

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met July 19, 2019. Chairman Garringer called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m. Garringer, Gahringer, Pope, Heitshusen, and Adams were present.

Motion by Gahringer, seconded by Heitshusen to **approve the agenda**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Pope to **approve the minutes** from July 12, 2019. All aye, motion carried.

**Chair Note:** Board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 69244 and 69455 – 69459 and claims paid with warrant numbers 69245 – 69454.

**Open Forum:** Lindsey Horak, Iowa County resident, expressed her concern about the communication of the turbine project. Steve Rodgers, Iowa County resident, presented the Board a model comparing the size of a wind turbine versus a train, water tower, tree, and other common structures. Paula Watkins, Iowa County resident, asked where she could find information on turbine research. Abigail Maas, Iowa County resident, asked about the road use agreement and decommission agreement. Denise Leubka, Iowa County resident, voiced her concerns about the absence of protection for eagles and bats in the agreement.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the board to give an update on road maintenance and construction, clean-up of corn stalks, stockpile rock, stop sign in Millersburg, turbine road use agreement and other miscellaneous items in the Secondary Road department.

Motion by Gahringer, seconded by Heitshusen, to **reject the bid from Kinzenbaw Earthmoving for \$110,550 to clean up a large amount of corn stalks left in a farm field from the flooding this spring, and instead, have the Secondary Roads crew preform the clean-up**. All aye, motion carried.

Adam Rabe, Ambulance Director, met with the board to discuss ambulance calls, expenses/revenues, equipment, vehicles, buildings, personnel and miscellaneous items in the Ambulance Department.

Motion by Pope, seconded by Gahringer to **increase EMT and Advanced EMT pay to \$12 per hour effective July 21, 2019**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahringer, seconded by Adams to **change the current open Full Time Float Paramedic position to an EMS Field Supervisor position, and set the starting pay at \$18.50 per hour**. All aye, motion carried.

No formal action was taken regarding allowing an EMT who is a Paramedic Student to fill a Full Time Paramedic position with the condition they become Paramedic certified within 24 months.

Motion by Gahringer, seconded by Heitshusen to **approve bid for \$32,722.00 for a 2020 Ford Interceptor Utility vehicle from Capper Auto to replace the 2005 Tahoe and approve the bid for \$6,745.90 for vehicle Warning Package for the 2020 Interceptor Utility Vehicle from Electronic Engineering**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen **to go into Drainage District at 10:41 a.m.** All aye, motion carried.

Larry Moore, Levee Supervisor, discussed his request for wages for extra help due to having to install and remove a fence out of the pond due to weeds, compensation for keeping leaves out of the pump, approve a quote to replace the switch on pump 3, issues with weeds, stalk and bean clean up, and miscellaneous items.

Motion by Pope, seconded by Gahring to **approve the bid from S&S Plumbing to replace the overload switch on pump #3 for \$390.00.** All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen to **table Moore's request for wages for extra help, due to the installing and removing of the fence.** All aye, motion carried.

No formal action was taken regarding weeds in the pond. Gahring continues to try and find a resolution to the weed issue.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen to **approve the estimate from Kinzenbaw Earthmoving, Inc. in the amount of \$1,255.00 for the removal and hauling of corn stalks, bean stubble and trash from the east side of the storm water retention pond.** All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen to **go out of Drainage District at 11:06 a.m.** All aye, motion carried.

Scot Wetjen, Building Maintenance, met with the board regarding the additional work at the Health Department and a new bus building for Transportation to be constructed at REA in Conroy.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen, to **approve the quote from ServiceMaster380 for \$5,278.23 for additional work to be completed at the Iowa County Health Department. The quote does not include new carpet, drywall or painting that may need to be done by Simmons Construction.** All aye, motion carried.

The board then recessed from 11:20 a.m. until 11:30 a.m.

Garringer called the meeting back to order at 11:30 a.m.

Mark Zaccone, Invenergy, and Sara Houlihan, Mid-American Energy, updated and clarified with the Board a few things with the Diamond Trail Wind project. Zaccone and Houlihan stated there are 86 locations, but only approximately 78 turbines constructed, being a mixed size of turbines. There are no expansion plans in the works from Mid-American or Invenergy. The plan is to start construction in August 2019 and be completed by the end of the year of 2020. Mid-American or whomever owns the turbines at the time of decommissioning pays for the entire cost of decommissioning. A road use agreement is almost completed. The project is 100% voluntary, and no eminent domain is being used as per the agreement that was signed by the Supervisors. The location map has been posted on the county website. Houlihan explained that repowering a turbine is a process of upgrading technology on the turbines. There are more easements signed with landowners than what will be used. Turbine siting takes into account distance from cities and eagle and bats nests. Houlihan advised that Mid-American would give construction updates monthly. The board took questions about a two-mile setback for all cities, and possible tax revenue the turbines will generate.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen to appoint **Justin Sayers as Marengo Township Trustee due to the resignation of Mike Simmons**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heitshusen, seconded by Gahring at 12:05 p.m. All aye, motion carried.

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Ray Garringer, Chairman

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Jessica Stohlmann, Auditor

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