

## Board Minutes Monday March 7, 2022

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am March 7, 2022 with all members present (Beard electronically.)

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to open the public hearing on the maximum property tax levies for FY23. Motion carried unanimously. Auditor Steines gave an overview of proposed levies and budget adoption procedures. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to adopt resolution 22-44, approving the maximum tax levies as published. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Beard and seconded by Rustad to adopt resolution 22-45, setting the Public Hearing on the proposed FY23 budget for 9:30, March 28, 2022. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to offer the IT Director position to Jon Lubke, and approve his hire if he accepts. As stipulated in the job offer letter, the new position as IT Director will be in addition to the current duties of the GIS Coordinator; and will establish a salary outside the policies of the pay matrix system. This offer stipulates he will begin the new position immediately on signing the acceptance letter. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Duane Baumler, property owner on Wren Valley Road, met with the Board to discuss the future of the restricted bridge on Wren Valley Road. The Board will research option for repair or replacement.

Jon Lubke, County IT Director; Chopper Albert, Decorah IT Director; and Adam Ramseth, Fiber Consultant, met with the Board to give updates on several Fiber and network projects.

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

The Board discussed citizen requests to light the Courthouse with a blue and yellow lighting scheme to support Ukraine. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Vermace to approve the exception to the Courthouse Lighting policy to authorize the use of this lighting scheme for two weeks. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will revisit this on March 21<sup>st</sup> to consider continuation or cancellation of this authorization.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to appoint Richard Hammel to the Winneshiek County Solid Waste agency Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the Class C liquor license for Bluffton Bar, and to accept and file the monthly report of the County Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, March 14, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors