit for Einck Dairy. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to appoint Bruce Goetsch as alternate to the Northeast Iowa Response Group, and to forward a letter to NIRG naming the appointees. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to approve the Class C with outdoor sales liquor license for De Novo Barn. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the minutes for the Monday February 16, 2015 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to accept and file the monthly report of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to appoint Brenda Johnson to the Civil Service Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to open the public hearing on the KG4 master matrix application. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Groux presented the application he received that had been filed with the DNR. The project Engineer gave a description of the design of the facility.

Steve McCargar presented a petition for the state to change the process for CAFOs to further regulate them and give local governments more control. This petition addresses CAFOs in general and their effects on air and water quality but does not address the application by KG4. Also making comments were MJ Hatfield, Bob Watson, Julie Fischer, Kevin Lee, and Tom Murray. Kuhn presented his findings from research of the application. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The public was encouraged to submit additional comments in writing by the close of business, so those comments could be forwarded to the DNR. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to approve the construction permit application and master matrix, and forward the approval and all comments to the DNR. Motion carried with Ashbacher, Logsdon, Thompson, and Kuhn voting aye; and Beard voting nay.

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

Brenda Olson, administrative assistant in the social services office, met with the Board to distribute the CSS agenda.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to approve the claims filed with the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the Goldbrook LLC master matrix application. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Groux presented the application he received that had been filed with the DNR. About seventy members of the public were present. Speaking against the project were Jerry Rinken, Jed Becker, Bob Watson, Connie Hanson, Steve McCargar, Diane Ernst, Dean Wiedeman, Patricia Edde, and Wayne Mlady. Mark Kipp, a representative of the construction company that will be building the facility, made some comments and answered several questions from members of the public. Kuhn presented his finding from his review of the application. He believes the matrix application met the DNR requirements but found several issues in the manure management plan including fields that may be included in other manure management plans, fields that can only be accessed by crossing embargoed bridges, and one field that borders the city limits of Ridgeway. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The public was encouraged to submit additional comments in writing by the close of business, so those comments could be forwarded to the DNR. Due to the flaws in the manure management plan, moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to deny the construction permit application, and forward the denial and all comments to the DNR. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 9:30am Monday March 2, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors