

## Board Minutes Monday March 5, 2012

The Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment with Logsdon, Pierce, Askelson, and Bouska present.

The Board received the letter of retirement from Margaret Jones. Moved by Bouska and seconded by Logsdon to accept the retirement and acknowledge her for her many years of dedication to the Winneshiek County Landfill. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Bouska to approve the Class B with outdoor and Sunday sales beer permit for the Festina Community Center. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Bouska and seconded by Pierce to approve the minutes for the Monday February 27, 2012 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Goetsch, county Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the Board to discuss the County's Hazard Mitigation Plans which will expire in 2015. Moved by Pierce and seconded by Logsdon for Goetsch to proceed with the initial application for the next round of planning grants for a total of \$40,000 with a local match not to exceed 15%. Motion carried unanimously.

Dave Jackson, Humana insurance, met with the Board. Moved by Bouska and seconded by Pierce to authorize Jackson to distribute information to employees through the Auditor's office. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board met with the VA Commission; Deb Monson, VA Director; and Faith Hlubek, VA Administrative Assistant. The Board acknowledged the letter of resignation submitted by Monson. Moved by Bouska and seconded by Pierce to accept the resignation, thank Monson for many years of dedicated service, and express the Board's appreciation for the excellent service she has provided to the veterans of Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously. The VA Commission will report back to the Board its recommendations for staffing needs after their next meeting.

Darlene Straube, daughter of Richard and Vivian Phillips, met with the Board to discuss the property taxes for the Phillips. They have both taken residence in nursing homes. She has discussed with the Department of Human Services the procedure for suspending the property taxes, and requests the Board do so. Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Pierce to suspend the property taxes for Richard and Vivian Phillips under normal procedures for tax suspensions. Motion carried unanimously.

Andy Van Der Maaten, county Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county matters. Moved by Bouska and seconded by Pierce to adopt resolution 12-029 appointing a special prosecutor in a case where the county Attorney has a conflict of interest. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The Board met in the courtroom on the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to hold the public hearing on the FY13 budget. Present were department heads, press, and other members of the public. Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Bouska to open the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Board members and department heads made comments about the budgeting process. The Board praised the department heads and elected officials for a smooth budgeting cycle. Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Pierce to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Bouska to remove the appropriation for the Winneshiek Energy District from the FY13 budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pierce and seconded by Logsdon to adopt the budget as published with removing the Winneshiek Energy District appropriation. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Bouska and seconded by Pierce to approve the Compensation Board recommendations at 80% of the recommended raises (2% instead of 2.5%). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Pierce to approve the insurance rates for FY13 (same coverage and plans with an increase of \$10/employee/month from \$630 to \$640.) Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Pierce and seconded by Bouska to adjourn to 9:30am Monday March 12, 2012. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST \_\_\_\_\_

Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

Les Askelson, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors