

Ida Grove, Iowa
August 27, 2024

The Board of Supervisors met Tuesday, August 27, 2024 at 9 a.m. Members present were Chair Creston Schubert, Raymond Drey & Devlun Whiting.

Minutes from the July 23, 2024 and August 13, 2024, were both read; with Schubert making an update to the July 23rd minutes adding Mike Brown who was present with Steve Voss regarding Indian Ave. With correction, minutes were approved, all voting Aye.

Veteran Affairs department head, Dale Ullrich was present and gave the Board an update to the funding for the VA, that additional funding will be added by the State to help cover the VA department's staff training. Ullrich shared some educational opportunities for both him and the County Supervisors. Ullrich is willing to assist with new VA hire, following his retirement, and to assist with training on claims process if the Supervisors were willing to pay for his continued education for 1 year. No actions were taken. Ullrich concluded with a request to move his office to the main floor of the Courthouse so that the Veteran's will be able to get to him easier. Auditor Folk was asked to research the possibility, and the item was tabled until next meeting.

Supervisor Whiteing shared that Sheriff Harriman couldn't make it to the meeting and that he had requested Whiteing to bring up and discuss the possibility of more economical family insurance plan for the County Employees. The item was tabled until the next meeting; with cost items being researched. Folk gave input that perhaps a committee with a member from different departments would be appropriate to research this further.

Engineer, Jeff Williams gave progress reports on the work being posted on L51 & M25. It was also shared that the road updates are now being shared on the Sheriff's Facebook page. The disincentive negotiations are ongoing for M15/Old Highway 59. A request for Right of Way work was received from Beemer Companies; following discussion Whiteing moved to approve and Drey second the motion to approve the request. Motion carried all voting Aye. Williams also had mock-ups for the new signs with parking requirements there and received approval for the printing and putting up the signs when they arrive.

The Courthouse Exterior renovation bid review was shared. Schubert asked when the bids were opened and who was present. Folk shared that Bob Anderson, with Architect by Design scheduled the bid opening and the recording was requested of Deputy Auditor Bruning. Following a discussion, the item was tabled until Anderson is present. They reviewed mock-ups signs for the directory and remodeling plaque for the new entrance. Whiteing moved and Drey second the motion to approve them, with color of lettering confirmed as being one color. Motion carried, all voting Aye. Then Drey moved and Whiteing seconded a motion to approve Hermanson Egge for the exterior structural engineering on the Courthouse. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Heidi Kuhl with Northland Securities was present to share the EMS/Essential Services Bond Sales Summary, Bonding Information and proposal/contract re: the issuance of \$780,000 General Obligation Building Bonds, Series 2024A. Drey moved, and Whiteing seconded the motion to approve the contract and Resolution 24-26 approving the bonding agreement with Northland Securities. Motion carried all voting Aye. EMS director, Corey Trucke shared status of the renovation of the EMS building, they are awaiting the bid specifications documents before they can get it out for bid by contractors.

The dehumidifier and deodorizing systems in the Courtroom were discussed. A sample of an industrial dehumidifier was presented. A discussion about continuing to rent these items or purchasing them, item was tabled with more information on purchasing the equipment. Drey then moved and Whiteing second a motion to continue the rental of this equipment through September. Motion carried, all voting Aye.

Reinstating the County Compensation Board that the elected officials requested be reinstated in July was proposed. Drey moved and Whiteing seconded a motion to not reinstate the Compensation Board following a discussion. Motion carried disapproving the reinstatement of Resolution 24-22, All voting Nay.

Recorder Phillips, Treasurer Riessen along with Auditor Folk reported that there have been several staff and others reporting that the Employee Entrance floor is slick if any water is on their shoes. Whiteing agreed to follow up with getting traction strips to adhere to the steps. Also, an additional rug for at the top of the steps.

A notice of Iowa Municipalities Workers Compensation Association, IMWCA, Annual membership meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2024, at which the Board Members are to be elected. No Supervisor was able to attend, so they placed their votes for Board Members and Folk will mail them in.

Whiteing shared information on an Ida County Enrichment Support program that would assist projects in the County that would need a percentage pledge to be eligible for a grant. Whiteing asked Folk to revamp the document to make it more fitting for the County. No other action was taken.

WICIRHTF & Western Iowa Tourism program participation provider agreements were presented and signed by the Chair. Manure Management plans for McBride Pork, LLC and Ida West were presented.

The following claims were approved for payment: Benefits, Inc. August 22nd \$1,895.49, August 8th \$2,504.95, July 25th \$42.64, July 18th \$135.63 and July 11th \$566.48. The City of Ida Grove \$241.68 and Frontier Communications \$1,004.70.

There being no further business, the Board adjourned to meet again at 9:00 a.m., on Thursday, September 12th, or on call of the Chair.

/s/ Charlys A. Folk
Auditor

/s/ Creston Schubert
Chair