

–CONFERENCE BOARD MINUTES –

The Kossuth County Conference Board met on Thursday, December 5th, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Supervisor's meeting room in the Kossuth County Court House.

Those members present were:

Board of Supervisors: Carter Nath – 1st District, Jack Plathe – 2nd District, Kyle Stecker – 4th District and Roger Tjarks – 5th District.

Mayors: Rick Murphy – Algona; Tom Johnson - Bancroft; Gene Miller – Fenton; Kevin McPeak – Luverne; Craig Larson – Wesley and Kimberly Johnson – West Bend (Telephone).

School Board: Todd Louwagie – Algona.

Also in attendance was – Pam Wymore (Examining Board) Brandon Ostwald (Chief Deputy Assessor) Jamie Hauser & Jenny Hauser.

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Motion by Mayor, Kevin McPeak to approve the agenda. Supervisor, Roger Tjarks seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Mayor, Tom Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes from the Conference Board meeting on March 5, 2024. Mayor, Gene Miller seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Supervisor Kyle Stecker acknowledge the resignation of former Assessor Chris Lawson. No further discussion was heard on this agenda item.

Examining Board member Pam Wymore presented to the conference board her report of the application for Kossuth County Assessor Position. Jameson Hauser was interviewed on November 13, 2024 in the old board room via Virtual Microsoft Teams. All members of the examining board were present along with Chief Deputy Assessor Brandon Ostwald. The board ask Jamie a series of questions with many question about his leadership capabilities. The examining board agreed he demonstrates those abilities threw the examples he gave during his interview. Mayor Rick Murphy asked Pam if she had checked with Jameson references on his application. Pam answered yes, she spoke with his current boss, Assessor Jill Renken where she stated Jameson was a good employee & has a lot of knowledge in the Assessor Field.

Supervisor Kyle Stecker also stated he contacted a Plymouth County Supervisor & that the individual gave a good recommendation for Jameson.

Supervisor Kyle Stecker opened discussion to offer the new Assessor position to Jamie Hauser.

Mayor Kevin McPeak ask what the salary was for the open position.

Clerk Brandon Ostwald explained that the salary was not on the agenda. Jameson has agreed to start with the current salary of the position of \$97,570 that was noted in the examining board packet that was emailed to each conference board member. No further discussion on this agenda item.

Mayor Tom Johnson made a motion to offer the Assessor Position to Jameson Hauser. Mayor Rick Murphy seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

With no other business on the agenda, Mayor Gene Miller made a motion to Adjourn, School Board Todd Louwagie seconded the motion. On a voice vote, the motion was carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:23 P.M.

Kyle Stecker, Conference Board Chairman

Brandon Ostwald, Clerk