

Board Minutes Monday August 25, 2014

The Board met as per adjournment with all members present.

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

The Board opened the bids for culvert projects 215-6 and 115-6 (culverts on 107th and 128th Aves.) Bjerke will analyze the bids and return later in the meeting.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to adopt resolution 15-09, a reduction of the speed limit on portions of Middle Hesper Road and Canoe Valley Road. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Krista Vanden Brink, Public Health Director, met with the Board to present the Board of Health's position statement on e-cigarettes. The Board will consider this in regards to their policy on tobacco use in County facilities.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the minutes for the Monday August 18, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to submit the claim for loss at the Smith Building in the amount of \$47,825.87. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Lora Friest, NEIA RC&D Director, met with the Board to discuss the Turkey River Watershed and possible grant opportunities through USDA's RCPP program.

The Board discussed the bids received for new maintainers.

Jon Lubke and Chopper Albert, IT department, met with the Board to update them on the plan to supply internet service through the County's connection to the MetroNet to Wellington Place.

Chad Bird, Decorah City Administrator, met with the Board to discuss the city council's plan to implement a tax abatement program to encourage housing development.

Rodney Ollendieck, Lincoln Township Trustee, met with the Board to discuss the plan to purchase a new fire truck for the Ridgeway Fire Department. He will work with Kelvin Rue, Andy Van Der Maaten, and the lending institution to get all of the required paperwork organized.

Dr. Ray Anderson, retired from Iowa Geological Survey, made a presentation to the Board and over 110 members of the public in regards to magnetic, gravimetric, and electromagnetic surveys of the Winneshiek County area which suggest possible deposits of minable metallic minerals deep below the surface. He compared the Winneshiek County surveys to those in the Duluth area where they have found valuable mineral deposits. He suspects there will be further surveying including core samples to 2000+ feet to try to determine what, if any minerals, are present.

Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Kuhn to reject all of the bids for new maintainers. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to accept the bid by JB Holland Construction for culvert project 215-6 on 107th Ave for \$123,429.64. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to accept the bid by Skyline Construction for culvert project 115-6 on 128th Ave for \$73,599.35. Motion carried unanimously.

Chalsea Carroll, MH/DS Service Coordinator, met with the Board to review the CSS agenda for the Wednesday August 26, 2014 meeting.

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

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adopt resolution 15-10 supporting the use of Traffic Safety Improvement Funds for shoulder projects on County Roads A52 and A6W. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to adjourn to 9:30am Tuesday September 2, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors