

June 09, 2021

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Shelley, Hoadley, Walker and Wedemeyer. Twombly joined via conference call. Also present: Mandy Berg, Karen Seley, Curt Beane, Melissa Larson and Nick Kauffman. Joanie Finck, Mandy Billings – KSOM, Ric Hansen – KJAN, Matt Ott – MidAmerican, and Caleb Nelson – Adair County Free Press joined via conference phone.

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 along with in-person public attendance using social distancing in the courtroom. Maximum occupancy for public attendance is 21 people.

SOLAR PANEL DISCUSSION: The Board asked Attorney Larson whether the Board has any authority on asking these solar panel developers to provide proof of their developments before the Solar Ordinance went into effect in May. The Board would like to know the plan for the projects and to make sure that documents are not being backdated. Attorney Larson stated she was not sure if the Board had that authority, but didn't see any harm in sending a letter to these developers requesting that information. Larson asked if there had been any proof of these developers backdating documents for these solar projects. Supervisor Shelley asked Curt Beane if he had any evidence of this and Beane stated that he has no proof with any of the documents with the solar panels, but had these issues with the same developers with the wind turbines. Larson stated that if anything comes to light on any documents being backdated that it needs to be sent to her office as it would be a simple misdemeanor and a criminal investigation would have to be done as it goes against the County's ordinance. Larson will work on a letter to send to these developers to request information regarding the solar panel projects. Larson exited at 9:11 a.m.

MINUTES: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the minutes from June 02, 2021. Approved.

CLAIMS: Moved by Walker and seconded by Twombly to approve the following claim:

Vendor	Description	Total	Fund		Amount
Auxiant	HRA Insurance Trust Claims	\$52.60	8500	Adair County Insurance Trust	\$52.60

Approved.

SHERIFF – TRAINING EXPENSES: Sheriff Vandewater sent a letter to the Board regarding paying for his hotel expenses for the FBI Firearms Instructor class the week of June 14-18, 2020. In the past, the Deputy State Auditors had expressed their concern about Vandewater paying for the expense himself and then submitting a claim for the County to reimburse him when it is so close to the end of the fiscal year as it puts the Board in a time crunch if there are any questions or concerns regarding the claim. However, if the County credit card is used to pay for the hotel expense, the expense would not appear on the statement until after July 1st meaning it would come out of next fiscal year's budget when Sheriff Vandewater would like to pay the expense out of FY21. To avoid this situation, Sheriff Vandewater would like to get the Board's pre-approval to allow him to pay for the cost of the hotel for the firearms class himself and then to submit a claim for the County to reimburse him. Moved by Shelley and seconded by Hoadley to allow Sheriff Vandewater to pay for the hotel expenses and then to submit a claim for reimbursement to be paid in FY21. Approved.

HOMESTEAD & MILITARY DISALLOWANCES: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Walker to approve the 11 homestead and 1 military disallowance and for the chair to sign the disallowance letters. Approved.

COVID-19 UPDATES & DISCUSSION: The mask signs have been changed to state that masks are recommended in the Courthouse. **American Rescue Plan Act Award Contract** – Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Walker to sign the American Rescue Plan Act Award Contract allowing the County to receive the grant funds. Approved.

ENGINEER: Award Contract – Moved by Twombly and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve **Resolution #2021- 29** – Award of Bid for Project LFM-G61--7X-01/15. CR G-61: CR G61 from 0.2 miles west of the Adair/Cass County line to 0.2 miles east of the Adair/Cass County line - This project includes the major grading of Adair / Cass County Highway G-61 from 0.2 miles west of the Adair / Cass Countyline to 0.2 miles east of the Adair / Cass County line. This project includes a 6' x 6' RCB Culvert Replacement, multiple roadway and entrance pipe culverts, longitudinal subdrains, side road and driveway regrading, temporary and permanent erosion control devices, and granular surfacing. Be IT RESOLVED, by the Adair County Board of Supervisors, as follows: Section 1: That bid for LFM-G61--7X-01/15 be awarded to the low bidder, Leroy & Sons, Inc., Arcadia, IA for the total cost of \$798,550.81. Section 2: That the chair be authorized to sign the contract documents on behalf of the board. Section 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately. Roll Call Vote: Shelley, aye; Twombly, aye; Walker, aye; Wedemeyer, aye; and Hoadley, aye. Approved. **Maintenance & Activity Report** – Engineer Kauffman gave an update on the following projects: N22 Jackson Bridge is open, Loucks Grove Bridge, filling potholes on REC road and by school, hauling rock, road use agreement – MidAmerican is going to continue using yard so not going to sign off on it until they are done, and has received a dust control inquiry where they are running transmission lines in.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Walker and seconded by Wedemeyer to adjourn at 9:39 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Steve Shelley, Chairman

ATTEST: _____ Mandy Berg, Auditor

