

Board Minutes of August 14 & 17, 2009

The Board of Supervisors met in special session Friday August 14, 2009 at 4:00pm with supervisors Logsdon, Darling, Ibanez, and Bouska present. They reviewed the applications for the Planning and Zoning Administrator position, and issued invitations to six applicants for interviews. Moved by Ibanez and seconded by Bouska to adjourn to 9:30am Monday August 17, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

On Monday August 17, 2009 the Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment with all members present.

The Board met with Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, and representatives from Ridgeway to discuss 295th Ave. It was determined that the County Engineer would communicate with Ridgeway city officials to determine the possible repair alternatives and the costs associated with those options, before any further action would be addressed.

Brad Miller, a local bicycle enthusiast, met with the Board to discuss both short and long term goals for improvements to roads to facilitate safer cycling conditions. The supervisors recommend research as to whether *Share the Road* cycling signs make any improvements. Additional signs could be a short term help, while consideration of biking lanes in road shoulders will be explored as long term options. The group agreed better communication between cycling groups and county officials could result in collaboration, both in planning and financing future construction.

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Bouska to solicit LP Contract bids as both separate site bids and as a single bid for all county facilities. Motion carried unanimously.

Bill Ibanez gave an update on the status of the energy audit of the DHS building (old DOT building). The walk-through is complete, so the supervisors should expect a written report of the audit when it is completed.

Jan Heikes, County CPC, met with the Board to discuss the new Covenant Medical Center contract. This new contract is being presented to facilitate some paperwork changes, and does not involve any changes in the rates of the contract that was approved on June 29, 2009. Moved by Askelson and seconded by Logsdon to enter into contract with Covenant Medical Center Inc for inpatient psychiatric services and detoxification / substance abuse services. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Logsdon to approve the application for class C liquor license with outdoor and Sunday sales to Country View Public Golf Course. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Bouska to approve the minutes for August 10, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Bouska to accept and file the quarterly report of the County Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board met with Andy VanDerMaaten, County Attorney, to get updates on county matters.

William Peterson, ISAC Executive Director; Nathan Bonnett, ISAC Assistant Legislative Counsel; Steve DeVries, Iowa County Engineers Association Service Bureau; and Mike Wentzien, Iowa State Association of County Supervisors' lobbyist met with the Board to discuss county road funding options. Also present were County Supervisors and County Engineers from Clayton, Allamakee, Fayette, and Howard counties; other county officials; Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Executive Director Wendy Mihm-Herold; Carlton Kjos, Farm Bureau representative; interested public; and press. A discussion about gasoline tax, road funding, and the politics involved at the state level took place. It was agreed that this is an urgent issue and that county road funding needs to be addressed again in the next legislative session.

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Logsdon to adjourn to 9:30am Monday August 24, 2009, with a work session for the interview of applicants for the Zoning Administrator position on Wednesday August 19. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Dean H Darling, Chairman
Board of Supervisors