Board Minutes Monday August 3, 2020

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am August 3, 2020 with Logsdon, Thompson, Kuhn, and Ashbacher in person; and Beard present electronically.

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

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to adopt resolution 21-10, the stop sign resolution for Madison Township. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to award Voltmer Electric Inc the contract for project CST-024-2(20)-4C-96, the lighting at County Road B32 and Highway 24 intersection, for $12,929. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Thompson to award Cedar Falls Construction the contract for PCC Patching for $185,640. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Ashbacher and seconded by Kuhn to offer the position of Road Crew Foreman to Troy Hovden and approve the hire if he accepts, effective September 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn: on Quarry Hill Road between intersections at Highland Drive and Whitetail Road, in compliance with IDNR dust complaint report of July 29th, 2020, abate dust caused by excessive traffic associated with Locust Road construction. Continue abatement, as needed in the judgement of the County Engineer, until Locust Road is open to ordinary traffic. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Beard to share cost with Bruening Rock Products for immediate application of dust suppressant on portions of Quarry Hill Road. Motion carried unanimously.

Lorraine Borowski, City of Decorah Mayor, met with the Board to discuss COVID19 and actions by the Council of Mayors related to recommended public safety measures. She suggested the Board of Supervisors should encourage the wearing of masks when in crowded areas along with several other safety precautions.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the rezoning request by Steven Juve. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Tony Phillips, Planning and Zoning Administrator, gave an overview of the request. The P&Z Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommended approval. No written or verbal comments were received by the Board. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Beard and seconded by Thompson to hold the first reading of the proposed
ordinance. Motion carried unanimously and the reading was held. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to waive the additional readings. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Beard to adopt Ordinance 21-227, approving the rezoning of the property as requested. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete Ordinance will be on file in the County Auditor’s and Recorder’s offices and be published as required.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to open the public hearing on the rezoning request by Brock Willey. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Tony Phillips, Planning and Zoning Administrator, gave an overview of the request. The P&Z Commission held a public hearing and unanimously recommended approval. No written or verbal comments were received by the Board. Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to hold the first reading of the proposed ordinance. Motion carried unanimously and the reading was held. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to waive the additional readings. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Ashbacher to adopt Ordinance 21-228, approving the rezoning of the property as requested. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Complete Ordinance will be on file in the County Auditor’s and Recorder’s offices and be published as required.

Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to open the public hearing on the rezoning request by Linda Bratkiewics. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Tony Phillips, Planning and Zoning Administrator, gave an overview of the request. The P&Z Commission held a public hearing and recommended denial of the request on a vote of 6-3. Phillips reviewed several comments recommending denial that were received by mail. Public present also made comments recommending denial. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Beard to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Kuhn and seconded by Thompson to deny the rezoning request. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Sean Snyder, Emergency Management Coordinator, and Krista Vanden Brink, Public Health Director, met with the Board to give COVID19 updates.

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

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Ashbacher to adopt the changes to the employee manual regarding cell phones. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thompson and seconded by Kuhn to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, August 10, 2020. Motion carried unanimously.

ATTEST

Benjamin D Steines
County Auditor

John Logsdon, Chairman
Board of Supervisors