

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met July 26, 2019. Chairman Garringer called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Garringer, Gahring, Pope, Heitshusen, and Adams were present.

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

Motion by Adams, seconded by Pope to **approve the minutes** from July 19, 2019. All aye, motion carried.

Chair Note: Board received manure management plans from Amana Farms Inc. West #56996/Amana Society, Inc. Board approved payroll paid with warrant numbers 69460 – 69643 and handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 69644 and 69645 – 69646.

Liz Kriegel, Iowa County Assessor, met with the board regarding 2019 credit applications.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Pope, to **approve the homestead, military, disabled veterans homestead, and business property tax credits per the Assessor's recommendation for 2019**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heitshusen, seconded by Gahring, to **disallow homestead credits on the following parcels per the Assessor's recommendation: 140903057, 905805051**. All aye, motion carried.

Open Forum: Abigail Maas, Iowa County resident, asked about how the Board decided which members would attend the Power Up Iowa meeting and asked about city councils requesting two-mile setbacks. Sue Gosnell, Iowa County resident, asked if there is any protection from the turbines as she lives in Conroy, which is not incorporated. Alan Schumacher, Iowa County resident, asked if the Marengo Township vacancies had been filled, the process of lowering the speed limit on gravel roads, commented on the road construction on F15 & L Ave., and the timeline for the bridge on 107th Street.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the board to give them an update on road maintenance and construction, a stop sign in Millersburg, road haul agreement with MidAmerican Energy, and PCC patching, and other miscellaneous items in the Secondary Road department.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Pope, to **approve the Haul Roads Damages Agreement with MidAmerican Energy Company**. Heitshusen, Gahring, Adams, Pope, aye. Garringer abstained.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen, to **approve the bid from Iowa Civil Contracting, Inc. for PCC patching on the county roads for the amount of \$155/sq. yard to be completed no later than November 15, 2019**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen to **approve the following liquor license applications pending required additional documentation:**

Catiri's Art Oasis, located at 4506 220th Trail, Amana, new, 12 month license; Robinson Food and Bev LLC DBA: Magpie Pizzeria, located at 728 47th Ave., Amana, new 12 month license; Bev The Barbarian LLP to be located at 1681 U Ave., Homestead, new, 5 day license; Your Private Bartender LLC to be located at 1404 G Ave., Marengo, new, 14 day license.
All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Pope **to designate the Hometown Current as an Official County Newspaper.** Heitshusen, Gahring, Pope and Garringer, aye. Adams abstained.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen **to allow the chair to sign the location contract with Accelerate Productions, LLC** due to changes being made and accepted per legal counsel. All aye, motion carried.

Aaron Sandersfeld, Transportation Director, met with the board to discuss vehicle maintenance, revenues/expenses, preschool rides, hearing tests, and other miscellaneous items in the Transportation Department.

The board then recessed from 10:08 a.m. until 10:15 a.m.

Garringer called the meeting back to order at 10:15 a.m.

Motion by Adams, seconded by Gahring **to approve Resolution 2019-7-26 to publish and set the public hearing on Ordinance number 32 regulating the construction, installation and maintenance of wind energy conversion systems** as follows:

Resolution 2019-7-26

Motion by Adams, seconded by Gahring to set the public hearing date for August 23, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. to be held at the East Courthouse Annex located at 970 Court Avenue, Marengo, Iowa on Iowa County Ordinance Number 32 regulating the construction, installation and maintenance of wind energy conversion systems and addressing the standard and conditions thereof within Iowa County, State of Iowa, and to Authorize the Auditor to publish notice of the time and date of such meeting.

All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heitshusen, seconded by Gahring **to go into Drainage District at 10:30 a.m.** All aye, motion carried.

The Board discussed the process for hiring extra help to assist Larry Moore at the levee. Lou McMeen was also present for the discussion. McMeen advised that Larry Moore should come to the board and have them authorize another independent contractor and give them an idea of the scope of the work to be done by the additional contractor and pay rates. Gahring advised he had consulted with Bjornsen Pond Management & Services LLC regarding the chemicals that can be used to kill weeds. They suggested using Flumigard, Argos, and Diquat, for an estimated cost of \$360.00/acre. Bjornsen also suggested adding Bacteria. The cost for a 25 lb. bag of bacteria is \$340.00. Gahring also advised he had spoken to Chris Anderson, Director at Iowa County Conservation, regarding having Phil DeJarnatt perform the pond spraying as he is already a certified sprayer.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen **to go out of Drainage District at 10:36 a.m.** All aye, motion carried.

Scot Wetjen, Building Maintenance, met with the board to discuss quotes he received for the new bus building for Transportation to be constructed at REA location in Conroy.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Adams, **to approve the quotes and amounts from the following for the new bus building at REA: Simmons Construction for \$47,800.00 for labor, materials, and**

equipment; Fiser Construction for \$14,200.00 for concrete work, and Read Electric, Inc. for \$7,634.00 for electrical work. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Heitshusen, seconded by Gahring **to appoint Paige Baetsle, E911 Director, to the Safety Committee.** All aye, motion carried.

No action was taken regarding appointing someone as a County Director to the Heritage Area Agency on Aging board.

Motion by Gahring, seconded by Heitshusen **to deny paying the membership invoice for the Eastern Iowa Tourism Association.** All aye, motion carried.

No action was taken regarding the FY 20 membership invoice for the Iowa County Economic Development Commission.

Motion by Heitshusen, seconded by Gahring at 10:46 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Ray Garringer, Chairman

Jessica Stohlmann, Auditor

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