

Board Minutes Monday September 29, 2014

The Board met as per adjournment with all members present.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of right-of-way along 288th Avenue. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Karlsbroten to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Karlsbroten to adopt resolution 15-16 vacating the right-of-way as described near 288th Avenue. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Resolution will be on file in the county Auditor's and Recorder's offices.

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

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbroten to award the bid for project HSIP-5-CO96(127)-6C-96, safety lighting projects, to KWS Inc. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to endorse a letter of support for expansion of the Driftless Area Scenic Byway by the addition of several roads in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board opened the bids for project BUR-111-6 a box culvert project in Burr Oak Township.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to approve the minutes for the Monday September 22, 2014 meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Karlsbroten to adopt resolution 15-17 approving the flexible benefits plan with Midwest Group Benefits. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Thompson to accept and file the annual financial reports of the First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services. Motion carried unanimously.

Members of the Winneshiek County Celebration of Life group met with the Board to present a proclamation of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to proclaim October as Breast Cancer Awareness month in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

Decorah Mayor Don Arendt, City Administrator Chad Bird, and Jon Lubke and Chopper Albert, County IT department; met with the Board to show a video and exhibit the City All Star Award recently received by

the City of Decorah for the MetroNet project that was completed in cooperation with the County and other entities.

John Olivas, chair of the County Commissioners in Mora County, NM and Steve Luse, Community Rights Alliance citizens group; met with the Board to discuss the Mora County Community Bill of Rights banning oil and gas fracture extraction. Olivas explained that the Mora County Commission felt doing nothing or regulating hydraulic fracturing were not in the best interest of their community, so they passed a Community Bill of Rights that banned the practice in their County. Although the ban has resulted in several lawsuits against the County, he recommends a Community Bill of Rights as the best option for communities to protect their citizens, water, and other resources.

Mike Haluska, Decorah Community Schools Superintendent, and other school officials met with the Board to discuss the possibility of whether the County would consider selling or leasing land to the School District near the Freeport County Shop for a new bus garage.

Andy Van Der Maaten, county Attorney, met with the Board to give them an update on the Short Elliott Hendrickson (SEH) (f/k/a Yaggy Colby) contract for assistance with the Zoning Ordinance update. He also presented a draft resolution if the Board would wish to extend the moratorium on frac sand mining permits and discussed other county issues.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to adopt resolution 15-18 extending the moratorium on the issuance of conditional use permits for frac sand mining until October 15, 2015. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete resolution is on file in the county Auditor's office.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to extend and renegotiate the terms of the contract with SEH in regards to the frac sand portion of the zoning ordinance update. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to accept the low bid by Skyline Construction of \$59,915.51 for project BUR-111-6. Motion carried unanimously.

Dr. Peter Thorne, University of Iowa Occupational and Environmental Health department, met with the Board to give an update of the ongoing study of air quality relating to the mining, processing, and transportation of industrial silica sand. He outlined air testing data collection procedures, possible health effects of airborne silica particulates, study timelines, and other related material.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Karlsbrotten to adjourn to 9:30am Monday October 6, 2014. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors