

## Board Minutes Tuesday September 3, 2013

The Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment with all members present.

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

Bjerke and the Board reviewed the quotes for new pickups for the road department. Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to purchase two one ton pickups as per the quote from Decorah Chevrolet for \$25,569 each. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to open the public hearing on the request by Deb Keefe to change the zoning on a portion of her Chimney Rock Campground property from A-1 to C-1 so she can build some additional rental cabins. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Tony Phillips, county Planning and Zoning Administrator, reviewed the application and reported the Planning and Zoning Commission had recommended denying the application. Jim Burns distributed materials for review and made oral statements recommending approval based on the County's participation encouraging tourism and similar programs across the County. He also stated Keefe's willingness to work on a conditional rezoning to help alleviate many of the objections. John Hall, a nearby property owner of the Campground, recommended denial stating it was contrary to the County Comprehensive Plan and would be "spot-zoning". David Reis, another neighboring property owner, complained of noisiness in the campground and believed a zoning change would facilitate more of that behavior. Bob Watson, a County resident who was negatively impacted by a past zoning decision, cautioned the Board to carefully consider such changes and the effects they can have on neighbors. Brian Fankhauser, Iowa National Heritage Foundation, recommended denial pointing out inconsistencies with commercial zoning in a scenic and natural setting. Luann Hall, a neighboring property owner, questioned why law enforcement didn't respond to complaints during recent events at the campground, and said if you can't control it don't authorize it. Barb Anderson, a long time camper at the campground, recommended approval of the request and complimented Keefe for the management of the facility. Deb Keefe presented testimonials of the campground's good quality, family friendly atmosphere, and scenic environment. She also cited other campgrounds that have similar construction, to show precedence. She stated she only wished to add cabins to help increase her business as well as tourism in the area. Jim Tweedy, another neighboring property owner, complained of past activities and said that past

abuses show disregard for regulation. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the re-zoning request by Dennis Rausch to change a portion of his property from A-1 to C-1 for expansion of his construction business. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Tony Phillips reviewed the application and reported that the Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Kuhn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Karlsbrotten to hold the first reading of Rausch's rezoning request. Motion carried and the reading was held. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to waive the second and third readings and adopt ordinance 14-175 making the zoning changes. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The ordinance and changes to the zoning map will be on file in the county Recorder's, Auditor's, and Zoning offices.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to hold the first reading of the Keefe's rezoning request for a portion of Chimney Rock Campground from A-1 to C-1. Motion failed unanimously by roll call vote.

Kevin Lee and Julie Pitz, Freeport Cemetery Commission, met with the Board to discuss a parcel of land at the edge of the Freeport Cemetery near the proposed Trail to Freeport. Freeport Cemetery would be willing to give the County a parcel of land to use for the Trail to Freeport project to save the need to remove several trees planted on the adjacent parcel where the alternate trail route would be. In exchange the Freeport Cemetery asked the Board to help plot a portion of the cemetery for burial sites. Dale Putnam, Trail to Freeport Committee, agreed the additional lot would be a better tract for the Trail and thanked the Freeport Cemetery and the County for their dedication to the project. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to start the process of the transfer of the lot to the County and to work with the County's surveyor to plot out the burial plots. Motion carried unanimously.

George Tekippe, Fehr Graham Engineering, and Wayne Teslow, Frankville Water Board, met with the Board to review the proposed agreement for site acquisition for the Frankville Water District well. Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the agreed upon terms and proceed with the acquisition paperwork. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to adopt resolution 14-28, setting a public hearing for proposed changes to the Veterans Affairs Ordinance for September 23, 2013 at 11:30am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the minutes for the Monday August 26, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Thompson to approve the letter to the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs for the waiver of the sixty day notice to the Certified Local Government for nomination of the Highlandville School to the National Register of Historic Places. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the Iowa DNR's approval of the Millenium Ag CAFO expansion. They reviewed the application, approval, and appeal process. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten that the Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors demands a hearing before the Environmental Protection Commission to appeal the Iowa Department of Natural Resources' preliminary approval of the Millenium Agriculture LLC construction permit to expand feeding operations in Highland Township, Facility ID#61285. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to make additions to the Verizon data contract to add elected officials' home access at their own expense. Motion carried unanimously.

Paul Greufe, PJ Greufe & Associates LLC, met with the Board to review and discuss the Human Resources audit he did of the County. He identified several policies and procedures that should be updated and reviewed the priorities with the Board.

Thompson was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Kuhn to hire Greufe on a month to month contract at the rate of \$1500 per month to start addressing many of the concerns. Motion carried unanimously. The Board would like an estimate from Greufe as to what can be accomplished by the end of the calendar year.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to hire Greufe for \$15,000 to address the job descriptions, classifications, and compensation project; with the intention that the project will be completed for use by the Board during the next budget cycle. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Karlsbrotten to appoint Brenda Johnson to the remainder of the vacant term on the Veterans Affairs Commission, through July 1, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 9:30am Monday September 9, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors