

Board Minutes January 15, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am January 15, 2024 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Barb Schroeder, Conservation Director, and members of the Conservation Board, met with the Board to give an annual report and review the FY25 budget.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of right-of-way in the village of Bluffton. Public asked a few questions, and no additional 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 24-31, authorizing the vacation of the right-of-way as proposed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Quit Claim deed will be issued to Mark and Edith Dawley and recorded in the County Recorder's office.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Deana Hageman, RSVP Director, met with the Board to give a program report and request funding for FY25.

John Halverson, Maintenance Superintendent, met with the Board to review his FY25 budget.

Brian Huinker, Assured Partners, met with the board to review the proposed health insurance rates for FY25.

Paul Berland, NEIA RC&D, met with the Board to give project updates and request FY25 funding.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to give road department updates.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the board to discuss county issues. The Board discussed the process and possible restrictions to consider if they decide to proceed with the sale of land in Freeport. They will plan to have Tony Phillips, Planning, Zoning, and Flood Plain Administrator, meet with them to discuss restrictions in place on the portion of property in the flood plain. They may use these restrictions as a template for the rest of the property not in the mapped flood plain.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to accept, file, and publish the annual Gross Wage Report. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-32, setting a public hearing on the National Flood Plain Insurance Program for January 29, 2024 at 10:00am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required.

The Board received the letter from the Board of Health with the recommendation on the appointment to the Board of Health. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to appoint Tim Cronin to the Board of Health for a three year term. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to approve a purchase agreement for presentation to the seller. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, January 22, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors