

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
February 28, 2023
REGULAR Month SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were Roger Tjarks (Chairman), Kyle Stecker, 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.

There was no public discussion.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated February 21, 2023 after removing "Discussion/Decision to Complete the Pre-Application for the Rural EMS Pilot Program" from the agenda. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: no, Waechter: no, Stecker: no, Tjarks: yes. Motion failed.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Nath to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated February 21, 2023. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: no, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried 4-1.

General Assistance Coordinator, Dona Nielsen gave a monthly update.

The board acknowledged the Wellness Committee minutes.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Waechter to approve the handwritten claim for \$430.50 to Bolton & Menk. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Tjarks to disallow the handwritten claim to Kyle Stecker in the amount of \$520 for the NACO Conference. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: no, Waechter: no, Stecker: no, Tjarks: no. Motion failed.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to approve the handwritten claim for \$520 to Kyle Stecker for the NACO Conference. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: no, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to approve the handwritten claim for \$8,913 to Iowa Communities Assurance Pool. Motion carried unanimously.

The board acknowledged a transfer made by the Kossuth County Auditor from rural basic to secondary road in the amount of \$250,000. This is Local Option Sales Tax (LOST) money.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to approve the Ag-land allowances and disallowances. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Nath and 2nd by Stecker to approve the Family Farm allowances and disallowances. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Tjarks to not apply for the pre-application for the rural EMS Pilot Program. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: pass, Wachter: no, Stecker: no, Tjarks: pass, Nath: no, Tjarks: yes. Motion failed.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter for Kyle Stecker to complete the pre-application for the Rural EMS Pilot Program and direct the EMS Board to look into the project. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: no, Nath, no Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: no. Motion failed.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Tjarks for Roger Tjarks to be put back on as the EMS delegate as originally designated on January 3, 2023. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: no, Waechter: no, Stecker: no, Tjarks: yes. Motion failed.

Discussion with Snyder & Associates and McClure for County Inspector Services for Carbon Pipelines agreement was rescheduled to March 14, 2023.

Discussion was held regarding discontinuing longevity after the completion of FY 2023. Meaning that employees who have already been awarded longevity will continue to be paid that longevity amount throughout their employment with the county, but no-one will receive additional longevity after FY 2023. Motion by Nath and 2nd by Tjarks to discontinue longevity after FY 2023. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: pass, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Plathe: no. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to certify the amended Buffalo Urban Renewal TIF Indebtedness due to SF 181. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

A joint meeting was held with the Winnebago County Board of Supervisors and CEO of Care Connections of Northern Iowa, via telephone, regarding sharing a mental health advocate. Present were: Jack Plathe, Carter Nath, Josh Waechter, Kyle Stecker and Roger Tjarks and Kossuth County Auditor Tammy Eden; Melissa Loehr from Care Connections of Northern Iowa; and full board from Winnebago County including: Terry Durby, Bill Jensvold and Susan Smith, as well as Winnebago County Auditor Karla Weiss. Motion was made by Jensvold and 2nd by Stecker to enter into an agreement between Winnebago and Kossuth Counties for advocate services. All ayes from the Winnebago County Board as well as the Kossuth County Board. Motion carried unanimously.

At 10:00 A.M. a Public Hearing for DD 60 Sub 4 Improvement Project was held.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to open the public hearing for DD 60 Sub 4 Improvement Project. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

The Engineer's Report for the DD 60 Sub 4 Improvement Project was presented by Engineering Firm Bolton & Menk. Discussion was held with the landowners, engineer, and the board of supervisors.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Plathe to close the public hearing for DD 60 Sub 4 Improvement Project. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Plathe to approve the engineer's report for DD 60 Sub 4 with ½" and ¾" coefficient and proceed with the bid letting. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plathe to approve the landowner to private tile from Whittemore Sec. 16 to Whittemore Sec. 17 PAK 1 OD. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: no, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried 4-1.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Nath to approve the claim for PAK 1 Main Tile Repair in the amount of \$5,346 to King Excavating. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Waechter to approve Pay App 6 for DD 4 OD FEMA repairs to McCarty Custom Inc. in the amount of \$298,456. Motion carried unanimously.

At 12:00 P.M. the Board of Supervisors attended the Conference Board Public Hearing.

At 1:00 P.M. discussion was held with Wellmark regarding the County Health Insurance initial rates for FY 2024.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to accept and approve the Kossuth County Secondary Road Labor Agreement negotiated January 25, 2023 between Kossuth County and the International Union of Operating Engineer's for fiscal years 2024, 2025, and 2026. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Plathe: yes, Nath: yes, Waechter: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Nath to approve B & W Control Specialists, Inc. quote for roadside weed control for 2023 which is on file in the County Engineer's Office. Total estimated cost for control of noxious weeds equals \$111,484.25. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Nath to authorize and give its permission to Black Hills Energy, IA, to bore gas under 200th Street, approximately 50 feet east of 160th Avenue. Work will be in Sections 10 and 15 of Irvington Township. Permit 02-04-2023 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

Held discussion with the Kossuth County Engineer and Zoning Administrator.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Auditor and Kossuth County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Waechter and 2nd by Nath to adjourn at 3:25 P.M. Motion carried unanimously.

Attest:

Tammy Eden
Kossuth County Auditor

Roger Tjarks, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors