

**May 13, 2020**

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Twombly, Hoadley, Homan, Shelley and Wedemeyer joined via conference call. Also present: Mandy Berg. KSOM and Caleb Nelson joined via conference call. All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

Due to heightened public health risk from the coronavirus outbreak, the Board Meeting was held via conference call pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.8.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Shelley and seconded by Homan to approve the minutes from May 6, 2020. Approved. Jeff Vandewater, County Sheriff entered at 9:03 a.m.

**TOWNSHIP CLERK WAGES:** Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Shelley to approve the wages for Jackson Township Clerk, Diana Kordick, for \$40.00. Approved.

**AUDITOR – TRANSFER RESOLUTION:** Moved by Shelley and seconded by Homan to approve **Resolution #2020-37 – Transfers FY2020** – Be It Resolved by the Adair County Board of Supervisors to direct the Adair County Auditor to transfer \$12,395.88 from the General Fund (0001) to the Misc Capital Projects Fund (1599) for expenditures for the Courthouse Elevator Addition Project. Roll Call Vote: Twombly, aye; Shelley, aye; Hoadley, aye; Homan, aye; and Wedemeyer, aye. Approved.

**SHERIFF: Senior Class Signs** – Vandewater stated that due to the coronavirus, a group of parents have arranged an event for a drive by around the square to honor the graduating senior class on Saturday night. Seniors will be lined up around the square using social distancing guidelines and these parents would like to display the signs with the Seniors' pictures and names on the courtyard for the event. There was discussion about insurance but since the event wasn't going to be taking place on the courtyard, the Board didn't think insurance was needed. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Homan to allow the signs to be placed in the courtyard for the event. Approved. **Prescription Glasses Replacement** – Sheriff Vandewater explained that his prescription glasses were carried away in a river when he was pursuing a rescue. He has contacted the insurance company, but is not sure if they will be able to replace the glasses and is asking the Board if he could purchase a replacement pair out of the County's budget. Supervisor Homan stated that since he was in the line of duty, that the County should pay for the replacements. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Homan for the County to pay for the replacement of the prescription glasses if the insurance is unable to. Approved.

**HEARTLAND DIVIDE PHASE II TRANSMISSION LINES UPDATE:** Kimberly Dickey and Bo McGee, NextEra Energy joined the discussion via conference call at 9:16 a.m. McGee gave an update to the board on the Heartland Divide Phase 2 project regarding the 3 miles of transmission lines in Adair County. McGee assured the Board that they have been implementing all local, State, and Federal guidelines concerning the coronavirus. The project is moving along a little slower than planned, but they are still scheduled for the project to be completed in December 2021. Supervisor Shelley asked if they knew what poles were going to be used for the project yet and McGee explained that it has not been determined yet and it is still being developed on what the exact route is going to be. Dickey stated that they will have some workers out next week in Audubon and Guthrie Counties doing micro-siting and performing feasibility studies. Actual physical work will not begin until late next spring in Adair County. Dickey also wanted to let the Board know that NextEra Energy is here for any support or needs that the County may have during this time. Dickey and McGee left the discussion at 9:28 a.m. Janelle Schneider, County Recorder and Brenda Wallace, County Treasurer entered at 9:28 a.m.

**GENERAL RELIEF:** Raedeen Bigelow joined the discussion via conference call at 9:28 a.m. Bigelow is seeking some advice on how to handle general relief applicants who are receiving the stimulus checks during the coronavirus pandemic. Bigelow stated that some counties are reporting the stimulus money as income and others are not. Social security and Medicaid are not counting the stimulus checks as income. Bigelow stated that it could really hurt some applicants if we count this money towards their income. Moved by Twombly and seconded by Homan to not count the stimulus money as income during the coronavirus pandemic. Approved. Rich Wallace entered at 9:30 a.m. Bigelow left the conversation at 9:33 a.m.

**COVID-19 UPDATES & DISCUSSION:** John Twombly stated that after discussion with Auditor Berg, he thinks that we should wait to have a department head meeting on June 10<sup>th</sup> about opening up the courthouse after the primary election. Supervisor Homan stated that since the Governor is starting to open things back up, he would like to monitor what happens. Supervisor Hoadley stated that if we do wait until June 10<sup>th</sup>, hopefully the waive of the virus will be past us since it seems to be moving from East to West across the state. Supervisor Shelley asked what other Counties were doing. Supervisor Twombly stated that everyone he has talked to is still staying closed to the public or taking extra precautions. Auditor Berg stated that she has seen a mix of things from other Counties, but has noticed many Counties are encouraging the Board to wait until June to start reopening and then doing by appointment only.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Homan to adjourn at 9:36 a.m.

**ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** \_\_\_\_\_ John Twombly, Chairman

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mandy Berg, Auditor