

## Board Minutes Wednesday December 27, 2017

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am December 27, 2017, with all members present.

Corey Meyer, Roadside Manager, met with the Board to give updates on the roadside vegetation program. He discussed seed harvesting in County Right-of-Way, and how to prevent private parties from harvesting seed. He will work with the County Attorney on ways to prevent this.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters. He reviewed the Infrastructure Analysis created by Lora Friest, NEIA RC&D.

Thompson reviewed the progress on the Annex remodeling. The Board will tour the building after the meeting.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to appoint Dennis Karlsbrotten to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a four year term. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to appoint David Wadsworth to the Historical Preservation Commission for a three year term. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board reviewed the 2017 Family Farm Tax Credit applications. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to approve the applications. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Van Der Maaten reviewed the Opioid Litigation Program and procedures for the County to join the litigation. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Beard to proceed with joining the litigation. Motion carried unanimously. Van Der Maaten will prepare the appropriate resolution and documentation for the next meeting.

Van Der Maaten reviewed the NEIA Community Action Lease for space at the Smith Building. He is developing new lease documents as well as a letter addressing the sub-lease agreement Community Action has with the Winneshiek County Historical Society.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Thompson to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting, the claims filed with the Board, and to accept and file the monthly report of the VA Commission. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed forestry management. Kuhn will contact a former district forester who is now a consultant, to discuss an independent assessment.

The Board discussed several FY19 budget items.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 9:30am Tuesday, January 2, 2018. Motion carried unanimously.

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Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors