

April 22, 2024

The board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Diana Dawley, Jeff Tindle, and Jason Roudabush. Also present: Jacki Bolen.

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

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve April 18, 2024, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to table having chair sign representation letter to State Auditor regarding FY23 audit until further information is obtained from the State Auditor's Office.

8:34 a.m. Tom Kriegel, Sheriff and Joel Vanderleest, Chief Deputy joined the meeting.

8:36 a.m. Brian Paul, EMA Director, joined the meeting.

Board discussed with sheriff and EMA the proposed ordinance regarding controlled burning within the county. Dawley had concerns with dispatch time in taking calls from individuals calling in that they will be doing a burn and then calling back when burn is extinguished. Roudabush inquired how many calls are received per year. Paul stated there have been three so far this year. Paul further stated these are calls to fires that were started by individuals that disregarded red flag warnings or statewide burn bans. Sheriff Kriegel stated dispatch receives many 911 calls from people seeing burns, and when fire department is dispatched and arrive at location, it is a controlled burn. Paul stated fire departments do not complain about being called to a controlled burn, but it is those burns that are started during the red flag warnings or statewide burn bans. Paul stated need to educate individuals that if they are going to be doing a controlled burn, they should call that in to dispatch so they have record of it in case a passerby calls in a fire. Sheriff Kriegel stated it is worth it to have individuals call in to relay they are going to burn to prevent unnecessary trips by fire departments, and dispatch can also follow up with the individual burning to make sure it is still under control. Chief Deputy Vanderleest states it would be hard to distinguish between small and large burns. Dawley stated an ordinance is law, so we want to make sure to get it right. Roudabush inquired if the first offense could be a warning and not a fine. This would also be a time to educate so if there is a second offense, they would receive a fine. Tindle stated he would agree to an ordinance if it was for during red flag warnings and statewide burn bans. Tindle would like to have the exemptions according to Chapter 23 of Iowa Administrative Code added to the ordinance. Board would also like wording added for first offense that could be a warning or up to a civil fine. Paul will make changes to the draft and give it back to board at next meeting.

8:50 a.m. Marcia Iverson, Poweshiek County Fair, joined the meeting.

9:00 a.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to enter public hearing regarding adoption of FY25 Poweshiek County Budget. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Present: Jason Roudabush, Diana Dawley, Jeff Tindle, Supervisors; Missy Eilander, Auditor; Marcia Iverson, Poweshiek County Fair; Jacki Bolen. Marcia Iverson inquired if the Poweshiek County Fair appropriation was still a part of the county budget. Supervisor Dawley stated that that appropriation was still included in the FY25 county budget. Auditor Eilander stated she had not received any comments prior to this public hearing regarding the FY25 budget as proposed. Having no further comments, at 9:05 a.m. it was moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to close public hearing. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve Resolution 2024-21 approving and adopting FY25 Poweshiek County budget. Roudabush – aye; Dawley – aye; Tindle – aye. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2024-21**

#### **RESOLUTION TO ADOPT FY'25 POWESHIEK COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, upon due and proper notice, published in accordance with law, said proposed FY'25 Poweshiek County Budget was set for public hearing April 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA, and residents or taxpayers were given the opportunity to present objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget.

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors held public hearing on April 22, 2024 at 9:00 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA and reviewed the proposed FY'25 Poweshiek County Budget, for fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025.

WHEREAS, the FY'25 Poweshiek County Budget as submitted and proposed, is hereby approved and adopted for fiscal year July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025. The budget hereby approved and adopted shall be signed by Diana Dawley, Chairman and made part of the public records of Poweshiek County.

THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Poweshiek County, Iowa that the FY'25 Poweshiek County Budget be hereby approved and adopted.

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED THIS 22 day of April 2024.

POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Diana Dawley, Chairman

Jeff Tindle, Vice Chairman

Jason Roudabush, Member

Attest: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to approve Adoption of Budget & Certification of Taxes for FY25 and authorize Chairman Dawley to sign and deliver to County Auditor for certification. Roudabush – aye; Dawley – aye; Tindle – aye. Motion carried.

Jacki Bolen inquired on information regarding Home Base Iowa. Bolen asked who the contact person is, and Dawley stated the current contact for Home Base Iowa is Harrison Swift. Bolen inquired if the county obtained at least 10% of local businesses to be a part of this program. Dawley stated that Harrison Swift stated the county did not need the 10%. Dawley stated there are some industries in Poweshiek County that give incentives. Bolen further inquired if the cities within the county have been contacted and are on board with the program. Dawley stated that Tindle reached out to City of Montezuma last year, Roudabush talked to the City of Brooklyn and the City of Grinnell is interested. With the county getting established as Home Base Iowa community, this will be the beginning and in the future, cities will join in as well as more businesses within the county. Bolen stated the Montezuma Community Development is reaching out to businesses and feels it would be good if each community had a liaison to work with the veterans coming into the community. Bolen stated she is willing to help in any way she can with the program. She would like to see veterans relocate to Poweshiek County, stating the younger veterans will bring workforce and children for school enrollment to the communities. Dawley provided a recap of board meetings held discussing the Home Base Iowa program and that the county passed a resolution in July 2023 supporting Home Base Iowa initiative. Dawley further stated the county is allocating \$10,000 in the budget for incentives for veterans relocating to the county. This amount can be adjusted each year as needed. Chris Nolte, Veterans Affairs Director for the county will be accepting the applications for the county incentives. Bolen inquired if Harrison Swift indicated that all cities would need a resolution supporting Home Base Iowa. Dawley stated he indicated they did not need one and right now the county is taking the initiative, and the cities can follow later with their own resolution and incentives.

10:46 a.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Diana Dawley, Chairman