

August 23, 2022
Sibley, Iowa

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

Vande Hoef moves to approve the August 23rd, 2022 agenda with the deletion of approving USDA grant letter of conditions and request of intent to meet condition. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schulte, second by Jones to approve August 9, 2022 minutes. Aye- Schulte, Jones, DeBoer, Helmers. Nay- None. Abstain-Vande Hoef. Motion carried.

Nolan McGowan, County Attorney reviewed the easement options at the Enterprise Park. Chris Hurlburt had a few questions regarding the easement. Brett Doeden from MBN Brothers LLC stated he has no problem with a 50' easement and would not ask Hurlburt to pay for any road improvements. Vande Hoef moves to approve option 1 of the most updated easement language with language/paragraph from the 1st draft including allowing the Grantee the right to address or improve the road but not an obligation. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The first consideration of Resolution # 8 22/23 declaring emergency medical service to be an essential service was considered. Sande Smith, Ambulance Coordinator explained the benefits it is for our county to have EMS as an essential service. Ben Davis, CEO, Osceola Regional Hospital expressed the hospital support for as well. He also said he has 4 nurses interested in helping the ambulance service with the possibility of another 4 nurses. Mark Bremer feels the need for EMS as essential service. He explained they have 3 EMT's to cover the east part of the county. It was moved by Vande Hoef, second by Jones to approve the first consideration of the following resolution:

RESOLUTION #8 22/23 DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE

A resolution by Osceola County to declare emergency medical services (EMS) to be an essential county service as authorized by Iowa Code Section 422D.1.

WHEREAS, Osceola County provides EMS to its residents.

WHEREAS, ensuring efficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents.

WHEREAS, in order to be able to efficiently and effectively provide EMS to its residents, the Board of Supervisors will proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare emergency medical services as an essential county service in order to allow an ad valorem property tax for EMS, and consult with the recently created county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the county and guiding implementation of the same.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Osceola County hereby declares emergency medical services to be an essential county service.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Osceola County directs that all further notices of this resolution be made and any other actions necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code Section 422D.1 to declare EMS be an essential county service.

Ayes- Vande Hoef, Jones, DeBoer, Schulte, Helmers. Nay- None. Passed the first consideration of the resolution # 8 22/23.

The ambulance garage was discussed if the ambulance would stay in their current building or would be in the new garage. If the ambulance stays in the current building then needs about \$125,000 worth of renovation done. Kevin Wollmuth, Sheriff indicated he would like 3 stalls in the new garage. Schulte moves to start the renovation to the current ambulance building. Second by DeBoer, All vote aye. Motion carried.

At 9:30 am a public hearing was held on the second consideration for Ordinance #60 establishing fees and bonding requirement for work within Osceola County right of way. With there being no oral or written comments, the public hearing was closed. It was moved by Schulte, second by Jones to approve the second consideration of Ordinance #60. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Jones moves to waive the third consideration of Ordinance#60 establishing fees and bonding requirements for work within Osceola County right of way. Second by Schulte. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Ernie Villanueva, Groundskeeper/Maintenance discussed with the Board about changing his wages from salary to hourly. He puts a lot of extra hours doing snow removal. It was moved by Jones, second by DeBoer to table this discussion until August 30th. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Jones moves to approve the non-profit contract with Family Crisis Center. Second by DeBoer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Becky Marco, Treasurer and Rochelle Van Tilburg, Auditor discussed with the Board about hiring a floater between the two offices. It was moved by Schulte to approve the floater position. It died from a lack of support. The Board would like a job description before they make a final decision.

It was moved by Jones, second by Vande Hoef to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION# 9 22/23

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND

WHEREAS, it is desired to establish a special revenue fund to account for expenditures and revenues of the Osceola County Opioid Abatement Fund,

WHEREAS, the fund established shall be a special revenue fund, and

WHEREAS, as provided the county shall establish a separate account and,

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Osceola County establishes the following Special Revenue fund:

Local Government Opioid Abatement Fund Fund #35000

The Auditor is directed to create this fund and notify the affected parties of the proper accounting codes. Ayes – Jones, Vande Hoef, DeBoer, Schulte, Helmers. Nay – None. Approved this 23rd day of August, 2022.

Jones moves to approve claim # 259 and # 329 to Bosma Water Service. Second by Helmers. Ayes- Jones, Helmers, DeBoer, Schulte. Nay- None. Abstain- Vande Hoef. It was moved by Vande Hoef, second by DeBoer to approve the remainder of the claims. All vote aye. Motion carried.

August 12, 2022 payroll register was reviewed.

Jack Reed, INCS gave an overview of his service he provided to the county for fiscal year 21/22.