

Ida Grove, Iowa
March 26, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met for their regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, March 26th, 2024 at 9 a.m. Members present Chair Creston Schubert, Devlun Whiteing, and Raymond Drey.

The minutes of the March 5th budget workshop and the March 12th meeting were read and approved. All voting Aye.

The Board reviewed Resolution 24-06 as revised by Auditor Folk. Whiteing moved to approve the resolution as amended. Drey seconded the motion, motion carried all voting Aye. Information on Resolution 24-06 with amendment is available at the Auditors Office or on the county website at: idacounty.iowa.gov

The Board had questions regarding change order #32 Granular Sand Backfill, from L&L Builders for \$18,862. Following a short discussion, Drey moved to approve the change order. Whiteing seconded the motion. Motion carried all voting Aye.

Auditor Folk presented information regarding payroll processing improvements that would save time and money through updates to the current Tyler system. It would allow employees to enter their own timecard information electronically then be reviewed and approved by the department heads before it goes to the payroll deputy for processing. The system will also allow for online on boarding of new employees and training as well for renewing and updated changes for all employees. There is a messaging system that will allow communications to go out to certain departments as well as to the entire group. After discussion, Whiteing moved to approve the purchase in the FY25 budget and Schubert seconded the motion. Motion carried all voting Aye.

Whiteing moved to approve the February Clerk of Courts report. Drey seconded the motion, motion carried all voting Aye.

The following claims were approved: Benefits, Inc, \$1,102.09, Maureen Thompson/budget consultation \$584.00, SEAT/training \$120, Architect by Design \$4,380 and the payroll dated 3-22-2024.

County Engineer, Jeff Williams brought a proposal to the Board for approval and Chair signature, an application for work in Ida County right of way from Klint Cork for Section 17 of Silver Creek Twp. Drey moved to approve, Whiteing second the motion. Motion approved, all voting Aye.

Supervisor Drey asked Williams about the seeding and follow up on delayed finish of Jasper Ave/Old 59. Williams shared that he and the construction company have a meeting set for the beginning of April to discuss these items.

Williams spoke with the Board about a new product that he learned about at ISAC's Spring Conference. The product is called Otter Seal, a mixture of oils and rock that creates a seal on gravel roads, he suggested that it might be the best solution to the OABCIG school road(s). The Board asked Williams to research and work up a proposal where a new meeting would be scheduled with the City of Ida Grove and OABCIG school superintendent.

Supervisor Schubert had received a complaint/video of the road just off L67 on 190th St. Williams will investigate and address that area.

Sgt. Corey Trucke, EMS Director/Medical Examiner Department Head and the Essential Service advisory director Larry Folk, shared that they were having a zoom meeting this evening and want to have the board's approval before getting the advisory committees' input, for the approval of the engineering inspection of proposed EMS building at a bid of \$7,200. A structural engineer is scheduled to do an inspection of the premises on Friday, March 29, 2024. Whiteing moved to approve the inspection and Drey seconded the motion. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Trucke explained that he is down dispatcher/jailor personnel. He stated that in April he will need to work as dispatcher/jailor for several shifts until he is able to hire and train someone. He is seeking approval from the Board to amend his EMS, dept. 37 budget by \$5,000. After discussion a decision to pay the p/t EMS staff out of the public safety budget where the dispatchers would have been paid from as Trucke is covering the dispatch duties. This would replace cost for cost across the board. The consensus is an amendment to the EMS budget wouldn't be needed.

Trucke discussed his concerns about hiring/training dispatchers as he hasn't been able to recruit/hire/retain a certified dispatcher with the county. While Trucke covers dispatching duties, he proposes a one-time hiring bonus to a Certified Dispatcher of \$7,500 with payments at 30 days of \$1,000, 90 days of \$2,000 and one year of the balance, \$4,500. That way if they didn't stay, the county wouldn't be giving out an entire bonus and it should help with retention. The Board asked Trucke to work up a proposal and bring it to the next meeting.

A salary certification was approved for Alexandria Ervine as a p/t-dispatcher/jailor at a rate of \$23.29/hour. All approved.

Trucke brought to the Board that he needs to amend the Medical Examiners department budget to cover possible autopsies in this fiscal year. The county has had 6-7 autopsies this year at an average of \$2,200/each. Trucke states, the reason for the increase in autopsies needed is how the code requirements read. Following discussion, Whiteing moved to approve amending the Medical Examiners department budget by an increase of \$10,000. Drey seconded the motion, motion carried, all voting Aye.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned meeting again at 9:00 a.m., on April 9, 2024, for their regularly scheduled meeting and at 11:30 a.m. for the first hearing of the FY25 budget, or on call of the Chair.

/s/ Charlys A. Folk
Auditor

/s/ Creston Schubert
Chair