

Sibley, Iowa  
February 8, 2022

The Osceola County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to law and adjournment at 8:45 am at Osceola County Courthouse Board Room in Sibley, Iowa with the following members present: Jerry Helmers, Ed Jones, Mike Schulte, Jayson Vande Hoef and LeRoy DeBoer. Absent: none.

Jones moves to approve the February 8, 2022 agenda with the item concerning Brightmark removed. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Jones moves to approve the February 1 ,2022 minutes. Second by Vande Hoef. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Schulte moves to enter into Closed Session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(c) to discuss information disclosure/waiver of attorney-client privilege regarding claim against county service vendor. Second by Vande Hoef. Ayes: Jones, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Schulte, Helmers. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Jones moves to adjourn from closed session. Second by DeBoer. Ayes: Jones, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Schulte, Helmers. Nay: none. Motion carried.

Jones moves to approve the signing of the Limited Waiver of Attorney-Client Privilege. Second by Schulte. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The Board received updates from the department heads.

Economic Development Director, Stephanie Nepl shared that the time capsule buried in 1972 located by the rock south of the courthouse will be dug up this Spring in conjunction with Osceola County's Sesquicentennial celebrations. The sesquicentennial celebrations are scheduled to launch May 1<sup>st</sup> but they are still in the planning and scheduling phase, so more details to come on the official date and time the unveiling of the time capsule will take place. Members of the secondary roads crew will assist.

It was moved by DeBoer, second by Schulte to set the public hearing date for redistricting of county supervisor districts for February 22, 2022 @ 8:50 am. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Jones, second by Schulte to set the public hearing for the proposed property tax levy for March 8, 2022. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Bill Pearson provided the Board a review of IMWCA Insurance. Overall the county has received reduction in rates. Pearson encourages the Safety Committee to resume regular meetings, as they increase awareness and address any potential issues needing attention, in turn avoiding unnecessary claims. He noted the secondary roads department hold monthly safety meetings.

HSA savings contributions will continue to be considered. Ryan with Group Benefit Partners will be in the area next week and would like to speak to the Board for further discussion. The Board agreed to meet with him February 16, 2022 following the Conference Board Meeting.

Consideration was given for purchase of a replacement tractor for secondary roads. William Rabenberg and Mike O'Connor presented quotes they received on replacement options and how much insurance will pay for each. Bill Pearson helped field questions regarding the insurance portion of things. The Board requested obtaining a second opinion from another insurance adjuster as they felt the value given from the loss was too low. Additional reasoning was requested as to why the cash value of the damaged unit fluctuated according to the replacement purchase. Jones made a motion to table discussion on the issue. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Prices were provided for secondary road pipe purchases. Schulte moves to award Northern Iowa Construction the bid for corrugated metal piping in the amount of \$42,484. Second by Jones. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Jones moves to award Cemcast Pipe and Precast the bid for concrete piping in the amount of \$41,854.70. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Jones moves to award Cemcast Pipe and Precast the bid for concrete box culverts in the amount of \$88,000.10. Second by Vande Hoef. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Updates were provided on the Engineering Technician position. One application was received. William Rabenberg, interim engineer, shared details on a Tech Program offered through DMACC. If legislature again approves funding, a grant could reduce tuition to just \$1. If not, tuition for the programs runs \$4,640 and the cost of books will be around \$1,000. Upon hire, Rabenberg proposes to have applicant start working under Roger, get applicant on waiting list for DMACC program, offer reimbursement of tuition and book costs and upon pass completion offer an hourly rate increase. Vande Hoef moves to approve Rabenberg's proposal as presented with an initial wage of \$26/hour, followed by an additional \$2.50 increase upon passing the Tech Program. Second by Jones. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Mike O'Connor and William Rabenberg presented information on street lighting and signage proposed near the intersection of Pierce Avenue and 170<sup>th</sup> Street. Lighting options would be to add a 20' arm and 400 watt light to the existing pole in the northwest corner of the intersection or two 200 watt lights on both the north and south sides of said intersection. Additionally, three 45 MPH speed signs need to be installed – one in the westbound lane West of Pierce Avenue, one in the eastbound lane east of Pierce Avenue and one in the westbound lane east of the Highway 60 overpass. Vande Hoef moves to approve Resolution #23 – 21/22 Proposed Street Lighting for Pierce Ave and 170<sup>th</sup> Street using the 20' arm and 400 watt street light, and approving the installation of speed signage as presented. Second by Helmers. Ayes: Jones, Schulte, Vande Hoef, DeBoer, Helmers. Nay: none. Motion carried.

### **Resolution #23 – 21/22**

#### **Street Lighting Resolution**

Be it resolved by the County of Osceola, that Alliant Energy Inc. is hereby directed to make the following changes to the existing system, at the locations described below according to the terms expressed in the IPL Tariff regarding street lights: We are requesting that Alliant Energy install additional lighting at the intersection of Pierce Ave and 170<sup>th</sup> Street in order to enhance safety of the traveling public and illumination of this intersection which has shown an increase in traffic since the completion of Kwik Star project. The monthly cost including maintenance is \$23.56/mo to share a pole on the NW corner of the intersection using a 20' arm and 400-watt lighting.

FY 22/23 Budget was reviewed and the Board would like the \$6,000 line item within the county attorney's budget for part time help removed.

It was moved by Schulte, second by Jones to approve the payment of claims. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Vande Hoef shared concerns about proposed HF2082. Its potential impact to existing TIF districts should be researched. Helmers attended a joint meeting held with Dickinson County Trails Committee and provided updates of the vision of the future trails and what involvement in that might look like. Schulte stated he'd be participating in an upcoming meeting to see about grant funds available to contribute to the trail.