

Board Minutes Monday June 3, 2013

The Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment with all members present.

Joann Hagen met with the Board to discuss the need for an amplification system (PA) in the courtroom for public meetings. She commented that at the last Planning and Zoning Commission meeting she had difficulty hearing the commission members and other public speakers. The Board will work with the building maintenance department and the Clerk of Court office to make sure a PA system is available if future need arises.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to approve the minutes for the Tuesday May 28, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Kuhn to adopt resolution 13-64 granting permit to display fireworks to Robert Carolan. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the Cigarette and Tobacco permits for Sattre Store, Valley Inn, Country Express, Highland General, and Harvest Farm Campground. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to open the public hearing on the re-zoning request made by Debra Keefe for a portion of her campground. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Twenty members of the public were in attendance. The Planning and Zoning Commission (P & Z) held a public hearing and recommended denial of the application on a vote of eight to zero with one abstention. Tony Phillips, Planning and Zoning Administrator, reviewed comments that had been received by the P & Z and outlined the options available to the Board. Keefe commented on her application and asked for approval. Comments in support and against were received from friends, neighbors, and a representative of the Natural Heritage Foundation. After discussion by the public and the Board, Keefe withdrew her request for re-zoning, and plans to submit a new request to P & Z with more details that may alleviate some of the concerns expressed.

Chopper Albert, IT Technician, met with the Board to give an update on the MetroNet project. Lee Bjerke, county Engineer, and Chad Bird, Decorah City Administrator; joined Albert to discuss the possibility of arranging a County or City owned vehicle for Albert to transport tools and equipment between job sites.

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

Bjerke presented the three bids received for the sale of the County's used tractor and trailer. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Karlsbrotten to accept the high bid of \$27,600 for both pieces of equipment from Barrett Mccasland of Ramstad Construction. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the draft of the proposed Frac Sand Mining moratorium. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to adopt resolution 13-65 implementing a moratorium on Frac Sand mining for a period of eighteen (18) months. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution is on file in the county Auditor's office.

The Board recessed for lunch.

The Board met with the VA Commission and VA Administrator, Faith Hlubek. Alice Abbott, Chairperson of the Commission, presented a report of their actions and procedures in regards to the choosing of an administrative assistant for the VA office. The Commission recommends the hire of Mary Moen at a starting salary of \$32,000/year effective June 17th. They also request to withhold the July 1, 2013 countywide pay increase of 2.5% until after a favorable evaluation after the 60 day probation period; and all other benefits as outlined by the County's employee policy. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Logsdon to approve the hire as requested by the VA Commission. Motion did not carry with Thompson and Logsdon voting aye, Karlsbrotten and Kuhn voting nay, and Ashbacher abstaining. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to reconsider the vote just taken. Motion carried with Logsdon, Kuhn, and Thompson voting aye, Karlsbrotten voting nay, and Ashbacher abstaining. The Board consulted with Barrett Gipp, assistant County Attorney, about related legal requirements. The chair called the question on the original motion to approve the hire as requested by the VA Commission. Motion carried with Logsdon and Thompson voting aye, Karlsbrotten voting nay, and Ashbacher and Kuhn abstaining.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to adjourn to 9:30am Monday June 10, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors