

Board Minutes July 8, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am July 8, 2024 with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of county Right-of-Way along Happy Hollow Road. Motion carried unanimously. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 25-01, vacating the ROW as proposed. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution will be on file in the county Auditor's and Recorder's offices.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road projects. He also presented the bid award documents for the County Road W-14 projects and Canoe Ridge Road project. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolutions 25-02 and 25-03, awarding the bids for the W-14 projects to Mathy Construction and authorizing Kueny to digitally sign contract documents. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the contract with Fahrner Asphalt Sealers LLC for the Otta Seal project on Canoe Ridge Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 25-04, setting a public hearing on the FY24 budget amendment for July 29, 2024 at 9:30am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required. The Board discussed additional payments to Spectrum for the Community Services Building. The consensus was to include a \$500,000 additional payment as part of the proposed budget amendment.

Trisha Wilkins, Director NEIA Community Action, met with the Board to discuss the Smith Building. NEIA Community Action has agreed to purchase the building from the County for \$1, pending their ability to secure the appropriate insurance for the building. There are several details still to be worked out, with a tentative transfer date of September 3, 2024. The Board will work with the County Attorney to set a public hearing and create all of the required paperwork.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, the liquor license for Seed Savers Exchange, and to accept and file the Recorder's monthly report and the Auditor's quarterly report. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to enter a closed session authorized under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss the pending litigation Peel v Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously, and a closed session was held. Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to open the session. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to authorize Van Der Maaten to proceed with the settlement offer subject to modifications discussed during the closed session. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, July 15, 2024. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors