

## Board Minutes Monday January 25, 2021

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am January 25, 2021 with Vick, Ashbacher, Vermace, and Langreck in person; and Beard present electronically.

Bethany Jordan, Martin Gardner Architecture, reviewed the preliminary costs, scope, and timeline for the potential work on the Courthouse tower. Lora Friest, NEIA RC&D, also gave an update on the Rural Revitalization Grant program.

Gwen Bramlet-Hecker and Mindy Myers, Riverview Center, met with the Board to give program updates and request funding for FY22.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, and Jeff Kuboushek, Road Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss road matters. The Board will schedule a special meeting with Bjerke to discuss the possible property purchase and review his budget.

Marcia McKelvey and Diane Brondyke, Vesterheim Museum, met with the Board to review the building project and request funding for FY22.

Suzan Erem, SILT Project, met with the Board to give a program presentation.

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

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

Moved by Langreck and seconded by Vick to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, the class B/C beer/wine permit with Sunday sales for Harvest Farm Campground, and to accept and file the monthly report of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed several budget related items.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Langreck to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, February 1, 2021, with a special session Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 1:30 to discuss the possible purchase of property for the Road Department and have a budget work session with Lee Bjerke. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board met at 1:30pm January 27, 2021 with Vick, Ashbacher, Vermace, and Langreck in person; and Beard present electronically.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, and Jeff Kuboushek, Road Superintendent, were present to discuss land acquisition for a County Road Shop. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j): to discuss the purchase of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the government body would have to pay for the property. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. A closed session was held. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to leave the closed session. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Bjerke and Kuboushek will proceed with negotiations with the land owner under the direction discussed in the closed session.

The Board discussed the FY22 Road Department budget with Bjerke.

Moved by Langreck and seconded by Vick to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Floyd Ashbacher, Chair  
Board of Supervisors