

Board Minutes Monday December 21, 2020

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am December 21, 2020 with Logsdon, Ashbacher, Kuhn, and Thompson in person; and Beard present electronically.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of a portion of West Ravine Road in the village of Highlandville. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, reviewed the proposed vacation. Comments were received from Helen Norton in opposition and Randy Logsdon in support. It was also pointed out that the house owned by McIntyre may even partially lay in the ROW. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adopt resolution 21-50 vacating the proposed ROW. Motion carried with Thompson, Logsdon, Beard, and Kuhn voting aye; and Ashbacher voting nay. Complete resolution will be on file in the county Auditor's and Recorder's offices.

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

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to adopt resolution 21-51, authorizing payments from the County Infrastructure and County Roads funds to the Farm-to-Market Fund to bring the FM balance to a level so that the Bluffton Road project can continue to move forward. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to allow the road department to negotiate temporary easements with land owners not to exceed 10% of the calculation for the value of a permanent easement. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to open the public hearing on the rezoning request from Marx. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Tony Phillips, County P&Z Administrator, met with the Board to review the request and reported that the P&Z Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommended approval. No additional written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to hold the first reading. Motion carried unanimously and the reading was held. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to waive the additional readings. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to adopt Ordinance 21-235, rezoning the property as requested. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete ordinance will be on file in the county Auditor's and Recorder's offices.

Tara Hoffert and Tom Bushman, Bushman Insurance, met with the Board to review the property re-evaluation schedules from ICAP.

Krista Vanden Brink, Public Health Director, met with the Board to review her budget, and to give COVID19 updates.

Sean Snyder, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the Board to give COVID19 updates and review his budget.

Faith Hlubek, VA Administrator, met with the Board to review her budget.

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

Brenda Kreitzer, County Treasurer, met with the Board to discuss her budget.

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

Moved by Beard and seconded by Kuhn to accept the terms and conditions of the Upper Iowa River Flood Reduction project easements. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to approve the lease with CSS for office space in the Smith Building; and to approve an oral lease allowing for immediate occupancy and lease terms as outlined in the written lease until such time that the CSS Board can meet to approve the written lease. Motion carried unanimously.

Dan Marx, County Sheriff, met with the Board to wish the outgoing Board members farewell and thank them for their service. Several other members of the public and County departments also thanked them and wished them well.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adopt resolution 21-52, providing for a continuation of COVID19 emergency employment policies outlined in previous resolution 20-44, 20-50, and 20-55; until further action is taken by the Board. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, January 4, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Floyd Ashbacher, Chair
Board of Supervisors