

October 1, 2020

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Jason Roudabush, Merle Doty, and Diana Dawley.

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve September 24 & 28, 2020 Poweshiek County board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Ashley Fallis, General Assistance met with board to provide quarterly update for Poweshiek County General Assistance.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve October 2, 2020 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$200,780.81. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve the following Utility Permits:

- #21-07U to Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Coop for work in Sections 9 & 10, Bear Creek Township
- #21-08U to Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Coop for work in Section 14, Bear Creek Township

3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m. Lyle Brehm, Engineer met with board to discuss bridge funding agreement Project No. BROS-SWAP-CO79 (55)—SE-79 for bridge in Section 26, Malcom Township. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve bridge funding agreement and authorize Jason Roudabush, Chairman to sign agreement. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Merle Doty left meeting.

Discussion on certifying debt for TIF and Brehm explained he has a project to extend a few box culverts on paved roads and will be able to certify this debt by December 1, 2020.

9:51 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

October 5, 2020

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Jason Roudabush, Merle Doty, and Diana Dawley.

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for month ending September 30, 2020.

Dawley updated the board regarding CICS board meeting she attended. Dawley stated that there are three counties wanting to join the region; those being Cerro Gordo, Webster, and Wright. Counties currently in CICS region are Boone, Franklin, Greene, Hamilton, Hardin, Jasper, Madison, Marshall, Poweshiek, Story, and Warren. Dawley stated the governing board will need to determine if adding counties better equips or interferes with CICS goal of "improving the health, hope, and successful outcomes for the adults in our region who have mental health disabilities, intellectual/developmental disabilities, and brain injuries, including those with multi-occurring issues and other complex human service needs, and for children who have a diagnosis of serious emotional disturbance."

Betsy Stursman, CICS Finance Officer will be attending the board meeting on Thursday to better explain the pros and cons of adding three additional counties to the region.

Auditor Eilander stated that today marks the first day for in-person absentee voting for the General Election and also first day to mail absentee ballots requested. Eilander stated her office will be mailing close to 4,400 absentee ballots today. Eilander anticipates it to be very busy with in-person voting at her office. Eilander also wants to point out that new legislation this year requires voters to show ID when voting in-person absentee at her office. Eilander is following appropriate guidelines to ensure safety of her workers and voters such as social distance measures with voting booths, sanitizing counters and booths after each voter, and providing voters with their own pen for voting.

9:30 a.m. Tom Kriegel, Sheriff; Joel Vanderleest, Chief Deputy; Brian Paul, EMA; Rusty Massengale, E911 board chair; and Duane Vos & Terry Brennan, RACOM met with board to discuss new radio system. The total proposed cost for this system is around \$6.3 million. Vos stated if the county would remove the outdoor warning system that would generate a cost savings of \$400,000. Paul stated that he has grants available through hazard mitigation program for 85% of the cost for the outdoor warning system so the cost for the county would be around \$60,000. Vos stated the bid includes four new towers. Initially it was thought the Grinnell tower could be utilized but in review this tower is not tall enough and not sturdy enough to hold necessary equipment. They may still utilize the generator and shelter at this site to save cost. Brennan stated that the county would have the option to try to lease these towers to cell providers as the cell providers try to upgrade to the 5G technology. Vos stated this is a system designed to grow and a system that would be beneficial for cities, hospitals, secondary roads, etc. to join and help with communication. Paul stated he is aware of counties where schools and hospitals are utilizing this type of system and others that are purchasing the radios in hopes they can join their county system at some point.

Roudabush inquired on the spare parts portion of quote. Brennan stated this is a general part of the contract and there are critical parts that need to be kept on hand for each customer so if a part of the system needs repaired, there is not a wait to order parts. Example is an antenna which takes 8 weeks to order.

Dawley asked for an explanation on the warranty and maintenance contract. Brennan stated certain items have different warranty times and this quote would allow for fees for the ten years and would cover broken or damaged items except abusive use or an act of God which insurance would cover. This covers all software updates, hardware, labor, emergency response. Dawley inquired if when radios need updated if each entity like fire, ambulance, etc. will be responsible for the cost to replace the radio. Kriegel stated the intent was for the county to provide the initial radio with entities bearing the cost for any replacement in later years. Dawley also stated the county would have an additional cost for the insurance on all the towers and equipment. Massengale stated E911 would continue to help emergency responders to replace radios and pagers as it is a large expense especially for the smaller departments.

Roudabush stated the quote is a maximum bid and cost could be lower if portions of the bid are removed. Vos stated the first six months after signing contract are essential in determining details and what is exactly needed by doing soil samples and land acquisitions. Dawley inquired if the land acquisition is included in the quote. Brennan stated that land acquisition is not included. Doty expressed concern about obtaining the needed land from landowners. Vos stated there will need to be 2 sites acquired. The other 2 sites are owned by county and City of Grinnell.

Vos stated that the majority of counties have done the essential purpose bonding to pay for this system. Dawley expressed concern of taxing the county taxpayers more.

Kriegel states this is important for the county and law enforcement and also for fire, ambulance, schools, and cities. This system would allow better communication for entities within the county as well as allow public safety to communicate with other counties and the state. Everyone would be able to communicate in an emergency situation. Paul stated this digital system is the way everyone is moving and would rather be on the front end of the upgrade instead of the back end.

11:07 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman