

Monona County Board Of Supervisors Meeting

December 17, 2024

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 17, 2024 in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, with Chairman Fox presiding. Other Supervisors present were Tom Brouillette and Vince Phillips. Also present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

The Supervisors voted to approve the agenda.

Sheriff Ewing was present to discuss holiday hours for his department and IT, discussion followed with no action being taken. Also, present were Patrick Prorok, EMA Director and Jim Wigton, IT Director.

Patrick Prorok, EMA Director was present to update the Board that there has been a case of bird flu in Monona County. Sandy Bubke, Zoning/Environmental Health Administrator was also present.

Secondary Roads Engineer Charles Bechtold and Secondary Roads Office Manager Deleta Huffman were present for Secondary Roads business. The Supervisors approved the external posting for Operator II West Shop.

The Supervisors voted to accept bids for a wheel loader for the Mapleton Shop.

Discussion items were proposals for Mapleton Shop heating, equipment, employee evaluations, closing out IDOT projects, no action taken.

Amy Borchardt-Sick and Tammy Blande, Drainage Clerks, were present for Drainage business. Caleb Rasmussen, Engineer, was also present. McNeill Main Inter-County held an informational meeting at the Onawa Public Library @ 10:00 a.m. for the cleanout project. Minutes are available in the Drainage Office.

Oliver Lake Lateral 8 was discussed. Rasmussen is working on plans for tube replacement for the tubes that were found to be in poor condition. No action taken.

McNeill Lateral 8 was discussed. Rasmussen is moving forward with the cleanout plans on this and is hoping to begin construction in the Spring. No action taken.

Maple River Lat 1 was also discussed. No action taken.

Trapping, the deadline for requests to obtain a Permit to Trap on the Supervisor Drainage Ditches was December 16, 2024. Three requests were received. The Su-

pervisors approved the three permits to enter the ROW for the assigned territories for each trapper. Permits and territory maps are on file in the drainage office. Notification will be sent informing trappers of their assigned territories, along with the request for the fur-bearer license and the habitat stamp. Trappers will be requested to contact Chairman Bo Fox to turn in the Beaver tails and provide a location photo. Fox will then contact the Drainage Office for payment.

The Supervisors voted to give Auditor Rolph authorization to upgrade election equipment to Tenex Precinct Central Touchpads using ARPA funds. Cost of twelve units will be \$23,598.

The Supervisors voted to approve the minutes of December 10, 2024 as read and claims submitted.

The Supervisors voted to reappoint the following people to the Monona County Compensation Commission (for condemnation purposes). Owners-Operators for Agricultural Property: Patrick Kelley, Charles Bentley, Keith Zediker, Nick Goslar, Randy Lamprecht, Dean Lord, John McCall, and Matt Dehn. Owners of City Property: Robert Haack, Ronnie Langenfeld, Duane L. Renz, Raymond Holst, and Grant Scales. Licensed Real Estate Salesmen: Brent McCall, Lyse Yanke, Larry Clark, William Hagerdon, Jack Seuntjens, and Richard Schleis. Bankers, Auctioneers, Property Managers, and Property Appraisers: Charles Hitchman II, John Streeter, Steve Hiller, Melanie McAndrews, Les Goslar, David Storm, Todd Sadler, and Robert Meyer. And to appoint to Owners of City Property: Shawn Hamann and David Poole. Licensed Real Estate Salesmen Abby Gray and Susan Sohm.

The Supervisors voted to appoint Charles Bechtold and reappoint Tom Brouillette to Hungry Canyons Alliance; to reappoint Tom Brouillette and Bo Fox as alternate to JTPA/Iowa Workforce Development; to reappoint Bo Fox and Alan Dale to Loess Hills Alliance Board and Tom Brouillette as alternate member; to reappoint V. Eugene Hamman and Dr. Kahl to the Monona County Board of Health; to reappoint Judy Ehlers, Darren Goslar, and John McCall to the Pioneer

Cemeteries Commission; to reappoint Vince Phillips to the Siouland Regional Public Housing Authority Board; to reappoint Tom Brouillette to the Third Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Board of Directors; to reappoint Road Superintendent and appoint the Foremen as Weed Commissioners; to reappoint Tom Brouillette to West Central Community Action; and to reappoint Charles Persinger to Western Iowa Tourism Region IV.

The Supervisors approved General Ledger Journal Entry to correct accounts for the Auditor meal expense was taken out of mileage.

The Supervisors approved wage change for Lisa Meadows for night shift differential of \$0.25 per hour. Lisa will be going from \$23.81 per hour to \$24.06 per hour; a wage change for Eric Furness for becoming a fully certified officer, step two \$0.20 per hour and night shift differential of \$0.25 per hour. Eric will be going from \$26.06 per hour to \$33.03 per hour; and a wage change for Mike Kennedy for becoming fully certified jailer, step two \$0.20 per hour, and differential of \$0.25 per hour. Mike will be going from \$18.14 per hour to \$22.81 per hour.

The Supervisors voted to approve FY 23-24 Urban Renewal Report.

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

December 31, 2024

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, December 31, 2024 in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, with Chairman Fox presiding. Other Supervisors present were Tom Brouillette and Vince Phillips. Also present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

The Supervisors voted to approve the agenda.

Vice-Chairman Tom Brouillette administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials. They included: Bo Fox, Monona County Supervisor District One, Kevin D. Ewing Monona County Sheriff, and Peggy A. Rolph, Monona County Auditor.

Present for public comments were Wray Wright, Treasurer Abby Riesberg, Sheriff Kevin Ewing, Joel Bubke, and EMA Director Patrick Prorok. Wray Wright inquired about some ground that Conservation may acquire and had questions about drainage because of issues going on in O'Brien County. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Joel Bubke voiced his concerns on how long it took the Secondary Roads sign person to replace a broken sign that was near his residence. He also wanted to know when a brush pile near his residence would be burned by Secondary Roads. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Present for the Compensation Board recommendation were Kevin Ewing, Sheriff; Abby Riesberg, Treasurer; Patrick Prorok, EMA Director; and Wray Wright. The Supervisors acknowledged the receipt of the Compensation Board recommendation.

Present, along with the Supervisors and Auditor, for the Elected Official / Director Meeting were: Abby Riesberg, Treasurer; Patrick Prorok, EMA Director; Jim Wigton, IT Director; Haley Bryan, County Attorney; Kevin Ewing, Sheriff; Sandy Bubke, Zoning / Environmental Health Administrator; Sharon Gries, Chief Deputy Assessor; Josh Schaben, Conservation Director and Mark Witzel, Veterans Affairs Director. Absent were Recorder Kelly Seward and Charles Bechtold, Secondary Roads Engineer. Activities were discussed and information was shared.

Secondary Roads Office Manager Deleta Huffman and Secondary Roads Foreman Dave Brown were present for Secondary Roads business. The Supervisors voted to approve PPE Policy effective January 2025.

The Supervisors approved a one-year wage adjustment for Jeff Wenger. He will be going from \$24.28 per hour to \$25.56 per hour per union contract.

Discussion items were burning brush piles, employee evaluations, and fuel samples. No action taken.

Sandy Bubke, Environmental Health Administrator, was present for the 2025 Radon Proclamation Month of January and approval to attend NEHA AEC July 14-17 in Phoenix, AZ. The Supervisors voted to approve 2025 Radon Proclamation Month for January and to give Sandy Bubke approval to attend the NEHA AEC on July 14-17 in Phoenix, AZ.

The Supervisors adopted Resolution 2024-29 providing written notice of withdrawal from the Iowa Precinct Atlas Consortium (IPAC) 28e Agreement

The Supervisors approved setting the date of March 4, 2025 for the Special Election for Whit-

ing Community School District.

Sharon Gries, Chief Deputy Assessor, was present to request access to Facebook on county computers during work hours to view property improvements in order to assess properties correctly. The Supervisors voted to deny the Assessor's Office access to Facebook on county computers during work hours.

The Supervisors voted to approve the minutes of December 17, 2024 as read and claims submitted.

The Supervisors voted to reappoint Steve Gosage as Ashton Township Trustee; to reappoint Terry Mann as Belvidere Township Trustee; to reappoint Keith Zediker as Cooper Township Trustee; to reappoint Alan Brewer as Fairview Township Trustee; to reappoint Katie Terry as Franklin Township Trustee; to reappoint Rex C. Persinger as Grant Township Trustee; to reappoint Dawn Gorham as Jordan Township Trustee; to reappoint Dawn Gorham as Jordan Township Trustee; to reappoint Kristi Knoff as Kennebec Township Trustee; to reappoint Ina Waugh as Lake Township Trustee; to reappoint Mark Beedle as Lincoln Township Trustee; to reappoint Brice Engelke as Maple Township Trustee; to reappoint Byron Christman as St. Clair Township Trustee; to reappoint Randy Stanislav as Sherman Township Trustee; to reappoint Clifford Kip Wilson as Spring Valley Township Trustee; to reappoint Wayne MacClure as West Fork Township Trustee; to reappoint Nancy McGrain to the Zoning Board of Adjustment; and to reappoint Nancy McGrain to the Monona County Conservation Board.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the Chairman's signature on Deputy Oaths of Office for Sheri Streeter, Kelly Parsley, Amy Borchardt-Sick

and Clerk Oaths of Office for Courtney Nagel and Annie Harms and to authorize the Chairman's signature on Deputy Sheriff Sgts. Jeremy Bellis and Robert J. Maule; Deputy Sheriffs Calvin Hinrickson, William D. Keenan Jr., Matthew Thiele, Joshua J. Perlinger, Braiden C. Tank, Alex Boyle, Alexander Ehlers, Dylan Stroman, and Eric J. Furness.

The Supervisors acknowledged the receipt of Manure Management Annual update for Monona facility #70002 Berrytown Farms, LLC and the receipt of the Clerk of Court report of fees collected for November 2024.

The Supervisors voted to authorize the Chairman's signature on MOU's for ARPA funds.

The meeting adjourned at 12:28 p.m.

January 2, 2025

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 2, 2025 in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, with Chairman Fox presiding. Other Supervisors present were Tom Brouillette and Vince Phillips. Also present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

The Supervisors approved the agenda.

The Supervisors voted to appoint Bo Fox as Chairperson and to appoint Tom Brouillette as Vice Chairperson.

The Supervisors adopted Resolution 2025-01 adopting a "Construction Evaluation Resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure.

Haley Bryan, County Attorney, was present to request authorization to hire an Assistant County Attorney. The Supervisors voted to give Attorney Bryan authorization to hire Kara Minnihan as Assistant County Attorney at the rate of \$75,000 per year. Kara will work 30 hours per week and start on January 16, 2025.

The meeting adjourned at the hour of 9:20 a.m.



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