

Board Minutes Monday March 13, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am March 13, 2023 with Vick, Kelsay, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present.

Steve Slessor, Ben Stevens, and Tom Marquardt; administrators at Winneshiek Medical Center, met with the Board to give updates on services, plans for future projects, and a review of the 2022 financial report.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and the liquor license for Harvest Farm Campground. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Beeghly met with the Board to provide information he collected from the Fayette County Engineer and to discuss invasive species, particularly Japanese Knotweed.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 23-26 setting a public hearing on the vacation of a portion of 211th Avenue for April 3rd at 10:40am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required.

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

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

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 23-27, setting the public hearing on the proposed FY24 Maximum Tax Levy for April 3rd at 9:30am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 23-28, freezing Supervisors' salaries for FY24 irrespective of actions taken on the recommended salaries for the other elected officials. Motion carried with Vermace, Faldet and Langreck voting aye; and Vick and Kelsay voting nay.

Nicole Schulte and Jacqui VanMinsel, Harmony Telephone Company, met with the Board to describe the Invitation to Qualify process for areas of the County to be designated as Broadband Intervention Zones. A successful designation will provide state funding opportunities for telecom companies wishing to expand broadband service in those areas. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to have Auditor

Steines work with the IT department, Fiber Consultant Adam Ramseth, and Schulte to put together the application for the County. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, March 20, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors