

Board Minutes Monday December 22, 2014

The Board met as per adjournment with all members present.

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

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to approve the agreement with the DOT for project HSHN-052-5(32)-2R-96, the fillets along Highway 52 between Calmar and the Allamakee County line. Motion carried unanimously.

Leon Bohr, county Sheriff, met with the Board to formally announce his retirement effective March 31, 2015.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to approve the claims filed with the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Tom and Tara, Bushman Insurance, met with the Board to give an update and wish them happy holidays.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to approve the naming of the ball field at Silver Springs Golf Course as George Wolfe Field. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the purchase of the End Note Software at Thompson's request for no more than \$250. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Karlsbrotten to accept and file the monthly report of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Karlsbrotten to approve the minutes for the Monday December 15, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to appoint Barb Schroeder, Chad Bird, and Harlan Satrom to the UERPC Enhancement Committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to appoint LaVonne Sharp and Dennis Karlsbrotten to the Historic Preservation Commission for three year terms. Motion carried with Ashbacher, Logsdon, Thompson, and Kuhn voting aye; and Karlsbrotten abstaining.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to appoint Kim Glock to the Historic Preservation Commission for a three year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Kathy Barloon, RSVP, met with the Board to present an annual report for RSVP and request funding for FY16.

Ferneva Brimacomb, Winn Co Historical Society, met with the Board to give an activities update and request funding for FY16.

Dick Janson, Winneshiek County Protectors, met with the Board. He outlined the goals of open meetings laws as: to provide open and transparent government, encourage and facilitate citizen involvement, respectfully hear citizen input, and to consider citizen input when making decisions. He contends that the Planning and Zoning Commission used improper procedures in regards to the open meetings laws, and asks the Board to return the Zoning Ordinance Amendments to Planning and Zoning for proper disposition. He also outlined several points as constructive criticism that should be considered advisory and correctional.

Andy Van Der Maaten, county Attorney, met with the Board to review the complaint Janson made. He outlined the procedures taken and relevant code section showing no violation of the open meetings law occurred. He also acknowledged that although not legally required, the Board could improve procedures for better public opportunity.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to adopt resolution 15-23, appointing a special prosecutor in a case where the county Attorney's office has a conflict of interest. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to adjourn to 9:30am Monday December 29, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors