

## Board Minutes Monday July 10, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am July 10, 2023 with all members present. The meeting was called to order and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited.

Moved by Vick and seconded Vermace to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of County Road #1480. Motion carried unanimously. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-01, approving the vacation of Road #1480. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution will be on file in the County Auditor's and Recorder's offices.

Isaac Wiltgen, Interim County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to approve the agreement with Duane and Janice Baumler for the sale of the entrance bridge lying on Wren Valley Road. The bridge was rehabilitated by the County and now will belong to Baumlers for access to their property. Motion carried unanimously. Complete agreement will be on file in the County Auditor's and Recorder's offices.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the offer of the position of Equipment Operator 1 to Kurt Huber, and approve his hire after he accepts and passes the required pre-employment physicals. Motion carried unanimously.

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, the liquor licenses for Highland General Store and Seed Savers Exchange, and to accept and file the monthly report of the County Recorder and the quarterly report of the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

No action was taken on the IRVM financial analysis because no proposals were received.

Vermace proposed expanding the County Engineer search to include web-based recruitment sites like ZIP Recruiter, Monster, Indeed, etc. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to use these recruitment tools. Motion failed with Vermace and Faldet voting aye; and Vick, Kelsay, and Langreck voting nay.

Tom Madden, SEH Engineering, met with the Board to discuss the next steps in the Festina Sewer Project construction. He reviewed a proposed timeline with the Board who gave their consensus to proceed. He will work with the bonding counsel to prepare the official paperwork to set up the process. Further action on this project will be expected over the next couple of months.

Jon Lubke, IT & GIS Director, met with the Board to review the research he has done into upgrades to the audio and visual technology in the boardroom to facilitate amplification of the discussion for better understanding among those in attendance both in-person and on-line. These upgrades would also help facilitate recording of the meeting should the Board choose to do that. Lubke discussed some of the needed technology but is waiting to get proposal figures from the technician. This will continue to be discussed as more information becomes available.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, July 17, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors