

Board Minutes November 20, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am November 20, 2023 with all members present (Faldet electronically.) The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

The Board of Supervisors, ex-officio Board of County Canvassers for Winneshiek County, canvassed the Second Tier results for the Decorah CSD Election held on Tuesday November 7, 2023. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to certify the canvass summary and abstracts of votes, and declare Brian Petersburg, Carole Sand, and Aaron Zander duly elected to the position of Decorah CSD Board of Directors. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to approve the tax abatement for the City of Calmar for parcel 142645601200 for the current and past due taxes in the amount of \$1155. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the lease agreements with NEIA Community Action and Winneshiek County Historical Society. Motion carried unanimously.

Jon Lubke presented the updated System Administrator job description. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to approve the job description pending review by Condrey and Associates. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the application process for the County Engineer position. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to proceed with an interview for Applicant #4 and leave the application period open until the position is filled. Motion carried unanimously.

Winneshiek County Pioneer Cemetery Commission met with the Board to review 2023 projects and request funding for FY25.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and to accept and file the monthly report of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed several miscellaneous budgets.

Rachelle Howe, Executive Director Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission, met with the Board to request funding for FY25 and give project updates.

Chris Troendle, NEIA Regional Housing Trust Fund, met with the Board to give project updates and request funding for FY25.

Tony Phillips, Planning, Zoning, and Flood Plain Administrator, met with the Board to review information on Accessory Dwelling Units. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to forward the compiled directive regarding these types of properties to the P&Z Commission for review and ordinance development. Motion carried unanimously.

Nick Rissman, Interim County Engineer, met with the Board to give project updates and review the “No Winter Maintenance” road list. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-23, establishing the “No Winter Maintenance” roads. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to go into closed session to discuss potential purchase of real estate where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the County would have to pay for the property. Motion carried unanimously. (Authorized by Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j))

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick resume open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vermace to direct Supervisors Langreck and Vick to continue discussions with the owners of the subject property. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, November 27, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors