

Board Minutes Tuesday January 3, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am January 3, 2023 with Vick, Kelsay, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present.

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

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

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolutions 23-18, 23-19, and 23-20; awarding three bridge projects to Brennan Construction as the low bidder, and authorizing Bjerke to execute the digital contracts for those projects. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to approve the 5-year Road Construction Program as presented by Bjerke. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to approve the DOT Road Budget as amended and presented by Bjerke. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board opened and reviewed the bids for the lease on the County Farmland. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to accept the high bid by Daryl Hovden d/b/a Southern Accent Farms for \$12,851 annually for three years. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Deana Hageman, RSVP, and Kristen Torresdal, Decorah Public Library, met with the Board to review the RSVP programs and request funding for FY24.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to approve the Public Opinion (Decorah) and Calmar Courier as the Official County Newspapers for 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the 2023 Holiday Schedule as presented by Steines. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the mileage, meal, lodging, and medical exam reimbursements without changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to appoint Doug Groux as Weed Commissioner for 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 23-21, the Construction Evaluation Resolution for Confined Animal Feeding Operation. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board discussed recording meeting for public posting. Vermace moved to start recording and posting the meetings with details to be determined by the IT department, but then withdrew the motion. The Board will discuss this again at a future meeting.

Jon Lubke, IT and GIS Director, met with the Board to discuss the IT Benchmarks. He specifically reviewed the upcoming IT Assessment with the ICIT group. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to approve the IT Assessment paperwork with ICIT pending review by the County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the Committee and Duty appointments for each member. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to adopt the Member Responsibilities as outlined in the addendum to these minutes. These appointments specifically include the following Upper Explorerland Regional Planning appointments: Vermace and Vick on the Full Commission with Vermace serving on the Executive Board, Vick on the Transportation Policy Board with Vermace as alternate, and Vermace serving on the NEIA Housing Trust Fund committee and Regional Housing Authority. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, January 9, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors