

Board Minutes April 22, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am April 22, 2024 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road department matters.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the job offer to Elijah Nymeyer for the open position on the Bridge Crew, and approve his hire after he accepts and passes the required pre-employment physicals. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and the claims filed with the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to decline the request by the Secondary Roads Union to reopen the Collective Bargaining Agreement for wage considerations. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to approve the Employee Assistance Program renewal with Employee & Family Resources. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to approve the quote for a new forklift at the recycling department. Motion carried unanimously. The quote for installation of solar panels will be considered at a future meeting.

The Board discussed lease rates for the tenants at the Community Services Building. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to direct the County Attorney to draft proposed leases for the tenants' consideration as one year leases with month to month renewals thereafter at the following rates: \$500/mo. for Toys-Go-Round, \$2000/mo. for the Food Pantry, \$2000/mo. for NEI3A, and \$2000/mo. for Spectrum. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to open the public hearing on the proposed FY25 Budget. Motion carried unanimously. Ben Steines, County Auditor, gave an overview of the proposed budget and budgeting history. Questions and comments were received from the public. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 24-42, approving the FY25 Budget as published. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-43,

approving the raises for elected officials at 55% of the recommendations of the Compensation Board. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

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

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to accept as a full settlement on the account with CTI a discount of \$4,138.83, for the Audio Visual System upgrades made to the Annex building. Motion carried unanimously. The IT department will work with another vendor to check into options for better sound quality in the audience area.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to enter a closed session to discuss the pending litigation in Peel v Winneshiek County. Closed session is authorized under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss the litigation where disclosure of the matters is likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the government body in the litigation. Motion carried unanimously. A closed session was held. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to open the session. Motion carried unanimously. Directions were given to the County Attorney on how to proceed with the litigation.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, April 29, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors