

Board Minutes Sept. 18 and 21, 2017

On Friday September 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. the Board of Supervisors, ex-officio Board of County Canvassers for Winneshiek County, met to canvass the results of the Regular School Election held on Tuesday September 12, 2017, with Beard, Kuhn and Logsdon present. Moved by Beard and seconded by Kuhn to certify the canvass summary and abstract of votes and declare Ronald Fadness and Cynthia Schissel (Decorah); Jon Wangsness, Scott Fairchild, and Myron Rediske (North Winneshiek); and Wendy Mihm-Herold, Jenny Johnson, and Patricia Schissel (South Winneshiek); duly elected. Also to forward the abstract of the NICC race to Dubuque County for canvassing. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am September 18, 2017, with all members present.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to adopt resolution 18-15, setting a public hearing on the re-zoning request by Zweibohmer and Foltz for 10:00am on October 2, 2017. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public Notice will be published as required by law.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and to accept and file the CSS audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to set the deadline for submission of job descriptions for annual review for October 27, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

Lee Bjerke, county Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters.

Moved by Beard and seconded by Thompson to offer the position of County Surveyor to Mike Shimak, and approve his hire after he accepts and passes pre-employment evaluations. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to adopt resolution 18-16, setting a public hearing on the proposed vacation of portions of West Ravine Road and Bluffton Hill Road for October 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required by law.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to enter into contract with Shuck-Britson for project BROS-CO96(134)-8J-96 for bridge inspections. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beard and seconded by Thompson to adopt resolution 18-17, approving the bridge ratings and postings as recommended by the county Engineer's study. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Steve Smith, IT Director, met with the Board to give an update on the 28E for equipment sharing with the City of Decorah. The Board will meet with the City Council on Thursday September 21st to try to find a joint resolution to this issue.

Chad Vance, Colonial Life Insurance, met with the Board to discuss products available for employees. He will get some more information from the Auditor's office and submit a proposal next spring when the current contract with Principal Life Insurance is up for renewal.

Doug Groux, county Sanitarian, met with the Board to discuss the D&J Hogs LLC Construction Permit application. Groux reviewed the procedures and application. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to approve the permit application. The Board discussed the limited effect a building like this has on the tax base as well as the disappointment with the leadership in Des Moines to address issues in the master matrix procedures. Motion carried with Ashbacher, Logsdon, and Kuhn voting aye; and Thompson and Beard voting nay.

Andy Van Der Maaten, county Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Beard to adopt resolution 18-18, providing for the restriction of carrying weapons on County properties. Motion carried with Beard, Thompson, and Kuhn voting aye; and Ashbacher and Logsdon voting nay. Complete resolution will be on file in the county Auditor's office.

Barb Schroeder, Conservation Director, met with the Board to give an update on the purchase of property near a trout stream. She is applying for a Fish Habitat Grant and local anglers clubs will help provide the matching money for the grant.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 4:00pm Thursday, September 21, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

On Thursday September 21, 2017 the Board of Supervisors met in joint session with the Decorah City Council with all members present. A joint IT equipment sharing 28E agreement was discussed. Several details were addressed, but no final agreement was reached. The Board will continue to discuss the issue. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, September 25, 2017. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors