

# BOARD PROCEEDINGS

## Winneshiek County Board of Supervisors • April 3, 2023

### Board Minutes

#### Monday April 3, 2023

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am April 3, 2023 with Vick, Kelsay, Langreck, Vermace, and Faldet present.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to open the public hearing on the Proposed Maximum Tax Levy for FY24. Motion carried unanimously. Ben Steines, County Auditor, gave a review of the procedures and proposed levy. No written or verbal comments were received.

Moved by Vermace and seconded by Kelsay to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Kelsay to adopt resolution 23-30,

approving the proposed maximum levy. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 23-31, setting the public hearing on the proposed FY24 budget for April 24th at 11:00am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Public notice will be published as required.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to approve the consent agenda which includes the minutes of the last meeting and the liquor license for Barney's Bar & Grill. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to open the public hearing on the proposed vacation of a

portion of 211th Ave. Motion carried unanimously. Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, gave an overview of the proposal. No written or verbal comments were received. Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to close the public hearing. Motion carried unanimously. Moved Vick and seconded by Faldet to adopt resolution 23-32, vacating the proposed portions of 211th 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.

Claire Askelson met with the Board to discuss road conditions, roadside maintenance, and the 10 acre parcel considered for lease.

Krista Vanden Brink, Public Health Director, met with the Board to present a proclamation. Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to proclaim April 3 – 9 as Nation Public Health Week in Winneshiek County. Motion carried unanimously.

Jodi Enos-Berlage met with the Board to give a presentation about soil health and recommended use for the 10 acre parcel the Board is considering for lease. She asked the Board consider an eleven year lease to accommodate the option for the lessee to enroll the property in the CRP program.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues. He answered questions about the eleven year lease option. He also reviewed the Opioid settlement programs and options for using the funds. After the additional settlements have been finalized and the County has a more firm dollar amount that will be available, he will review with the Board the process for establishing a grant funded program to address the issue locally.

Shirley Vermace gave a presentation on the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management program compiling information including excerpts from other lowa counties and organizations.

Jon Lubke, IT & GIS Director, met with the Board to introduce new GIS Technician Reginald Gibson. He also reviewed the sound system options he had explored. He recommends the Board engage an outside sound company/engineer to make recommendations and estimate costs. The Board asked him to proceed with contacting potential vendors.

The Board discussed the LOST support resolution provided by Lee Bjerke. They will consider it further at a future Board meeting.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 23-33, the resolution naming depositories

recommended by Brenda Kreitzer, County Treasurer. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Moved by Faldet and seconded by Vick to approve the Flex Benefits Agreement and Business Associate Agreement with Midwest Group Benefits. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the lots in Spillville. They will ask Van Der Maaten to prepare the documents to offer them for sale, with the stipulation that the City of Spillville could in the future have an easement to establish a riverside walking trail.

The Board discussed the potential lease of the 10+ acres at the end of East Ridge Road. They will ask Van Der Maaten to prepare the lease paperwork to accommodate a standard three year lease for row crop, hay, or pasture; or to accommodate an eleven year lease for enrollment in the CRP program. They will take action to set the public hearing and lease terms at a future meeting.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Faldet to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, April 10, 2023. Motion carried unanimously.

*ATTEST  
Benjamin D Steines  
County Auditor  
Daniel Langreck, Chair  
Board of Supervisors*