

Sibley, Iowa
August 24, 2021

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

Schulte moves to approve the August 24, 2021 agenda. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by DeBoer, second by Vande Hoef to approve the August 17, 2021 minutes. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Schulte made a motion that the Board set the September meeting schedule for September 14 & 28th. Second by Helmers. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vande Hoef, second by Helmers to approve to waive the penalty and cost of \$404.00 and to abate half of the \$878.00 taxes upon assignment of Tax Sale Certificate 2017-17802 to Troy Winkel. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Discussion followed in regard to the house at Hawkeye Point. Discussion was tabled to get more information. Vande Hoef will reach out to the former owners.

Vande Hoef makes a motion to approve the Osceola County Provider and Program Participation Agreement with Western Iowa Tourism Region. Second by Jones. All in favor. Motion carried.

The NW Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, Inc. agreement as a Provider for Osceola County was discussed. The IFA Board decides if the counties will pledge a 15% or 19% local match of funds. Helmers made a motion to approve aforementioned agreement per IFA's decision. Schulte seconds. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Helmers, second by Jones to approve claim #296 to Bosma Water Service. Ayes- DeBoer, Schulte, Helmers, Jones. Nays- None. Abstain-Vande Hoef. Motion carried. Schulte moves to approve the remainder of the claims submitted by the auditor's office. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Kevin Miller, NCC EMS Education Coordinator, Sande Smith, EMS Director, and Dan Bechler, EMA Director informed the Board of the upcoming EMS Open House on September 11, 2021 from 12:00PM to 3:00 PM at the EMS Building at 205 4th Street, Sibley. There will be a food truck, extrication demonstration and an education informational session. There is a real need for EMT's and Emergency First Responders as there are only 10 people presently in the County that fulfill the ambulance duties 24/7. Different ways of enticing people to get involved were discussed.

Osceola Regional Health Center CEO, Ben Davis, and Bright Beginnings Day Care Director, Holly Faas, presented the Board with a request for \$10,000 annually to help subsidize the expenses of the Day Care. Parents will see a 12% increase in fees for their children to attend the Day Care as of September 1st and the request for funds would hopefully alleviate the need to ask for another 5% to 10% increase again in January, 2022. It was noted that the Board has not been approached for help with funding since 2018, although we did have a Board representative on their Child Advisory Board. Different avenues of grants available, PPE funds, a Loof donation were questioned as to why these avenues couldn't help downsize their deficit. Schulte moves to give the Day Care a one-time \$10,000 for help right now giving them time to make plans to help fix this problem in the future. DeBoer seconds. Aye-Schulte and DeBoer. Nay-Vande Hoef and Jones. Abstain- Helmers. Motion fails. Vande Hoef and Jones identified a desire to have a more defined approach for support and financial commitments. Stephanie Neppel, Economic Development Director, informed the Board of the upcoming Osceola County Child Care Needs Final Report. A public presentation is planned for 6 PM on Tuesday, August 31 at the Sibley-Ocheyedan High School Auditorium.

County Attorney, Nolan McGowan, advises the Board to go into Closed Session Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(c) for update on the Opioid Class Action Lawsuit Settlement. Helmers moves to go into Closed Session. Second by Vande Hoef. Aye-Schulte, Helmers, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Jones. Nay-None. Motion carried.

Vande Hoef made a motion to go into regular session. Helmers second. Aye-Schulte, Helmers, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Jones. Nay-None. Motion carried.

Helmers moves to go into Closed Session Iowa Code 21.5 (1)(c) for update on Litigation Involving the County. DeBoer seconds. Aye-Schulte, Helmers, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Jones. Nay-None. Motion carried.

Helmets moves to go into regular session. Second by Schulte. Aye-Schulte, Helmets, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Jones. Nay-None. Motion carried.

In regard to the hazardous materials at the train derailment site, County Attorney, Nolan McGowan, advised the use of closed session when the Board would like to consider options beyond zoning concerns. Vande Hoef moves to have the County Attorney, with assistance from the Zoning Commissioner and the EMA Director, send a letter to the landowner and railroad company informing them they're in violation of zoning, identifying a September 15 deadline. Helmets seconds. All in favor. Motion carried.