

2021/2022 – CONFERENCE BOARD MINUTES – 1ST MEETING

The Kossuth County Conference Board met Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Kossuth County Election Building.

The members present were:

Board of Supervisors: Galen Casey, Jack Plathe, Donnie Loss, Kyle Stecker and Roger Tjarks

Mayors: Rick Murphy – Algona, Alan Miller – Fenton, Floyd Lavrenz – Burt, Kevin McPeak – LuVerne, Aaron Boyken – Titonka and Marilyn Schutz – West Bend.

School Board: Jay Limbaugh – Algona.

Also in attendance was Judy Samp – Assessor, Christopher Lawson – Deputy Assessor.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the minutes from the March 3, 2020 meeting. There was a motion by Mayor, Alan Miller and second by Mayor, Marilyn Schutz to approve the minutes as presented. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Supervisor, Roger Tjarks made a motion to open the public hearing. Supervisor, Kyle Stecker second the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Assessor, Judy Samp, explained she feels values will see around a 10% increase, Pictometry aerial photography to be flown in the spring, implementation of new property assessment manual and recent Legislative changes. Assessor Samp then reviewed the Annual Report and Board of Review Action.

Assessor, Judy Samp explained the proposed budget for 2021/2022 Assessment Expense Fund. The proposed salary for the Assessor at \$88,000 Deputy Assessor at \$70,400, Clerk – Nancy Dixon - Knecht at a 3.5% increase to \$44,774 and Field Appraiser - Brandon Ostwald at \$36,750 according to the step program. There were questions regarding the health insurance benefits offered and the raises being offered to other county employees. After these items were presented the members broke into their respective voting groups.

Supervisors were recommending 3% increase for Assessor and 3% for Staff, Mayors 5% increase for Assessor and 3% for Staff and the School Board members 3% for the Assessor and Staff. Supervisor, Roger Tjarks made a motion of a 4% increase for the Assessor, Deputy at 80% of Assessor and 3% for Staff. The motion was seconded by Mayor, Alan Miller, roll call vote 1, motion carried (2-0).

Supervisor, Kyle Stecker made a motion to approve the proposed budget with the amended salaries. Mayor, Floyd Lavrenz seconded the motion. Roll call vote 2, motion carried (2-0).

Assessor, Judy Samp explained that Lynette Hankins Board of Review term has expired, and that Jerry Clark has submitted his resignation. Motion by Mayor, Kevin McPeak to reappoint Lynette Hankins and to appoint Alan Boyken to finish Jerry Clarks term expiring 1/1/2022. Seconded by Supervisor, Galen Casey, voice vote, motion carried.

Assessor, Judy Samp stated that the Supervisors, School Board and Mayors will need to make appointments to the Examining Board. Item tabled.

The next item on the agenda was to set the date for the Public Hearing on the proposed budget. Supervisor, Jack Plathe, made a motion to set the Public Hearing for March 2nd, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. Mayor, Floyd Lavrenz, seconded the motion, voice vote, motion carried.

Supervisor, Roger Tjarks, made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mayor, Marilyn Schutz, seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:33 p.m.

Roger Tjarks, Chair of the Conference Board

Judy Samp, Clerk