

Board Minutes Monday April 24, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am April 24, 2023 with Vick, Kelsay, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present.

MJ Hatfield met with the Board to discuss roadside maintenance in some specific areas as well as general comments on vegetation management and noxious weeds.

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

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to accept and file the VA monthly report. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Steines, County Auditor, gave an update on the ARPA spending.

The Board discussed several issues related to the Roadside Management Program.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues. The Board asked him whether the County could continue to have an Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Program without having a Roadside Manager. He will research and get back to the Board.

Jim Beeghly met with the Board to present some additional information about the Roadside Management Program.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to open the public hearing on the proposed FY24 Budget. Motion carried unanimously. Ben Steines, County Auditor, reviewed the process of developing the budget and associated details. Several comments were received primarily focusing on the Roadside Management Program, with seven supporting the program and one against the program. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The Board discussed the proposed budget and the comments received. It was noted that the budget included the maximum transfer from property taxes to the Secondary Road Fund. Details of how that money would be spent within the Secondary Road Fund were still being worked out with the County Engineer. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 23-37, adopting the FY24 Budget as published and to certify the tax rates. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board reviewed the Compensation Board recommendations and the procedures for adopting or making reductions. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 23-38, approving eighty percent of the recommended compensation increases for elected officials and acknowledging no increase for the Board of Supervisors per previous resolution 23-28. Motion carried with Vick, Kelsay, and Langreck voting aye; and Vermace and Faldet voting nay.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, May 1, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors