

## Board Minutes Tuesday May 26, 2020

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am May 26, 2020 with Logsdon, Kuhn, and Ashbacher in person; and Beard and Thompson present electronically.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Thompson to open the public hearing on the proposed FY20 budget amendment. Motion carried with Ashbacher, Beard, Logsdon, and Thompson voting aye; and Kuhn absent for the vote. Auditor Steines reviewed the departmental budget amendment requests. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Beard and seconded by Thompson to adopt resolutions 20-66 and 20-65, the adoption of the FY20 budget amendment as published and the appropriations of the amended budget amounts to the various departments. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of 379<sup>th</sup> Street. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Board members reported on comments that they had received. No additional comments were received at the public hearing. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Beard and seconded by Thompson to adopt resolution 20-67, vacating a portion of the 379<sup>th</sup> Street right-of-way. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Resolution will be on file in the County Auditor's and Recorder's Offices.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to accept and file three monthly reports of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Donna Thomas and several neighbors of bridge 348 met with the Board to discuss several issues in regards to the bridge. Thomas questioned the Board's intent for use of right-of-way near the bridge and discussed issues associated with public parking and access. The Board will continue to discuss the planned use of the right-of-way and will work with Sheriff Marx to enforce allowed access without creating safety and private property access issues involved with public parking. Additional Ordinance language and signage may be needed in the area.

Sean Snyder, County Emergency Management Coordinator, and Krista Vanden Brink, Public Health Director, met with the Board to give COVID19 updates.

Logsdon updated the Board on the need for the Recycling department to travel outside the County to pick up materials from several other collectors. At this time out of County travel is prohibited in County vehicles except for essential services under the COVID19 Emergency Resolution. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to approve the Recycling Department request to allow the Recycling Department travel for collection of materials as an essential service. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues. The Board asked him to clarify the acceptable uses of road right-of-way, as it pertains to the Thomas discussion near bridge 348. He reported per Iowa law, the Board could allow or prohibit parking in designated areas within County rights-of-way as they deem appropriate for safety and maintenance of the road and bridge. He also reported the right-of-way is open to the public for access whether that be by vehicle, foot, or other means; so the public could use that right-of-way to gain access to the river. Also, road right-of-way did not allow the Board to authorize construction of a boat/canoe landing.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to adopt resolution 20-38 setting a public hearing for the disposition of two lots owned by the County in the village of Hesper for 11:30am on June 22, 2020. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, June 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors