

Board Minutes of Monday March 9, 2009

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

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Bouska to enter into agreement with the Iowa DOT for project ESFM-C096(101)-5S-96 (PCC overlay on county road V68). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Ibanez to amend the five year secondary road construction program for the current fiscal year (making some additions to account for flood repairs and stimulus projects.) Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ibanez and seconded by Darling to order for purchase three new trucks for the secondary road department; two Freightliners from Truck Country at \$146,399 each, and one International from Hawkeye Truck and Trailer for \$142,435. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Ibanez to enter into lease agreement with Iowa DHS for office space in the court house annex. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ibanez and seconded by Bouska to approve the minutes of Monday March 2, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Bouska to approve the memorandum of agreement between State of Iowa Judicial Branch and NICC in regards to the location of district court proceedings at a time of disaster. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Bouska to open the public hearing for comments regarding the proposed FY 09/10 budget. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Darling gave an overview of the budget process, presented statistics, and reviewed where cuts were being proposed. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. No written comments were received. Members of the community commented on several topics including: MH/DD levy rate, cuts to Public Health, rural garbage collection budget, the strain on those with fixed incomes or lost jobs, whether this or future budgets help create more jobs in the county, and other issues. Several citizens thanked the supervisors for their diligence to make cuts where possible and present a budget that was financially secure. Representatives of the city of Decorah objected to the funding of the entire sheriff's department from the general fund with support from supervisors Askelson and Ibanez. Each of the supervisors addressed the crowd. Auditor Ben Steines and his staff were complimented for their performance in preparation of the budget. Moved by Askelson and seconded by Logsdon to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Bouska to reduce by 100% the salary recommendations of the compensation board (resulting in a pay freeze) for the elected officials. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Bouska and seconded by Logsdon to adopt the budget as published. Motion carried with Logsdon, Askelson, Darling, and Bouska voting aye; and Ibanez voting nay.

Moved by Darling and seconded by Bouska to commend Auditor Steines and his staff for exemplary work in preparing the budget. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Bouska and seconded by Ibanez to acknowledge our contract with Northeast Iowa Behavior Health as our community mental health center. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Askelson and seconded by Bouska to approve the claims filed with the Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Ibanez to adjourn to 9:30a.m. Monday March 16, 2009. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Dean H Darling, Chairman
Board of Supervisors