

Board Minutes October 13 and 16, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am October 13th with all members present. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to go into closed session. Motion carried unanimously. The meeting went into closed session to interview a candidate for County Engineer and to evaluate the professional competency of the individual whose hiring is being considered as necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requested a closed session. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to resume open session. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed salaries, procedures, and other details related to employment offers to the candidates for County Engineer. Langreck and Faldet will work directly with the applicants to discuss these details. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am October 16, 2023 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Ashley Havenstrite, Helping Services of NEIA, met with the Board to report on tobacco cessation programs and other substance abuse programs. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to proclaim November 12 – 18, 2023 as Tobacco Awareness Week in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

Carol Dowe met with the Board to announce a program at the VFW Tuesday October 17th at 5:00pm discussing Veterans' Service Dogs.

Karen Schluter met with the Board to discuss the needed repairs on Middle Calmar Road.

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 Sheriff. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed Planning and Zoning requirements for Adult Accessory Dwelling Units. Kelsay will work with Tony Phillips, Planning, Zoning, and Flood Plain Administrator, and report back to the Board with additional information.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

Nick Rissman, Interim County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters and give project updates.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to approve the employment offers to Carsten Baumler and Garrett Wise as Equipment Operator 1; and approve their hire if they accept and pass pre-employment physical requirements. Motion carried unanimously.

Rissman discussed with the Board the options for repairs to Bridge 317A. The consensus of the Board was to proceed with the rail car replacement options.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 24-17, setting a public hearing on the vacation of a portion of Happy Hollow Road for November 6th at 10:30am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be mailed to the adjoining landowners and be published as required.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-18, setting a public hearing on a re-zoning request for Tanner Baumler for October 30th at 10:00am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to accept and file the annual financial report of WinnMed. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, October 23, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors