

August 5, 2024

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

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to approve August 1, 2024, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve certificate of appointment for Nathan L. Anderson, Deputy Sheriff effective July 29, 2024; rate of pay \$38.24 per hour. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Bob Wilhelm, Maintenance Director & Safety Director met with board for maintenance & safety audit update. Wilhelm updated the board regarding completion of the carpet in motor vehicle & recorder office, north sidewalk, various repairs, landscaping & moving dirt around the new EMA building. There have been some air conditioning issues & Jensen has been contacted to look at the system.

Wilhelm stated he has completed the safety audit for all county owned buildings. He has provided the results to the engineer for the road buildings and the conservation director for his building. Wilhelm went over the results for the county services building in Grinnell and the courthouse.

9:00 a.m. Randy Johnson as well as other legionnaire members, veterans, and family members – Dennis Latcham, Ronald Curry, Ed Evans, Carol L. Dale, Larry Webber, Uwe Meyer, Ron Brown, Lloyd Jones, Steve Shaffer, Tom Tish, Karen Tish, Bea Hensel, Jacki Bolen, Donald Singleton, Rodney Morse, Ron Hensel, Rick Jacoby, Steve Cranston, and VA Director Chris Nolte met with board to discuss issues they see currently and coming with the veteran's affairs office. Randy Johnson provided information on history of the VA, federal dollars coming into the state and county for VA benefits, number of veterans in that last month the VA director has assisted. The current VA director works 20 hours per week and with the veterans to serve, it requires more working hours. Randy Johnson would suggest having the current VA director work more hours or hire another part-time employee to assist with VA. Dawley stated the supervisors were aware of these issues as Chris Nolte, VA director meets with board monthly and provides them with an update and has relayed his concern with needing an additional part-time person. Prior to Nolte bringing up this issue, the supervisors were not aware of those issues. Individuals stated that VA office does more than file for financial benefits but also health care benefits and when a claim is filed it does not necessarily mean it is automatically approved and there may be more steps needed for the VA director to pursue with getting claims approved. Board stated they will look at options to see if an additional part-time employee can be added to the VA office.

10:00 a.m. Galyn Nook, IT Director met with board to provide information technology update for the county. Nook stated he is working to update laptops in the sheriff deputy's vehicles, looking at ways to cut costs for internet services by exploring other vendors; and that the cameras have been installed on the main level of courthouse at north and south ends.

Roudabush stated he has an Iowa Workforce meeting Thursday.

Tindle stated he has a conservation board meeting Tuesday.

10:49 a.m. Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Diana Dawley, Chairman