

March 13, 2023

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

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve March 9, 2023 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Board held 1<sup>st</sup> tier canvass for March 7, 2023 Grinnell-Newburg Community School Public Measure Special Election. Results of the voters in Poweshiek County were 536 – Yes and 483 – No. The 2<sup>nd</sup> tier canvass will be held March 20, 2023 combining the results from Jasper County voters for the final official results of the election.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve abstract of votes and canvass summary for 1<sup>st</sup> tier canvass of Grinnell-Newburg Community School Special Election. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve Utility Permit #23-27U to MidAmerican Energy Co. for work in Sections 7-10, Union Township and Section 12, Sugar Creek Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received request from Grinnell Historical Museum Society for ARPA funds totaling \$47,000. Board reviewed request and felt more information was needed in order to make a decision regarding funding. Board advised Auditor Eilander to get in touch with contact for the museum to get a detailed quote for the work to be completed with the funding request. It was moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to table the decision on this ARPA funding request of \$47,000 until further information may be obtained. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Auditor Eilander discussed with the board an inquiry from a landowner regarding a vacation of a county road completed back in December 1964, and whether that vacated road was transferred to adjoining landowner. Said location is in Section 36, Bear Creek Township. Auditor Eilander stated she could not find a transfer document. Board member Dawley stated the process back in 1964 may not be the same as it is today and maybe the public hearing and minutes approving the vacation was documentation enough to transfer the land. Board advised Auditor Eilander to see if the landowner had an abstract that may have this information in it and to contact the county attorney to see if the county needs to do anything further regarding the transfer of the vacated road from 1964.

Board held discussion on the FY24 county budget and how the passing of SF181 affected the proposed county budget. SF181 was passed and required County Auditor's to re-file 2022 valuations due to an error by the State when reporting the rollback percentages used to calculate taxable valuations. Auditor Eilander processed the 2022 valuation using the new rollback percentages provided after passing of SF181, which resulted in less taxable valuation for the county. Information provided from the Department of Management stated that the county would be held to their property tax dollars as proposed prior to passing of SF181 and it would then adjust the tax levy rate accordingly to generate the same dollars, as long as the county was not at the maximum levy rate already. Poweshiek County was not at the maximum rate and therefore, the levy rate adjusted with the new valuations in order to keep the same property tax dollars proposed. Board discussed if they wanted to keep the property tax dollars and raise levy for general basic around \$.05 and rural services basic by around \$.05 or lower the levy resulting in less property tax dollars to collect. Board discussed the ending fund balances in general and rural services and if that could absorb the reduction in tax dollars. Board felt that general basic could absorb the reduction but rural services basic could not. Public hearing on adopting the budget is scheduled for March 20. The board will then determine if they will adopt the budget as proposed with the increase in general basic and rural services basic levy rate or to lower one or both of the levy rates.

Dawley stated she has a Public Health board meeting this week.

Board discussed agenda items for the next board meeting scheduled for March 16, 2023.

10:18 a.m. Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Jason Roudabush, Chairman