

Board Minutes December 1 and 4, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30 December 1, 2023 with all members present. At the request of the applicant for County Engineer, the meeting was held in closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). The Board conducted an interview of the applicant. No action was taken.

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am December 4, 2023 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Cheri Lane and Mark Van der Linden, residents of Whitetail Road, met with the Board to present information from residents along Whitetail Road. They expressed safety and health concerns with the dust and road conditions.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and the liquor licenses for Winneshiek Wildberry Winery and South Winneshiek Golf & Country Club. Motion carried unanimously.

Jim Olson, Burr Oak Sewer Commission Board, met with the Board to report the failure of pumps in the sewer system. They will research replacement costs and grant opportunities and report back to the Board. They will likely need financial assistance to replace the pumps, the terms of which will be decided after additional information is presented.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to set a public hearing on the proposed Festina Sewer Loan for December 11, 2023 at 10:25am. Motion carried unanimously. Public notice will be published as required.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to appoint Joe Pinter for a five year term to the Board of Adjustments. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the County Engineer hiring process and plan to hold a special meeting on December 5th at 9:00am to discuss this further.

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

The Board reviewed with Van Der Maaten, the public hearing and bid procedures for the land in Freeport they are considering offering for bid and sale. After discussion, they would like Van Der

Maaten to make changes to the bidding procedures and public hearing notice to reflect restricted uses for the property. The Board will consider this again at a future meeting.

The draft Human Resources RFP will be distributed to the Board for review this week, and be discussed again at a future meeting.

Nick Rissman, Interim County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road projects. He reviewed details of cost share for the County Road W14 project in Spillville. He will collect some additional information on this for discussion at a future meeting.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet 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 Faldet and seconded by Vermace to resume open session. Motion carried unanimously.

Supervisors Langreck and Vick will continue discussions with the owners of the subject property.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, December 11, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors