

Board Minutes Monday October 28, 2013

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

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

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Karlsbrotten to enter into federal aid agreement BROS-CO96(122)-8J-96 for bridge number 178. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the rezoning request made by Jim Sims and Dave Holthaus for a portion of property just south of Decorah to be changed from A-1 to R-1. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Tony Phillips presented the request and informed the Board the Planning and Zoning Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommended approval. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Karlsbrotten to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to hold the 1st reading of the proposed ordinance amending the zoning ordinance. Motion carried unanimously and the reading was held. Moved by Karlsbrotten and seconded by Kuhn to waive the 2nd and 3rd reading. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to adopt ordinance 14-177 making the amendment to the zoning ordinance to change the subject property from A-1 to R-1. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The ordinance will be published and on file in the county Recorder's and Auditor's offices.

Harlan Satrom and Chad Bird met with the Board to discuss wellness programs in the County. They reviewed the history of the Winneshiek Wellness Coalition and the Blue Zones project. They gave an update on the new Winneshiek Wellness Committee (WinnWell) and asked the Board for their participation. The Board recommended Krista Vandenbrink, director of County Public Health, be the County's representative to the committee.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to approve the minutes for the Monday October 21, 2013 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Janet Alexander met with the Board and thanked them for their work on the Millenium Ag appeal. She also informed them that the Community Rights Alliance of Winneshiek County was coordinating with a national group, Community Environmental League Defense Fund, to provide local leaders additional information on how to enact ordinance to protect local interests in the future. These meetings will take place on Thursday October 31st and Friday November 1st, and the Board was invited to attend.

David Williams presented, on behalf of the Winneshiek County Protectors, a proposed amendment to the zoning ordinance that would address issues related to silica sand mining. The proposal could be adopted to be added to the current zoning ordinance. The Board will refer this to the Silica Sand mining study group.

The Board discussed several policies in regards to the safety handbook. The safety committee is working on a proposed safety handbook to bring to the Board for adoption.

Steve Belay, assistant county Attorney, met with the Board to give an update on the lawsuit filed by Deb Keefe dba Chimney Rock Campground to have the District Court overturn a decision by the Board to deny her request for rezoning from A-1 to C-1.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to adopt resolution 14-34 appointing a special prosecutor in a case where the county Attorney has a conflict of interest. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to adjourn to 9:30am Monday November 4, 2013. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors