

**BOARD PROCEEDINGS**  
**January 10, 2023**  
**REGULAR January SESSION**

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Roger Tjarks, Chairman, Kyle Stecker (via Internet), Joshua Waechter, Carter Nath and Jack Plathe.

Chairman, Roger Tjarks called the meeting to order at 8:00 A.M. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public discussion was held.

Motion by Nath and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waechter to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated January 3, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held with the Secondary Road Foreman.

Monthly update was given by Kossuth Regional Health Center.

Motion by Plathe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nath to approve and sign the Account Information and Binder Agreement for Wellmark Employer Group Retiree Program (EGRP) effective 2/1/2023.

The Board of Supervisors received the IDDA Annual report from John Torbert.

Motion by Plathe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tjarks to enter into Closed Session pursuant to Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(1)(c) at 8:36 A.M. on January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2023 to discuss labor negotiations and certification petition to be filed with the Public Employment Relations Board. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

No decision was made in closed session.

Motion by Waechter and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nath to increase the bargaining unit petition from 15 to 17 employees adding office manager and front office clerk from the Sheriff's office. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Plathe and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waechter to have Chairman Tjarks sign the corrected Certification Petition to be filed with the Public Employment Relations Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waechter to not sign the Joint Representation of Counties in Iowa Utilities Board Pipeline Permit Proceedings project proposed by Navigator Heartland Greenway. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes.

Motion by Stecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Nath to appoint Andy Merron to Fill a Vacancy as the Ramsey Township Trustee. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Tjarks and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Waechter that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, does hereby authorize and give its permission to Winnebago Cooperative Telecom Association of Lake Mills, IA, to bury fiber optic cable in the right of way. Work includes plowing the edge of road of gravel roads, plowing shoulder of paved roads, and boring all intersecting paved roads and drainage structures: Work will be completed within the following right of way of:

**Grant Township:**

- 490<sup>th</sup> St between 120<sup>th</sup> Ave and 130<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 480<sup>th</sup> St between 100<sup>th</sup> Ave and 130<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 470<sup>th</sup> St between 110<sup>th</sup> Ave and 130<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 120<sup>th</sup> Ave between 460<sup>th</sup> St and 500<sup>th</sup> St

**Springfield Township:**

- 480<sup>th</sup> St between 130<sup>th</sup> Ave and 150<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 470<sup>th</sup> St between 130<sup>th</sup> Ave and 150<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 470<sup>th</sup> St between 160<sup>th</sup> Ave and 170<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 130<sup>th</sup> Ave between 460<sup>th</sup> St and 470<sup>th</sup> St
- 130<sup>th</sup> Ave between 480<sup>th</sup> St and 490<sup>th</sup> St
- 140<sup>th</sup> Ave between 470<sup>th</sup> St and 480<sup>th</sup> St
- 150<sup>th</sup> Ave between 470<sup>th</sup> St and 500<sup>th</sup> St
- 160<sup>th</sup> Ave between 460<sup>th</sup> St and 480<sup>th</sup> St
- 170<sup>th</sup> Ave between 460<sup>th</sup> St and 470<sup>th</sup> St

**Harrison Township:**

- 460<sup>th</sup> St between 110<sup>th</sup> Ave and 130<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 450<sup>th</sup> St between 110<sup>th</sup> Ave and 130<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 125<sup>th</sup> Ave between 440<sup>th</sup> St and 460<sup>th</sup> St

**Ledyard Township:**

- 460<sup>th</sup> St between 130<sup>th</sup> Ave and 150<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 460<sup>th</sup> St between 160<sup>th</sup> Ave and 180<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 450<sup>th</sup> St between 130<sup>th</sup> Ave and 155<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 440<sup>th</sup> St between 130<sup>th</sup> Ave and 140<sup>th</sup> Ave
- 130<sup>th</sup> Ave between 430<sup>th</sup> St (US 169) and 450<sup>th</sup> St
- 140<sup>th</sup> Ave between 440<sup>th</sup> St and 460<sup>th</sup> St

Work will be in Sections 13, 22-27, and 35-36 of Grant Township; Sections 16-21 and 27-34 of Springfield Township; Sections 1-2 and 11-13 of Harrison Township; and Sections 2-9 and 18 of Ledyard Township. Permit number 01-01-2023 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer’s Office, see map attached to permit for installation details. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer – Zoning Administrator.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor.

Board discussion and committee reports were held.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M. by unanimous consent.

Attest:

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Tammy Eden  
Kossuth County Auditor

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Roger Tjarks, Chairman  
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors