

November 20, 2023

The board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Diana Dawley, Jeff Tindle, and Jason Roudabush. Also present: Lyle Brehm, Engineer

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

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to approve November 16, 2023 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to approve Resolution #2024-8 a transfer from Urban Renewal #4 to Secondary Road. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Resolution #2024-8

WHEREAS certain debt was created by an internal loan advance for Poweshiek County Urban Renewal #4 – Road Improvements in the amount of \$476,646.

WHEREAS TIF tax dollars have been collected within the Urban Renewal Area in an amount to pay back the internal loan advance.

BE IT RESOLVED this 20 day of November 2023 to approve the following fund transfer for FY'24 as follows:

- Poweshiek County Urban Renewal #4 to Secondary Road \$476,646

FURTHER, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors direct the Poweshiek County Auditor to transfer the amount above in the county financial system.

Dated this 20 day of November 2023.

POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Diana Dawley, Vice-Chairman

Jeff Tindle, Member

Attest: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to approve Resolution #2024-9 an internal advance from Secondary Road to fund Urban Renewal project costs. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2024-9

AUTHORIZING INTERNAL ADVANCE TO FUND URBAN RENEWAL PROJECT COSTS

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Poweshiek County, Iowa (the “County”), has established the Poweshiek County Urban Renewal Area No. 4 - Road Improvement (the “Urban Renewal Area”); and

WHEREAS, the Board has identified the need to establish the Poweshiek County Urban Renewal Area No. 4 Tax Increment Revenue Fund, into which all incremental property tax revenues received from the Urban Renewal Area should be deposited; and

WHEREAS, the Board has also identified certain county road improvements (the “Project”) that should be constructed in the Urban Renewal Area; and

WHEREAS, it has been proposed that the County approve an internal advance of funds in the amount of \$1,329,702 (the “Advance”) to pay the costs of the Project, and the County desires to make the Advance eligible to be repaid from future incremental property tax revenues to be derived from the Urban Renewal Area; and

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Poweshiek County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created the Poweshiek County Urban Renewal Area No. 4 Tax Increment Revenue Fund (the “Tax Increment Fund”).

It is hereby directed that One Million Three Hundred Twenty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Two Dollars (\$1,329,702), be advanced to the Tax Increment Fund from the County Secondary Road Fund for the funding of the Project. The Advance shall be treated as a loan (the “Loan”) to the Tax Increment Fund and shall be repaid to the Secondary Road Fund without interest, out of future incremental property tax revenues received into the Tax Increment Fund.

Payments on the Loan are subject to annual appropriation by the Board and to the determination of the Board that there are incremental property tax revenues available for such purpose, which have been allocated to or accrued in the Tax Increment Fund.

Section 2. The Tax Increment Fund is hereby pledged to the repayment of the Loan, and a copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the office of the County Auditor to evidence this pledge. Pursuant to Section 403.19

of the Code of Iowa, the County Auditor is hereby directed to certify, no later than December 1, the original amount of the Loan as an obligation that is eligible to be repaid from future incremental property tax revenues, and to certify no later than December 1 of each succeeding year any remaining outstanding balance of the Loan.

Section 3. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith, are hereby repealed, to the extent of such conflict.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 20 day of November 2023.

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Attest: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to approve TIF Indebtedness certification for Poweshiek County Urban Renewal #4 – Road Improvements for FY'25.

8:35 A.M. Erick Calderwood met with board to discuss his concerns regarding road right-of-way near his property. Calderwood inquired if the county could maintain that area and Brehm suggested that roadside management could plant some wildflowers or pollinates there. Brehm stated he would have his roadside manager establish that area.

9:00 a.m. Board held 2nd Tier Canvass for City/School Election held November 7, 2023. Present: Laura Tish, Assistant Commissioner of Elections. Votes cast for Grinnell-Newburg Community School board members for Poweshiek County and Jasper County were read. Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to approve 2nd Tier Canvass of November 7, 2023, City/School Election canvass of votes and declare candidates receiving the most votes to be winners for the Grinnell-Newburg Community School board and authorize Jason Roudabush, Chairman to sign Certificates of Election. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to approve the appointment of Craig R. Johnstone as Recorder representative and to re-appoint Sheryl Freeborn as Auditor representative and Andy Day as County Attorney representative, all on Poweshiek County Compensation Board. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to approve November 22, 2023, Poweshiek County Payroll for \$321,411.98. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Tindle to approve a letter to City of Grinnell regarding 911 tower site on Penrose Street requesting the approach be allowed as gravel instead of paved and to authorize Chairman to sign. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:30 a.m. Matt Jones, Cory Brand, Scott Sieck, Matt Mann, Chad Latcham, Susie Edelen, Cindy Bidwell, Linda Iverson, Laurie Iverson, Ron Iverson, Marcia Iverson, Perry Fenner, Ryan Iverson, Gabrielle Axmear, and Jane Axmear met with board to discuss the county appropriation of \$25,000 to the Poweshiek County Fair and the request by the supervisors to prepare a memorandum of understanding with Poweshiek County Extension regarding the fair. Fair representatives request the supervisors to not be in the middle of the fair and extension and to let the fair and extension work things out. Ron Iverson wondered why the supervisors are involved as this does not have anything to do with how the funding provided by the county is spent and the supervisors do not set policy & procedures for the fair board. Sieck stated that the 4-H/extension, according to Iowa Code may make recommendations to the fair board and then the fair board would vote on the items. The fair board tries to do what is best for the kids. The fair board follows the rules followed by the Iowa State Fair and also the Iowa Code. Dawley stated there have been many complaints regarding the friction between extension and fair board and she agrees the supervisors do not set the fair policies/procedures but would like to see the two parties work together to reach an agreement regarding the county fair. Dawley states the fair is for the kids and she wants everyone to do the best for them.

Roudabush stated this is taxpayer money and the board just wants to see the fair board and extension work together. Roudabush stated maybe extension could run indoor and fair board run outdoor. Linda Iverson stated years ago extension did take over the indoor but then extension asked fair board to help again. Ron Iverson stated the Iowa State Extension does not have any authority to have control over the county fair.

Jane Axmear stated a lot of people think the extension and fair are the same, but they are two separate things. The extension is for education and the fair to take care of building, grounds and holding the county fair. Susie Edelen

states a lot of time is spent by the fair board or volunteers setting up for the county fair and making sure everything is ready so the youth can have a nice fair.

Gabrielle Axmear stated she is on the extension council, and she feels there is no way there will be any agreement reached as the number of changes extension wants is unfeasible for a fair already running well.

Marcia Iverson feels the extension wants control and if the county does not continue to provide the \$25,000 appropriation, it only hurts the youth. Sieck stated he would like the board to continue with the funding but if they choose not to, the fair board will need to find a way to make up the money by holding fundraisers or charging the 4-H programs rent for use of facilities.

Linda Iverson suggested the supervisors reach out to a former extension director, Debbie VanArkle, as she holds lots of wisdom on how extension and fair board worked together in past years.

Ryan Iverson stated there have already been many hours spent trying to work out an agreement with extension and it just blows up and now the fair is going to lose funding which only hurts the youth.

Matt Jones would like to see the funding continue and would like to know by the supervisors a date for their decision on funding so fair board can get a plan established to make up that money and they would like to know soon.

Dawley stated she is upset that comments were made that the supervisors do not support the youth involved. Dawley stated her family had shown livestock at the fair, she attends the cattle show and other events at the fairgrounds and has always voted for funding to the fair. She just wants to see the friction between extension and fair board worked out.

10:30 a.m. Darcy Swick & Lori Gibson with Ramsey-Weeks Insurance, Kasi Koehler & Willene White with ICAP met with board to discuss 2024 county insurance renewal. ICAP explained the major increases in the premium are on the property side. The storms are occurring more and more intense than they have been in past. They stated the liability premium remains stable. Discussion continued regarding coverage and just making sure the county has all appropriate coverage.

11:25 a.m. Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Dawley to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman