

Board Minutes Monday May 1, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am May 1, 2023 with Vick, Kelsay, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters. After reviewing ongoing projects Bjerke submitted his resignation. The Board will discuss at the next meeting whether to exercise the contract clause requesting him to continue to serve up to sixty days.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and the Fireworks permit for Bob Carolan. Motion carried unanimously.

Tony Phillips, Planning & Zoning Administrator, met with the Board to inform them the re-zoning request scheduled for a public hearing had been withdrawn, and there was no need for a public hearing.

Jim Beeghly met with the Board to discuss several issues related to the ten acre parcel up for lease and the Roadside Vegetation Management program.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the Letter of Support for Decorah's application for a Cultural and Entertainment District. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the American Rescue Plan Act funding. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to designate any remaining ARPA funds to be used towards the E911 Tower project. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues. He confirmed for the Board after his review of the Integrated Roadside Management Program State Law, IDOT Guidelines, and County Ordinance; that the County can have a program without a separate Director. The program comes under the duties of the County Engineer. When asked by Vermace, he also confirmed the policy that outlines how an employee files a complaint: their immediate supervisors, then their department head, then the County Attorney.

Van Der Maaten also reviewed the Opioid Litigation funds, and the process for seeking grant application for use of the funding. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 23-39 confirming the intent to seek grant application for distribution of Opioid Litigation Settlement Funds. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, May 8, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors