

Board Minutes Monday January 3, 2022

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am January 3, 2022 with all members present (Beard electronically.)

The meeting was called to order by Benjamin D. Steines, County Auditor. Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to elect Langreck as Chair. No further nominations were made and the vote was held. Langreck was elected Chair unanimously. Moved by Beard and seconded by Vermace to elect Vermace as Vice Chair. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Langreck to elect Vick as Vice Chair. The vote was held with Beard and Vermace voting for Vermace; and Vick, Langreck, and Rustad voting for Vick. Vick was elected Vice Chair. Langreck assumed the chair.

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

Moved by Rustad and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 22-32, awarding the contract for Bridge 65 to Brennan Construction for \$2,704,940.95, and authorizing Bjerke to execute the contract documents. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and to accept and file the Auditor's quarterly report. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Schwartzhoff and Colinne McCann, Helping Services, met with the Board to give an update on the Mentoring program and present a proclamation. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Rustad to proclaim January as National Mentoring Month in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

Carson Eggland, Helping Services Director, met with the Board to give an annual report and request funding for FY23.

Mike Bergan, State Legislator, greeted the Board and gave some legislative updates.

The Winneshiek County Library Association met with the Board to give annual reports and request funding.

Steve Smith, IT Director, met with the Board to review the FY23 IT budget.

Barrett Gipp, Assistant County Attorney, and Andy Van Der Maaten (by phone), County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues and review the OSHA ETS vaccination, testing, and masking policy.

Moved by Beard and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 22-33, for conditional approval of the vaccination, testing, and masking policy for Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board discussed the IT Director hiring process. They appointed Vermace, Vick, Jon Lubke, Fatimetu Jatri Emhamed, and either Dan Marx or Sean Snyder as the committee to work on the details. The committee will start with a review of the job description before publication of the job opening. Tentatively the job applications will be due February 4th.

The Board reviewed the Recycling department budget duties. They also discussed other possible changes to the Recycling Department Supervisor job description. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Vick to add "Develop and manage the yearly budget." To the Recycling Department Supervisor job description. Motion carried unanimously. The new job description will be submitted to the Compensation Team to determine if there is a change to the pay scale.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Rustad to appoint Tim Lecander to the Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission for a three year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to appoint Michele Elsbernd to the UERPC Housing Authority for a three year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rustad and seconded by Vick to name the Decorah Public Opinion and the Calmar Courier the Official County Newspapers for Winneshiek County for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to approve the Holiday schedule for Winneshiek County for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Rustad and seconded by Beard to set the following reimbursement rates for 2022: Mileage – at the Federal Mileage Rate, Meals – at \$30 per diem, Lodging – at actual cost for facilities that meet the Iowa Code 80.45A(5) requirements, and Medical exams – not to exceed \$75. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to reappoint Doug Groux as the Weed Commissioner for 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beard and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 22-34, the Construction Evaluation Resolution for Confined Feeding Operations. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board agreed to make no changes to the agency and board assignments for 2022.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, January 10, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors