

July 22, 2024

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

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

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to approve July 18, 2024 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. J.D. Griffith, Sanitarian/Zoning Administrator met with board for monthly meeting.

9:00 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer met with board to discuss hiring a replacement for an employee that will be retiring at the end of the year. Also, present was Megan Tindle, Senior Clerk Specialist/MV. Ross provided the board with information compiled showing the number of titles issued by Poweshiek County for FY24 as compared to Iowa, Tama & Mahaska Counties. That information provided showed Poweshiek County does approximately 1,600 more titles than the next closest county.

Roudabush stated the state is cutting funding to counties and placing limits on budgets so he is just looking to see if the treasurer department can operate with one less employee. Given the circumstances, Dawley felt a new employee would need to be hired for the auto licensing department. Dawley inquired if there are people gone from the offices, could Ross pick up some of that work. Ross stated it is tax time and she is busy in that area of the department. Roudabush inquired if people could be cross trained in certain areas of the department. Ross stated that one employee is trained to do renewals. Tindle stated it is unfortunate timing to eliminate an employee position at this time. He feels that this should best be looked at in the future as another employee approaches retirement in the next few years. He feels our auto department does more business than other counties and perhaps if auto and driver license were in one office it would be a different situation with number of employees. Since driver license is by appointment only could one of those employees fill in certain days in auto department. Megan Tindle stated it would be difficult to take employees from driver license for auto department for a day or two as there are needs to be addressed regarding cash drawer, computer profiles & printer profiles. Tindle asked Ross if she had money in her budget to hire someone a couple months prior to the employee's retirement and Ross stated she had the money in her budget. Board further discussed hiring a replacement prior to end of year and would like Ross to provide budget information showing how many weeks prior she could work with funds in her budget to pay that individual.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to approve a leave donation request under the catastrophic leave policy. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to approve cigarette/tobacco/nicotine/vapor permit for TA Travel Centers of America. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

10:15 a.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman