

Board Minutes January 6, 2025

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am January 6, 2025 with Kelsay, Vick, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited, and the meeting was called to order by Benjamin D. Steines, County Auditor. Steines called for nominations for Chair for 2025. Langreck was nominated by Vick. The vote was held and Langreck was unanimously elected Chair. Steines called for nominations for Vice Chair. Vick was nominated by Kelsay, Vermace was nominated by Faldet. The vote was held and Vick was elected Vice Chair with Vick, Kelsay, and Langreck voting for Vick, and Vermace and Faldet voting for Vermace. Langreck assumed the chair.

Michael Kueny, County Engineer, met with the Board to review road projects. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 25-14, an application and letter of support for the RAISE Grant, pending review by the County Attorney. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 25-15, appointing Tim Smock to the vacancy of the County Treasurer. Motion carried with Vick, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet voting aye; and Kelsay voting nay. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to approve the requested re-appointments for Deputy County Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 25-16, approving the recertification for the Bird Friendly Iowa Designation. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Ben Steines, County Auditor, reviewed the Valuation report he compiled for the January 1, 2024 valuations used in the preparation of FY26 budgets. Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to approve the 2024 Valuation Report including property valuations, utility valuations, Homestead Credits/Exemptions, Military Exemptions, Family Farm Credits, and all other associated valuation and credit information as compiled by Steines. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to name the Decorah Leader and the Calmar Courier the Official County Newspapers for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to approve the Holiday schedule for 2025 as reviewed by Steines. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vermace to approve the Mileage, Meals, and Medical Examinations reimbursement rates for 2025 with no changes. Motion carried unanimously.

Josh Dansdill, NEIA RC&D, met with the Board to review the water testing program for the Upper Iowa Watershed Alliance and request funding for FY26.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to appoint Doug Groux as County Weed Commissioner for 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kelsay and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 25-17, the Construction Evaluation Resolution for 2025. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and to accept and file the quarterly report of the County Auditor and the monthly reports of the County Recorder and VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Sam Blatt and Mindy Meyers, Riverview Center, met with the Board to give a program review and request funding for FY26.

Coline McCann and Ellie Loesch, Helping Services, met with the Board to review the Mentoring Program and present a proclamation. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to proclaim January as National Mentoring Month in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

Carson Eggland, Director of Helping Services, met with the Board to review their programs and request funding for FY26.

The Board reviewed several miscellaneous budgets.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Kelsay to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, January 13, 2025. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Daniel Langreck, Chair
Board of Supervisors