

Board Minutes Monday January 27, 2014

The Board met as per adjournment with all members present.

Bob Lincoln, CSS Director, met with the Board to discuss staffing in the Mental Health office. He recommended the Board not hire a replacement for Jan Heikes at this time, and work out an arrangement with Howard County to have Chalsea Carroll cover the service coordination for Winneshiek County. He also recommended keeping Brenda Olson on full time because CSS would assign administrative duties to her, and she could be the first contact for the County.

Lora Friest, Director of RC&D, met with the Board to make funding requests for RC&D and the Upper Iowa River Watershed.

Todd Duncan, NRCS, and John Lubke and Duane Hauber, Soil and Water Conservation Commissioners, met with the Board to make funding requests for the Soil and Water Conservation District and the Bear Creek Watershed.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the minutes for the Monday January 20, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Thompson to send the Homestead disallowance letters compiled by the county Assessor. Motion carried unanimously.

Boyd Wasson and LaVonne Sharp, Winneshiek County Historical Society, met with the Board to request funding for FY15.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to accept and file the annual Financial Report of the Winneshiek County Solid Waste Agency (WCSWA). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the lease of the land to the WCSWA for the landfill. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Andy Van Der Maaten, county Attorney, and Dave Hageman, Landfill Director, gave an update on the lease agreement. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to adopt resolution 14-47, approving the lease agreement. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Van Der Maaten discussed county matters with the Board.

Dick Jansen, Winneshiek County Protectors, met with the Board to present and discuss recommended changes to the County's Comprehensive Plan.

Barb Schroeder, Conservation Director, and Thompson discussed the Iowa Sustainable Communities Project with the Board. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to endorse a letter of support for the project and pledge up to \$5000 for travel expenses associated with the project. Motion carried unanimously.

Schroeder discussed her department's budget with the Board.

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

Michelle McLain Kruse, Thunder Rode, met with the Board to inform them about an upcoming trail ride in the Bluffton area. Portions of the ride are planned to be held on the roadway. The Board advised Kruse to make sure appropriate insurance paperwork was filed with the County and to notify the Sheriff for traffic purposes. Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Thompson to close the class B portion of 253rd Avenue in section 15 of Bluffton Township on March 22, 2014 for use by the trail ride. Motion carried unanimously.

Brian Huinker, Midwest Group Benefits, met with the Board to update them on the insurance renewal process.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 2:00pm Wednesday January 29, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors