

Sibley, Iowa
September 28, 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, LeRoy DeBoer, and Jayson VandeHoef. Absent- Jerry Helmers

Schulte moves to approve the September 28, 2021 agenda with the deletion of approving JRJ Hotel Group, LLC Special C Liquor and Class B Wine license. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by VandeHoef, second by DeBoer to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Schulte moves to approve the October schedule as follows: October 12th at 1 pm and 26th at normal time with claims being paid on the 12th and 26th. Second by Jones. All vote ayes. Motion carried.

Steve VanKley, Sanitarian talked with the Board regarding the 28E agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources. Since the county does not do very many well permits his suggestion is not to sign the 28E agreement. VanKley will refer any new well permits to the state.

Nick Schmalen, Conservation Director informed the Board that the conservation board made an offer to purchase land by Willow Creek. The landowners have verbally agreed to the purchase price but purchase agreement has not been signed yet. The land will be developed for more camp sites and possible cabins.

It was moved by Schulte, second by DeBoer to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5 (1) (c) to discuss possible claim involving county vendor. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, VandeHoef, Jones. Nay-None. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by VandeHoef, second by DeBoer to authorized the County Attorney to explore outside counsel and get cost estimate of legal fees regarding claim involving county vendor. Ayes- VandeHoef, DeBoer. Nays- Schulte, Jones. Motion did not pass.

DeBoer moves to put a noise sign under the discretion of the engineer's office by the intersection of Redwing Avenue and 210th Street. Second by Schulte. Ayes- DeBoer, Schulte, Jones. Nay-None. Abstain-VandeHoef. Motion carried.

It was moved by VandeHoef to have the intersection of 160th Street and Pierce Avenue be an all way stop. Second by Schulte. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The County is only able to consider an outside firm for engineering services as a last resort. Therefore, the Board is going to reach out to the remaining surrounding counties to see if an engineering sharing agreement is possible. VandeHoef will reach out to Clay. Jones will call Lyon and Sioux. Schulte will call Cherokee.

The Board discussed the cleanup of the railroad cars at the derailment site. A letter was sent to the railroad company and landowner that fines would be assessed if cars were not cleaned up by a certain date. VandeHoef moves to encourage the zoning administrator to start assessing fines that were stated in the letter sent to the railroad company and landowner. Second by Jones. Ayes-VandeHoef, Jones, DeBoer. Nay- Schulte. Motion carried.

Rochelle VanTilburg, County Auditor informed the Board that she talked with state auditor's office and department management on what levies should be used when disbursing the Harris TIF tax collection back to the entities. They all suggested that the county use the current levy rates unless it was stated in court documents what levies to use and it was not. It was moved Schulte, second by Jones to use the current levy rates to disburse the Harris TIF tax collection back to the entities. All vote ayes. Motion carried.

Schulte moves to approve 28E agreement with Elderbridge Agency on Aging. Second by DeBoer. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, Jones. Nay-None. Abstain-VandeHoef. Motion carried.

Payroll registers from September 22nd and 24th were reviewed.

It was moved by DeBoer, second by Jones to approve claim #494 to Bosma Water Service. Ayes-DeBoer, Jones, Schulte. Nay-None. Abstain-VandeHoef. VandeHoef moves to approve the remainder of the claims submitted by the auditor's office. Second by DeBoer. All vote ayes. Motion carried.