

February 1, 2024

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

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

8:30 a.m. Bart Klaver, County Attorney met with board to discuss the salary range for Assistant County Attorney position. The current salary set is around \$62,000. The board felt that the salary for this position should be increased to be more in line with other like counties and to also help attract good candidates. The board and county attorney agreed that \$80,000 would be a good starting point for salary.

9:00 a.m. Uwe Meyer & Linda Stoll, Veteran Affairs Commissioners met with the board to discuss hiring a replacement VA Director. They had two candidates apply and have interviewed both candidates. The commissioners recommended a starting pay of \$20 per hour until the individual obtains their certification and then they would increase the pay. Board agreed to the pay structure. Board advised commissioners once they offer the employment and it is accepted, to let them know so they can place on agenda to approve the recommendation and also get the individual set up for pre-employment testing.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to approve January 29, 2024 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to approve February 2, 2024 payroll for \$327,198.80. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to approve application and agreement for use of highway ROW for utilities to Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC for work in Sheridan Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Dawley discussed meeting regarding Pow-I80. Dawley stated they have established an executive board and are looking to hire a director. It was stated the City of Grinnell would provide the director with office space, sharing of staff and office equipment but the City of Grinnell does not wish to have the director be an employee of the city. It was asked if the county would consider having the director be an employee of the county. Board stated they would like a representative with Pow-I80 to attend a board meeting to discuss these requests and the future of Pow-I80.

Auditor presented the board with the following proposed budgets to review for FY25: domestic violence appropriation, NEI3A council on aging appropriation, MICA appropriation, PALS appropriation, ambulance appropriation, medical examiner, GO bond payments for radio project & public safety building, ARPA funds, Opioid funds, court services, family services, juvenile services, substance, youth guidance, county ground property taxes, housing trust, insurance, economic development, care of soldiers graves, other policy administration, townships, courthouse, and board of supervisors.

Auditor Eilander also presented the auditor's office and elections proposed FY25 budget information.

Board reviewed all recommendations from presented proposed budgets. Board further discussed wage information for the elected officials and non-contract employees. Board stated they are looking to decrease the recommendation from the compensation board on elected official salaries. Board advised the auditor to have department heads update their budget to reflect a 30% decrease in elected official proposed salary increase and to show non-contract employees at a \$.75 per hour wage increase. Board will look at this information at the next board meeting and have as an agenda item for decision on wages.

Roudabush stated he has an Iowa Workforce Development meeting today.

12:41 p.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman