

November 17, 2022

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Diana Dawley and Jason Roudabush. Also present: Jeff Tindle.

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve agenda. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Christine Grimm, Montezuma Public Library; Josh Gerard, Brooklyn Public Library; Karen Neal, Adrienne Hardin & Therese Pagliai, Drake Library met with board and presented information on what all libraries offer. Libraries offer more services than just books. Each library representative spoke about the various programs and services their library offers. Library representatives provided the board with a request for funding for FY24. They would like to see funding of \$.10 per \$1000, which is an increase of \$.0325 per \$1000 from the required funding of \$.0675 per \$1000. Board stated they will begin budget work next month and will take into consideration the libraries request.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve November 15, 2022, board minutes. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Lyle Brehm, Engineer and Ed Kline, Assistant to the Engineer met with board. Board reviewed with Brehm the union agreement, which was agreed among all parties for an extension to June 30, 2025. Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve the agreement and authorize Chairman Dawley to sign. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Brehm discussed with the board debt certification on Poweshiek County Urban Renewal #4. Brehm referenced a bridge project in union township that would qualify for debt certification. Board authorized Auditor to prepare a resolution for an internal loan agreement between Secondary Road and Urban Renewal #4 to create debt and certify by December 1, 2022.

Board inquired with Brehm on status of turn lane work within Poweshiek County Urban Renewal #3 in Bear Creek Township by TA truck stop. Brehm stated he is working with the county attorney on doing a condemnation process to obtain needed right-of-way.

Brehm discussed the work on 100<sup>th</sup> Street north of Lake Ponderosa and the work he is doing to regrade this rock road to make it a more solid road to travel. Brehm stated he will need to purchase some right-of-way from landowners or at the minimum get permission from landowners for reshaping on their property.

Board and Brehm discussed the roadside management/weed commissioner position. The previous employee who performed these duties was also an employee of the conservation department. This employee left county employment and has now created discussion on how to fill that position. Brehm stated he felt this would be a good fit under the road department. Brehm stated he could oversee this position and further have this employee perform mowing and snow blading work. Board agreed that it would be best to have roadside management/weed commissioner overseen by the road department and authorized Brehm to post for this position. Brehm further stated that the employee in the sign position has announced retirement and he will be posting to fill that position.

9:50 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer joined the meeting.

Ross stated she was having some issues with her vault door combination lock sticking and wanted to get board approval to put in a service call to fix lock. Board agreed and authorized Ross to call for service and that cost would be paid from courthouse budget.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve certificate of appointment for Jennifer Darland, PT Custodian at Public Safety Building effective November 14, 2022; rate of pay \$15 per hour. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Russ Behrens, City of Grinnell joined the meeting. Behrens and board discussed possible development project and how the county and city could contribute to the project. The Destination Iowa Grant is available to

apply for projects such as this but with application, there would need to be support from county and city. Behrens stated he would draft a joint letter of support for this project, working with the city attorney and county to prepare such letter. Behrens further stated that the city would be conducting an economic impact study to provide information on benefits of this project and how tax increment financing or local option sales tax would play into funding of the project.

Dawley stated she has a CICS mental health meeting today.

Roudabush stated he attended the Iowa Workforce meeting Wednesday.

10:45 a.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to adjourn. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Diana Dawley, Chairman