

Sibley, Iowa
April 9, 2024

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: Mike Schulte, Jerry Helmers, LeRoy DeBoer, Jayson Vande Hoef, and Ed Jones. Absent: None.

Schulte moves to approve the April 9, 2024 agenda with removal of the 9:30 item as published. Second by Helmers. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Helmers, second by Schulte to approve March 26, 2024 minutes for both the public hearing and the regular meeting as provided. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Vande Hoef, seconded by Helmers to approve pay increases for Austin Butler as Deputy/Jailer and Shane Nellis as Deputy/Jailer. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schulte, seconded by Vande Hoef to approve the 2024 Conservation Exemptions Acres as presented. Ayes- Schulte, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Jones. Nays- none. Abstain- Helmers. Motion carried.

The Board met with department heads.

It was moved by Schulte, seconded by Helmers to approve the FY 24/25 Secondary Road Annual DOT Budget. All vote aye. Motion carried.

It was moved by Helmers, seconded by DeBoer to approve the Secondary Road County Five Year Plan (CFYP) for FY 25. All vote aye. Motion carried.

A public hearing was held at 9 am for the First Consideration on Ordinance #64 for the Amended Right of Way Permitting. County engineer Keith Brann explained language from the previous draft was updated to include specific definitions of private vs public, prohibition from hanging pipes on bridges, and the added option of using a design factor of safety of 0.50 under all roadways for non-sleeved pipe, as is the practice under railroads. The industry standard is shifting away from sleeving due to its interference with cathodic protection of piping materials. Kylie Lange and Brent Niese, representatives from Summit Carbon Solutions, were present and offered further explanation, stating that going from a standard factor of safety of .72 to a .5 as utilized under railroads would require a nonstandard transition piece that would require an additional weld. Lange stated, though confident in the weld, it adds an increased risk with no added benefit. The standard factor of safety under a roadway is .6. Brann stated the standard length of piping is 20-40' so there will be many welds over the multiple miles of pipe. That said, he feels the concern of an added weld is negated by the thicker piping option and his recommendation remains unchanged from that outlined. No action was taken and the second reading was scheduled for April 23, 2024.

It was moved by Schulte, seconded by Jones to approve the Thomas Pit Farm Lease. Ayes- Schulte, Vande Hoef, DeBoer, Jones. Nays- none. Abstain- Helmers. Motion carried.

Discussion had regarding adding a public forum as a standing agenda item. Jones proposed it as an opportunity for the public to be present and voice any opinions or concerns they may have without requiring it to be itemized on the agenda. Vande Hoef expressed concerns with this approach, noting that most would likely want explanation or answers that the board would not be at liberty to discuss, as any deliberation between the board and public without providing notice as an item of discussion could lead to open meetings violations. The public forum restricts any action or discussion, so, as always, those with opinions or concerns in any regard are encouraged to reach out to any and/or all supervisors to have their voices heard or request to get on the next board agenda for discussion. Further consideration for public forum as a standing agenda item could be made, given ground rules are implemented and strictly adhered to.

It was moved by Vande Hoef, seconded by Schulte to approve the remainder of the bid for doors for the basement VA Office remodel. All vote aye. Motion carried.

The board reviewed the quarterly reports provided by the Recorder's and Auditor's offices.

Schulte moved to approve claim #1666 and #1667 to Bosma Water Service. Second by DeBoer. Ayes- Helmers, Schulte, DeBoer, Jones. Nay- None. Abstain – Vande Hoef. Motion carried. It was moved by Helmers, seconded by Vande Hoef to approve the remainder of the claims. All vote aye. Motion carried.

Schulte moved to enter into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(j) to discuss potential purchase of particular real estate. Seconded by Vande Hoef. Ayes-Helmets, Schulte, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Jones. Nay-None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Schulte, seconded by Vande Hoef to enter into regular session. Ayes-Helmets, Schulte, DeBoer, Vande Hoef, Jones. Nay-none. Motion carried.

The board gave brief committee updates.