

Sibley, Iowa
January 27, 2023

The Osceola County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to law and adjournment at 8:30 am at Osceola County Courthouse Board Room in Sibley, Iowa with the following members present: Ed Jones, Jayson Vande Hoef, Mike Schulte, via phone – LeRoy DeBoer and Jerry Helmers. Absent: None.

Vande Hoef moves to approve the January 27, 2023 agenda. Second by Helmers. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vande Hoef, second by Jones to approve January 25, 2023 minutes. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Nathan Rockman, Attorney at DeKoter, Dawson, Thole, Rockman, & Krikke Law Firm and Nolan McGowan, County Attorney discussed the possibility of participation in pending litigation. Rockman informed the Board that there would be no upfront cost and their law firm would be retained on contingency basis. A contingency basis agreement would be drawn up where DeKoter, Dawson, Thole, Rockman & Krikke Law Firm would receive 1/3 of any financial compensation recovered. Jones pointed out that suing someone represented by a large law firm is much different than suing the firm itself. And given the vast resources of Dorsey Whitney it would be difficult for a small firm to match those resources. And that the county would be best served by using a larger firm that specializes in these issues. Vande Hoef made the motion that after receiving further information, and after consultation with the County Attorney, the Board hereby agrees to join as a plaintiff in the matter discussed, and further directs the County Attorney to make all necessary efforts to retain DeKoter, Thole, Dawson, Rockman, and Krikke as their counsel in this matter on a contingency fee basis, subject to the consent of the City of Harris. Second by Schulte. Ayes- Vande Hoef, Schulte. Nay- Jones. Abstaining- Helmers, DeBoer (due to both on the phone and couldn't hear the whole conversation). Motion carried.

It was moved by Vande Hoef, second by DeBoer to adjourn the meeting. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Chairman

Auditor