Board Minutes Monday October 2, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am October 2, 2023 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Chad Wilkins, Iowa Rotocast Plastics, met with the Board to answer questions and discuss options for the county owned property next to the IRP facility, that IRP would like to purchase to facilitate the installation of a solar field. The Board will do some more research and continue to discuss options.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and to accept and file the quarterly report of the County Auditor. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed funding for county libraries. Vermace and Langreck will work with the Library Association to update the funding agreement before budget time.

Dave Kratz met with the Board to discuss a Planning & Zoning issue he has been working on as well as the P&Z regulations for subdivisions within two miles of the City of Decorah. His specific circumstance needs City of Decorah approval before the County P&Z will take up the issue. There was discussion about that procedure, but the Iowa Code and current subdivision ordinance were clear that City approval is required.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues. The topic of the sale of property in Freeport was reviewed. The Board will need to do more research and make some decisions before taking the next steps to potentially sell the property.

Nick Rissman, Interim County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

The Board reviewed several topics related to the hiring of a County Engineer. The consensus was to interview the two applicants they currently have as well as start inquiries with surrounding counties to research the potential of a Shared Permanent County Engineer. It was felt both of these options should be explored before making a decision on hiring a search firm. Auditor Steines will coordinate interview times for the two candidates and contact the surrounding County Auditors to ask their Boards and Engineers if they would consider a sharing agreement.

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

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Benjamin D Steines	Daniel Langreck, Chair
County Auditor	Board of Supervisors