

Board Minutes Monday September 12, 2011

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

The Board opened sealed bids for LP Contracts for County departments. Moved by Bouska and seconded by Logsdon to accept the low bid by AgVantage FS at 1.737 per gallon. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Lora Friest, NEIA RC&D, and Barb Schroeder, county Conservation, joined Bjerke to discuss the TIGER grant application on which they have been working. It is a grant that combines roads, bridges, and trails for transportation purposes. The County's two portions will be the Freeport Road and Trail project and the connecting trail through the Conover area between the Decorah Loop and the Prairie Farmer Trail which will coincide with some road and bridge updates. The Freeport portion is estimated at \$2.1 million and the Conover portion is estimated at \$5.1 million. These projects will be combined with projects by the City of Decorah and NICC in the application. Moved by Ibanez and seconded by Askelson to pledge up to 50% local match for both parts of the project, with as much of the local match coming from other grants and fund raising as possible. Motion failed with Ibanez and Askelson voting aye and Logsdon, Pierce, and Bouska voting nay.

The Board met with heads of the various county departments to discuss ongoing projects and receive updates.

Andy Van Der Maaten met with the Board to discuss county matters. Lloyd Peterson, labor bargainer, joined the meeting by phone to update the Board on the ongoing grievances.

Moved by Bouska and seconded by Pierce to adopt resolution 12-012 appointing a special prosecutor for a case where the county Attorney's office has a conflict of interest. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Pierce to approve the minutes from the Tuesday September 6, 2011 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Moved by Ibanez and seconded by Pierce to pledge funding up to 50% (\$1.05 million) for the Freeport portion of the TIGER project and up to 40% (\$2.04 million) for the Conover portion of the project, with as much of the local match funded by other grants and local fund raising as possible. Motion carried with Pierce, Askelson, Ibanez, and Bouska voting aye; and Logsdon voting nay.

Moved by Logsdon and seconded by Bouska to adjourn to 11:30am Friday September 16, 2011. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST _____

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

Les Askelson, Chairman
Board of Supervisors