

## Board Minutes February 12, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am February 12, 2024 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Tara Hoffert and Tom Bushman, Community Insurance of Iowa, met with the Board to review the Iowa Communities Insurance Pool renewal information for the County's Property, Liability, and Work Comp insurance. They warned the industry is seeing unusually high increases in premiums and declining coverages, and the ICAP renewal for the County will also.

Dan Marx, County Sheriff, joined the Board to discuss the request by the Sheriffs' Deputies Union to reopen the Collective Bargaining Agreement to negotiate wages for next fiscal year. The Board will plan a closed session with John Anderson, their Collective Bargaining negotiator, to discuss the strategy should they choose to open negotiations.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to appoint Jeffrey Getchell to the remainder of the term of Zachary Fromm, who recently resigned from the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to approve the liquor licenses for Bluffton Bar and Festina Community Center. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-33, providing for a public hearing and bid procedures for the potential sale of land in the Freeport Industrial Park. The public hearing will be held on March 18, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. Motion carried by roll call vote with Vick, Kelsay, and Langreck voting aye; and Vermace and Faldet voting nay. Public notice will be published as required.

Jon Lubke, IT and GIS Director, met with the Board to discuss the issues with the audio/visual system installed by CTI. Jon will work with other vendors and CTI to see what other steps can be taken to address the issues with hearing in the audience area of the room.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road department projects and budget. Mike Weis, Engineering Technician, discussed options for the W14 project. Kueny presented the FY25

budget and discussed the 5-year road plan. He will continue to work on the 5-year plan and associated financial planning.

Vermace was absent for the remainder of the meeting.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, February 19, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors