

**January 13, 2023**

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Baier, Hoadley, Twombly, and Walker. Wedemeyer was absent. Also present: Mandy Berg, Jeff Vandewater, and Melissa Larson.

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 in the boardroom.

**SHERIFF: Office Cleaning** – Sheriff Jeff Vandewater stated that he believed he had found someone he can trust to clean the Sheriff's offices. Vandewater stated he would like to hire Sonia LaBarge and start her wage around \$14/\$15 per hour. Supervisor Twombly stated that most of the County's part-time employees begin at least at \$15 per hour and thinks that would be a good starting point. Moved by Twombly and seconded by Hoadley to allow Sheriff Vandewater to hire Sonia LaBarge as an office cleaning employee. Approved. Moved by Twombly and seconded by Hoadley to increase the Matron wages to \$15.00/hour. Approved. Supervisor Matt Wedemeyer joined via conference call at 11:04 a.m. **FY24 Budget Request** – Sheriff Vandewater presented the Sheriff's FY24 Budget Request of \$1,903,966. This is an increase from last year's approved amount of \$1,840,355.

**ATTORNEY – FY24 BUDGET REQUEST:** County Attorney Melissa Larson presented the Attorney's FY24 Budget Request of \$286,752. This is an increase from last year's approved amount of \$254,861. Vandewater exited at 9:34 a.m. Larson exited at 9:43 a.m.

**CONSERVATION – FY24 BUDGET REQUEST:** John Gruss, Nancy Antisdell, and Dominic Johnson entered at 9:45 a.m. Conservation Director Dominic Johnson presented the Conservation's FY24 Budget Request of \$493,824. This is an increase from last year's approved amount of \$372,975. The Board, Johnson, Gruss, and Antisdell also discussed the Conservation being able to save the revenue brought in by camping fees to later put towards conservation projects. Mindy Norwood entered 10:12 a.m. Johnson, Gruss, and Antisdell exited at 10:14 a.m.

**DHS – FY24 FUNDING REQUEST:** Mindy Norwood, DHS presented a report showing information on the SNAP and FIP programs for Adair County residents. The Board and Norwood discussed some of the concerns that the Board currently has regarding youth, mental health, and substance abuse. Norwood stated that she was not the right person to be able to address all of the Board's concerns, but she was going to reach out to see who the Board could talk to on all of these subjects. Norwood and Wedemeyer exited at 11:04 a.m.

**AUDITOR – FY24 BUDGET REQUEST:** Auditor Berg presented the Auditor's FY24 Budget Request of \$509,027. This is an increase from last year's approved amount of \$413,511.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Twombly and seconded by Hoadley to adjourn at 11:12 a.m. Approved.

**ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Walker, Chair

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