

## Board Minutes May 6, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am May 6, 2024 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of portions of roads 938, 1271, and 1561. Mike Shimak, County Surveyor, described the road layout and history. No comments were received. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. The Board will take action on the vacation at a future meeting after the details of the private easements are worked out amongst the landowners.

Matt Mettille and Mike Weis, Assistants to the Engineer, met with the Board to give updates on several road department projects.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and to accept and file the monthly report of the County Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 24-45, setting the public hearing on the FY24 Budget Amendment for May 28, 2024 at 9:30a.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to purchase copies of the NACO book for donation to the public libraries and schools in the county. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to approve the leases with Spectrum, Food Pantry, and Toys-Go-Round at the Community Services Building. Motion carried unanimously.

Steve Johnson and other members of the Historic Preservation Commission met with the Board to present a Proclamation and a Certificate of Appreciation. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to proclaim May as Historic Preservation Month in Winneshiek County and also to present Marlene Fenstermann with a Certificate of Appreciation for her many years of support to the Historic Preservation Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Stacey Gossling, Historical Society, met with the Board to present information of the many events associated with the City of Decorah 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.

Jon Lubke, GIS & IT Director, met with the Board to discuss the job offer to a potential employee for the Systems Administrator position. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vermace to offer the candidate to start with twelve years' experience on the Systems Administrator pay scale and for calculating vacation. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to open the public hearing on the proposed sale of property in Freeport. Motion carried unanimously. Several public comments were received recommending not to sell the property for various reasons. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to close the public hearing. Motion carried with Kelsay, Vick, Langreck, and Faldet voting aye; and Vermace voting nay. One bid was received and opened. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-46, approving the sale of the land to Iowa Rotocast Plastics for \$300,000. Motion carried with Kelsay, Vick, and Langreck voting aye; and Vermace and Faldet voting nay.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss several legal issues. One topic was the request for public to do metal detecting on county properties around the buildings. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to allow metal detecting on county properties as long as the detectorist notifies the County Auditor as to when they plan to do it. Motion carried unanimously.

Ben Steven, Winn Med, met with the Board. Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to approve the request for Winn Med to use County property near the hospital campus for temporary parking during their current construction project; with restoration to grass after finishing. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, May 13, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors