

Board Minutes May 13, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am May 13, 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 projects.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 24-47, vacating roads 938, 1271, 1561, and the abandoned bridge. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Resolution will be on file in the Auditor's Office and will be Recorded once all of the private easements are finalized.

Tom Madden, SEH Engineering, met with the Board to give an update on the Festina Sewer Project and to present a pay request for the contractor. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the pay request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the job offer to the prospective IT employee. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Vick to authorize Jon Lubke, IT & GIS Director, to offer the position as the Senior Systems Administrator with recognition of his experience placing him at year six of the pay matrix and vacation schedule. 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.

Members of the Pioneer Cemetery Commission met with the Board to present a proclamation. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to proclaim May as Pioneer Cemetery Month in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed several open staffing positions. Alice Abbott and Elizabeth Klimesh from the Veterans Affairs Commission asked the Board to maintain the full time assistant in the VA office. The Board was in consensus that the workload is sufficient to need a full time assistant. John Halverson, Maintenance Superintendent, discussed the need for an assistance for building cleaning and maintenance. He and the Board discussed the possibility of the assistant as a part time position rather than a full time position, especially once the Smith Building is transferred to another entity. Halverson will advertise the position both ways to facilitate further consideration once the applicant pool can be analyzed. Krista Vanden Brink, Public Health Director, met with the Board to report on the Board of Health's process for hiring replacements for the open positions in her department. There are currently three open nurse positions and two and a half open positions in the Homecare Aid department. The

Board of Health believes the minimum employees needed to continue to run the department would be at least one nurse and one home care aid. The Board of Health is currently trying to fill these two positions, and Vanden Brink will report back on the status after these two are filled.

The Board discussed the Rural Garbage Collection program. Their determination is that the cost of the program outweighs the benefits. They will work with TJ Schissel, Landfill Director, and Scott Logsdon, Recycling Supervisor, to determine a timeline to phase out this program.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Vick to approve the Solutions support agreements, one for the annual software maintenance and one for the hardware maintenance for the I-Series server. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, May 20, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors