

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met March 22, 2019. Heitshusen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Heitshusen, Adams and Pope were present. Garringer and Gahring were absent.

Motion by Pope, seconded by Adams to **approve the agenda**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Pope, seconded by Adams to **approve the minutes** from March 15, 2019. All aye, motion carried.

Chair Note: Board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 66727 and 66906. Board approved payroll paid with warrant numbers 66728 – 66905.

Gahring arrived at 9:08 a.m.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the board to update on construction, road maintenance, and other miscellaneous items in the Secondary Road department.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Adams to **approve Resolution 2019-3-22 opposing Senate Study Bill 1045 and Senate File 184 as follows:**

Resolution #2019-3-22

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE STUDY BILL 1045 AND SENATE FILE 184 PASSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee in the Iowa Senate has passed House Study Bill 1045 (SF 184) which would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 related to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways, and;

WHEREAS, Iowa County owns and maintains nonprimary highways, and is fiscally and legally responsible for the nonprimary highways within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Iowa County owns and maintains approximately 200 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and;

WHEREAS, many of the bridges owned by Iowa County are aging and structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, current funding is not adequate to replace or rehabilitate these bridges at the rate their conditions are deteriorating, and;

WHEREAS, the nonprimary roads and bridges owned by Iowa County serve a critical need for residents, agricultural users, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to issue annual permits to forestry industry haulers for loads up to 130,000 pounds on nonprimary

highways throughout Iowa, without knowledge of or notice given to the agencies which own these highways and the structures thereon, and;

WHEREAS, bridges within Iowa County have been designed for loads that were legal on Iowa roads at the time of their construction, and bridges have only been rated or posted with weight restrictions for loads that are currently legal on roads, and;

WHEREAS, each bridge within Iowa County is unique based on its age, design, and current condition, and;

WHEREAS, load rating to ensure safe passage of loads greater than 80,000 pounds would be unique for each load on each individual bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the traversing of Iowa County bridges by loads up to 130,000 pounds without the County being afforded the knowledge of or the ability to restrict each occurrence, would result in gradual and possibly sudden failure of bridges within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Iowa County would likely bear legal and financial liability for subsequent failure of its bridges, even if such failures are caused by loads they did not permit, and;

WHEREAS, Iowa County is not financially able to repair or replace bridges which would be subject to accelerated deterioration by increased loads, and;

WHEREAS, Iowa County and its residents, farmers, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, would be subjected to undue operational and economic hardships by further degradation of its road system and the structures thereon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Iowa County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to this legislation.

All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Pope **to approve liquor license renewal for Amana General Store**, 4423 220th Street, Amana, Iowa 52203. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Pope **to approve liquor license renewal for Amana Colonies Outdoor Convention Facility**, 3850 C Street, Amana, Iowa 52203. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Pope **to approve the liquor license renewal for Casey's General Store #2774**, 617 42nd Ave., Amana, Iowa 52203. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Adams **to approve the quarterly transfer of \$328,750.00 from Rural Basic fund to Secondary Roads fund**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Pope **to approve and allow the vice-chair to sign the Iowa County Local Disaster Declaration as follows:**

IOWA COUNTY LOCAL DISASER DECLARATION

Iowa County has suffered from a flooding event that started on August 31, 2018 causing severe damage to public and private property, disruption of utility service, and endangerment of health and safety of the citizens of Iowa County within the disaster area. Therefore, the County Board of Supervisors has declared a state of emergency authorized under Iowa State Statute and will execute the expenditure of emergency funds from all available sources, the invoking of mutual aid agreements, and the applying to the State of Iowa for assistance.

All aye, motion carried

No action was taken regarding the single vacancy remaining to be filled on the Pioneer Cemetery commission.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen to **adjourn** at 10:31 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Ray Garringer, Chairman

Jessica Stohlmann, Auditor

****Minutes are unofficial until approved at next Board Meeting. *****