

Board Minutes Monday September 11, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am September 11, 2023 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-10, approving the contract and performance and/or payment bonds for the Festina Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvement Project. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution is on file in the County Auditor's Office.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the Arrangement Letter with Hacker Nelson & Co. for preparing the FY23 Financial Audit for the County. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-11, setting the public hearing for October 9, 2023 at 10:30 for the sale of two lots in Spillville. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the Amended and Restated agreement with Midwest Group Benefits for management of the County's Flexible Benefits program. Motion carried unanimously.

Kelsay and Vermace reviewed the draft of the interview questions for the County Engineer hiring process. The hiring committee recommends not holding the interviews until the applicant pool is increased. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vermace to delay interviews at this time to facilitate more recruitment efforts. Motion carried with Kelsy, Vermace and Faldet voting aye; and Vick and Langreck voting nay.

Jeff Kuboushek, Road Maintenance Superintendent, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to open the public hearing on the transfer of a lot to Fjelstuls. 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 24-12, approving the transfer of the lot to Fjelstuls. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution will be on file in the County Auditor's and Recorder's Offices. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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 to accept and file the monthly report of the County Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, and Mike Shimak, County Surveyor, met with the Board to discuss county issues. The main topic of discussion was the status of Horn Hollow Road. Jim Wicka also commented on the topic. Van Der Maaten reiterated that his opinion is that the County's interest in the unused portion of Horn Hollow Road is not saleable.

Steve Daniels, representing Lucy Schempp, met with the Board to also discuss Horn Hollow Road, and encourage the Board to continue with the vacation process.

Niki Stinn, Iowa DOT, met with the Board to discuss the duties of the Board of Supervisors as it concerns the County Engineer; and the process for hiring a new County Engineer.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to go into closed session to review or discuss records which are required or authorized by state law to be kept confidential pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a). The records being discussed are confidential under Iowa Code 22.7(5). Motion carried unanimously and a closed session was held jointly with the Security Committee and the ICIT Assessment Group. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to resume open session and accept the report as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, September 18, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors