

February 15, 2023

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Hoadley, Baier, and Walker. Twombly and Wedemeyer joined via conference call. Also present: Mandy Berg, Sandy McCurdy, and Dustin McCurdy. Mandy Billings – KSOM, Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News, and Rick Hanson– KJAN 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 along with in-person public attendance in the boardroom.

MINUTES: Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to approve the minutes for February 8, 2023. Approved.

CLAIMS: Moved by Baier seconded by Hoadley to approve the following claims:

Agriland Fs Inc	Ethanol, Diesel, Propane, Other Supplies	\$81,311.23
Alliant Energy - IES	Intersection Lighting/Utilities	\$3,508.28
Echo Group Inc	Oil Pit Lens Light Covers	\$584.24
Verizon Wireless	Hot Spot For Survey Crew Equipment	\$38.52
Wiremann Electric LLC	Labor/Materials To Install Electric @ Fuel Island	\$15,251.43
	Grand Total	\$100,693.70

0001 - GENERAL FUND	\$1,185.99
0011 - RURAL SERVICES	\$2,720.04
0020 - SECONDARY ROAD	\$96,787.67
GRAND TOTAL	\$100,693.70

Approved.

TOWNSHIP CLERK WAGES: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Baier to approve the township clerk wages for Grove Township Clerk Dave Barrett for \$20.00 and Walnut Township Clerk Ash Kading for \$20.00. Approved.

HOMESTEAD & MILITARY DISALLOWANCES: Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to approve and send letters to the 7 homestead and 1 military disallowance. Approved.

SIRHA – BOARD OF COMMISSIONER APPOINTMENT: Supervisor Twombly stated he had talked to the people at Union State Bank and was told that the others who he thought may be interested did not want to serve on the Southern Iowa Regional Housing Authority Board of Commissioners. Auditor Berg has reached out to SIRHA to find out what the position entails but has not gotten a response yet. The Board will continue to actively look for a replacement.

JOHSTON CONTROLS – FIRE ALARMS: Auditor Berg stated that Rich Wallace, Courthouse Maintenance, was under the impression that the new fire alarms were going to be paid using ARPA funds as it isn't in his current budget and the County has received the first installment invoice. Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to pay the \$3,919.99 for the courthouse fire alarms from American Rescue Plan Acts funds. Approved.

RENDODRY DEHYDRATION SYSTEM: Supervisor Hoadley had talked to an architect who restores historical buildings at ISAC and after doing some research, she believes the RenoDry Dehydration System could work for the Courthouse's rising damp problem. Hoadley stated the architect was going to check on the references and is supposed to get back to her. All the references that Supervisor Wedemeyer had contacted all had good reviews for the system and were happy with the results. Supervisor Wedemeyer stated he thinks it's a good idea to wait a few months to see if Renodry circles back around and at that time we can contact Cass County to see how their installation went and how it is working.

VETERANS' AFFAIRS – FY24 BUDGET: Lucas Queck, VA Commissioner; Lee Ashmore, VA Commissioner; and Gwen Johnston, VA Clerk entered at 9:13 a.m. Commissioner Ashmore requested that the Board increase the Veterans' Affairs' FY24 budget by 5% for the direct veteran services lines. Ashmore stated that prices for everything is going up and they are afraid they will no longer be able to serve veterans. Johnston stated that her food and provisions line has already been spent out this year and that things will have to be moved around within their budget to cover services. This year they had already had 49 compensation claims and they are on target this fiscal year to double the claims they had last fiscal year. Supervisor Twombly stated that our Veterans' Affairs office sole purpose was to help veterans fill out forms to receive services and it is not our responsibility to be giving out money to them or be their caretakers. They should receive services through the State and Federal levels and think we should limit what we do locally. Supervisor Hoadley stated that the County benefits from the money coming in and that the veterans took care of us and thinks we need to take care of them in return. Twombly asked who was receiving the cell phone allowance and it was determined that the County no longer paid anyone for a cell phone allowance for Veterans' Affairs. Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to increase the 3210 veteran services line items by 5% in the FY24 budget which comes to \$648. Approved. Queck, Ashmore, and Johnston exited and Nick Kauffman entered at 9:27 a.m.

ENGINEER: Sign Front Page – Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley for the Board to sign the front page of plans for the N25 culvert Project L-LRCBN25GR—73-01. Approved. **W15 Eureka culvert Extension Project –** Kauffman stated that awhile back there was watershed money available

to complete the W15 Eureka Culvert Extension Project, however, the landowner at the time on the upstream side didn't want to participate and would not give an easement, so they walked away from the project. The owner has now changed and is willing to work with us on the project. The project will cost around \$58,000, but if approved, Hungry Canyons will pay \$46,000 and the County would be on the hook at about \$12,600. Kauffman will submit the project to Hungry Canyons in March when they meet. **Sign Front Page** – Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Twombly for the Board to sign the front page of plans for the W15 Eureka Culvert Extension Project LFM-LRCBEW15E—7X-01. Approved. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – Engineer Kauffman gave an update to the Board on the following projects: rock prices increased from \$14.35/ton set last January to \$15.10 this February, hoop buildings in Greenfield installed, have received the IRVM Kubota UTV with partial payment from the grant, discussed a change in legislation that allows truckers restricted to 20 pound axles to pay an annual \$500 permit fee to travel routes on a map of participating counties – Kauffman would like to participate and anyone who opts in will receive an equal portion of the money generated by the permits, have applied for farm to market extension 80/20 grant for Bridgewater, Guthrie County has applied for the grant for Stuart, and Dallas County has applied for Dexter, Cumberland has submitted a fiber project in Bridgewater, Fontanelle, and South of Greenfield, Adams County is looking for used 30' beams so looking at making a deal with them, verified that the budgeted property tax transfer was staying at \$1.5 million for FY24, and would like to get rid of some things on Purple Wave. Kauffman exited at 9:48 a.m.

PIPELINE ORDINANCE – PLANNING & ZONING: Supervisor Hoadley stated she had called Kristi Harshbarger, ISAC Attorney, on Monday with questions on the pipelines and ordinances. Harshbarger had stated that we are in uncharted water and no one know what is going to happen. There is potential for Counties to be sued and lose for their pipeline ordinances. Hoadley also stated that Tim Whipple, Ahlers & Cooney, had recommended that the County take another look at their ordinance and talk about planning and zoning. Hoadley stated that Whipple gave her the impression that the County could do a very minimal planning and zoning insert into the ordinance that would help protect against eminent domain. Hoadley stated that most of the farmers she had talked to were not in favor of planning and zoning, but a few larger farmers had told her that it might be a good time to look at it. Supervisor Twombly stated he had talked to one of those farmers after Hoadley and he didn't understand that Hoadley was talking about planning and zoning – he was just against eminent domain. Supervisor Walker stated that everyone he had discussed this topic with was against planning and zoning within the County. Supervisor Twombly stated that he didn't think it was something they should be pushing. Supervisor Wedemeyer agreed stating that if there was a group of people who wanted this, to allow them to come to the Board to discuss it and to petition for an election for it to be voted on by all constituents. Wedemeyer doesn't think we should be organizing anything and is hoping the State will come through and get something figured out to stop the eminent domain for the pipelines.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Twombly and seconded by Baier to adjourn at 9:55 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Jerry Walker, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Mandy Berg, Auditor