

Board Minutes Monday June 8, 2015

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am on June 8, 2015 with all members present.

The Board considered whether to contest the issuance of the construction permit for an animal confinement building to Goldbrook LLC. Connie Hanson and Jerry Rincken met with the Board to express opposition to the building construction and encourage the Board to appeal to the Environment Protection Commission. Kuhn commented on a tour he took of Reicks View Farms and commended them for their detailed records of manure testing and spreading. Moved by Beard and seconded by Thompson to appeal the construction permit to the EPC. After further discussion the motion was withdrawn. Beard and Thompson will work with legislators to address some of the issues with the Master Matrix system from the legislative level.

Chad Bird and Wanda Hemesath, city of Decorah, and Jon Lubke and Chopper Albert, GIS/IT department; met with the Board to discuss goals of addressing the expanding needs in both GIS and IT at the County and the City of Decorah. A committee will be established of County and Decorah key personnel to report back as to specific suggestions. The committee will also reach out to other incorporated towns in the County to see if they have needs as well.

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

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Beard to rescind the ATV/UTV permit application process that was passed on June 2, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to authorize the purchase of two Ford pickups, one extended cab and one regular cab, per the low bids by Decorah Auto Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Beard to adopt resolutions 15-45 and 15-46 authorizing the placement of Stop signs on Kylie Ann Road where it meets River Road and on GK Avenue where it meets River Road. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Barb Schroeder, county Conservation Director, met with the Board to give an update on Conservation programs and to request the consideration of funding for the Neste property.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to renew the County provided life insurance policy with Principle Financial for FY16. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to approve the rates and side letter as presented for UE Local 869. The members of UE Local 869 chose not to accept the changes in the insurance and chose to return to the last accepted plan which was in FY14. The new rates reflect a two tier plan with low deductible and \$2500 HSA options with the County paying \$800 per employee per month. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Beard to enter into a sublease agreement with tenant Andy Orvella who wishes to sublease the county farm land to David Holthaus. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to approve the consent agenda which includes approving the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, a Fireworks permit for Carl Homstad, and accept and filing the monthly report of the county Recorder. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 9:30am Monday June 15, 2015. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors