

Board Minutes February 22 and 26, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 2:00pm February 22, 2024 with all members present.

Deputy Chris Wuebker, Deputy Byron Hook, and Chief Deputy Jeff Berns met with the Board to present salary comparisons for Sheriff's department employees in other counties and discuss the history of pay scales.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss the position of Assistant to the Engineer. The Board authorized him to proceed with the hiring process for up to two people in this position.

John Anderson, Collective Bargaining negotiator, met with the Board to discuss the process and procedures associated with the Sheriff's Deputies request for a modification to the pay rates. The Board authorized Anderson to offer a \$1.50 per hour adjustment to the previously negotiated FY25 wages.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, February 26, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am February 26, 2024 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Doug Groux, County Sanitarian, presented the Master Matrix scoring and application by KG4 Dairy for a Construction Permit. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to recommend approval to the DNR for the permit. Motion carried with Vick, Kelsay, and Langreck voting aye; Vermace voting nay; and Faldet abstaining.

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 accept and file the monthly report of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Michale Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to give updates on several projects.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the agreement with Nick Rissman and Howard County for Rissman to provide consulting services to Kueny as needed. Motion carried unanimously.

Stephanie Fromm, Winneshiek County Development and Tourism, introduced Amy Zeigler, State Tourism Manager for Travel Iowa, who gave a presentation on Tourism as an Economic Development Tool. The presentation covered some statewide analysis as well as Winneshiek County specific data.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to accept and file the annual financial report of Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to approve the tax abatement recommendation from the County Treasurer for parcel 120735290100. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, March 4, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors