

Sibley, Iowa
July 27, 2021

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

VandeHoef moves to approve the July 27th, 2021 agenda with the addition to discuss OCIO program. Second by Schulte. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by DeBoer, second by Schulte to approve the July 13th, 2021 minutes. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Schulte moves to approve the August schedule as follows: August 10th and 24th with claims being paid on the 10th and 24th. Second by DeBoer. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, Helmers. Nay- None. Abstain-VandeHoef. Motion carried.

The board approved to purchase a 2022 truck on May 14, 2021 from Northern Truck Equipment for \$114,179. The manufacturer is unable to get truck parts so the road department will have to wait until 2023 to get a truck. Northern Truck Equipment rebid a 2023 truck for \$126,721. The board would like more bids before they make a decision regarding this matter.

Sande Smith, Ambulance Coordinator and Dan Bechler, EMA Director discussed with the board about EMS as an Essential Service. The board will keep discussing this matter as more information comes available. The county will need to establish and find individuals willing to serve on a county emergency medical services system advisory council.

Scott TeStroete, chief sales & marketing officer at Premier presented a resolution to the board asking for the county's support for the installation of fiber optics in rural area of Ashton. Premier needs the county's support in order to apply for State of Iowa's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program. There is no financial cost to the county. It was moved by VandeHoef, second by Schulte to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #2 21/22

**A RESOLUTION OF THE OSCEOLA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPORTING THE
INSTALLATION OF FIBER OPTICS BY PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS TO THE RURAL AREA OF
ASHTON, IOWA**

WHEREAS, Premier Communications has identified a need to make improvements to the communication system in rural Ashton with the installation of fiber optics; and the Osceola County Board of Supervisors fully supports the need for this project.

WHEREAS, Premier Communications is applying to the State of Iowa's Empower Rural Iowa Broadband Grant Program to assist with funding.

WHEREAS, investment in infrastructure, such as the proposed fiber project, will greatly benefit businesses, agriculture and residents alike in the rural areas of Ashton by providing state-of-the-art broadband services.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Osceola County Board of Supervisors does hereby express its enthusiastic support for the Ashton rural fiber installation project and furthermore encourages the State of Iowa to act favorably upon the application for financial assistance.

Ayes- VandeHoef, Schulte, DeBoer, Helmers. Nays-None. Motion carried.

VandeHoef moves to approve the contract for non-profit entities. Second by Schulte. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schulte, second by DeBoer to appoint Pam VandeHoef as Holman Township Clerk. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, Helmers. Nay- None. Abstain-VandeHoef (due to a conflict of interest). Motion carried.

Sharon Wolter, county assessor and Nolan McGowan, county attorney presented to the board application for participation in the national flood insurance program, resolution of intent, and a sample floodplain management ordinance. The ordinance does coordinate with the county's current zoning ordinance. Schulte moves to table this decision until the board has more time to review the documents. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Jamey Whitney, executive director and TJ Thayer, operations director from Upper Des Moines Opportunity gave their 6-month update.

It was moved by VandeHoef, second by DeBoer to approve to waive penalty and cost of \$3,588 and to abate half of the \$1,691 taxes upon assignment of Tax Sale Certificate 2001-01803 to Heath Korselman. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Schulte moves to approve FY21/22 certify tax levies. Second by DeBoer. Ayes-Schulte, DeBoer, Helmers. Nay-None. Abstain-VandeHoef. Motion carried.

VandeHoef explained to the board the changes that the Care Connections of Northern Iowa will be making to the current 28E agreement.

It was moved by Schulte, second by VandeHoef to direct the county's drainage attorney to send a letter to Dickinson County in opposition of annexation of Dickinson County Drainage District #15. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The board placed on file the preliminary report on Joint Drainage District #3.

Payroll registers from July 16th and 28th were reviewed.

It was moved by DeBoer, second by Helmers to approve claims #142 and #147 to Bosma Water Service. Ayes- DeBoer, Schulte, Helmers. Nays- None. Abstain-VandeHoef. 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.

DeBoer gave an update on Bright Beginnings. Helmers informed the board that the conservation department purchased about 31 acres of land by Willow Creek.

OCIO announced a program to purchase \$9,500 of laptops and accessories with CARES Act funds at no cost to the county. The board encourages department heads to participate in this program.