

Sibley, Iowa  
December 11, 2020

The Osceola County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to law and adjournment at 8:45 am at the Osceola County Courthouse courtroom with the following members present: Jerry Helmers, LeRoy DeBoer, Mike Schulte, Jayson VandeHoef, and Ed Jones.

Schulte moves to approve the December 11, 2020 agenda. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VandeHoef, second by Helmers to approve the November 24, 2020 minutes with the wording change as follows: "The board discussed closing the courthouse at noon on December 31, 2020". All vote aye. Motion carried.

Schulte moves to close the courthouse offices at noon on December 31, 2020. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

VandeHoef moves to re-appoint Judy Block and Dr. Daniel Berkland, DVM to the Board of Health. Second by Helmers. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The board meet with department heads.

It was moved by Helmers, second by Schulte to approve January 29, 2021 at 9 am for FY 20/21 budget amendment public hearing date. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the libraries' annual report.

Steve Hallgren, Family Crisis Center, Director of Homelessness Program and Services. He thanked the board for the county support and is requesting support for next fiscal year. He also presented the board with their annual report and informed the board about new programs that are available.

The board received a letter from the compensation board with their recommendation for FY 21/22 elected officials. The compensation board recommended 4% for all elected officials. Schulte moves to reduce attorney, auditor, recorder, sheriff, treasurer, and supervisors to 2.50%. Second by Helmers. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The Osceola County Historical Societies visited with the board. Each museum representative informed the board the repairs that need to be done. They thanked the board for the county support and are requesting support again for next fiscal year.

John Alexander, AW Farms LLC presented to the board a bill for \$1, 610.00 for work done in section 9 of Ochededan Township. The board did receive a letter dated July 19,2019 from the county's drainage attorney James Kramer from Johnson, Kramer, Mulholland, Cochrane & Cochrane, P.L.C Attorneys and Counselors at Law regarding this matter. Mr. Kramer stated that this is a private drainage dispute between landowners and the county is not responsible for removing the obstruction. Helmers informed John that he had a conversation with his father Doug Alexander telling him that the county was not responsible since this was a private land dispute between landowners. Doug had told Helmers he would have the obstruction removed and would pay for it. John had told the board that his attorney informed him that Iowa Code 468. 621 had changed and his lawyer's interpretation of that law change is that the county would be responsible for that bill. The board wants further clarification regarding that law change. The board informed John that they did not get the proper permits to work on county property and that the county was not responsible for that invoice.

It was moved by Schulte to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (I) to discuss engineer position. Second by DeBoer. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, Helmers, VandeHoef, Jones. Nay-None. Motion carried.

Helmets moves to enter into regular session. Second by DeBoer. Ayes-Helmets, DeBoer, Schulte, VandeHoef, Jones. Nay-None. Motion carried.

Stephanie Nepl, economic development director visited with the board about the 17.83 acres that are undeveloped at the Enterprise Park. Stephanie would like to know what the board's intentions are with that land. If the board wants to develop or sale it. She has had some inquiries from a couple of businesses who would be interested in buying the land. Nolan McGowen, county attorney gave the board options on

how to dispose of that property. It was moved by VandeHoef to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(J) died from a lack of support. The board will take it under advisement.

Health insurance rates for FY 21/22 were discussed. VandeHoef explained that the insurance rates have slightly decreased for next fiscal year. The employees who are on the HRA plan both the county and employees are currently paying at a higher premium rate to help cover the expenses for a higher deductible to self-fund down to a lower deductible. VandeHoef moves for FY 21/22 that both the county and employee's contribution utilize the current, FY 20/21 actual premium rates. The motion died from a lack of support. It was moved by Schulte, second by DeBoer to keep the insurance premium rates the same as current fiscal year. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, Jones. Nay- VandeHoef. Absent- Helmers. Motion carried.

It was moved by DeBoer, second by Schulte to suspend regular board meeting and enter into the drainage meeting. Ayes- DeBoer, Schulte, VandeHoef, Jones. Nay- none. Absent- Helmers. Motion carried.

Schulte moves to enter into regular session. Second by VandeHoef. Ayes- Schulte, VandeHoef, DeBoer, Jones. Nay- None. Absent-Helmers. Motion carried.

VandeHoef has talked to Sara Howard, engineer office manager to see if she would be interested in being the temporary zoning administrator until an engineer is hired. She has agreed to be the temporary zoning administrator as long as Northwest Iowa Planning and Development could assist her when needed. It was moved by VandeHoef, second by Schulte to appoint Sara Howard as temporary zoning administrator for \$125 per month with the support from Northwest Iowa Planning and Development. Ayes- VandeHoef, Schulte, DeBoer, Jones. Nay-None- Absent-Helmers.

Payroll registers from December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>.

Schulte moves to approve claims submitted by the auditor's office. Second by DeBoer. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, VandeHoef, Jones. Nay-None. Absent- Helmers.