

September 9, 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 September 5, 2024 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer met with board to present Treasurer semi-annual report. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to approve semi-annual report. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Ross provided more information regarding the request by Iowa DOT to assist Mahaska County driver license with re-exam drives. Iowa DOT stated that all liability would still fall on Poweshiek County even if they were assisting in Mahaska County. Ross inquired with DOT if it was possible in extreme cases for the individual to have the re-exam drive in Poweshiek County. DOT stated this would be an option. Tindle inquired who would be paying the wages for our employees to assist Mahaska County. Ross stated Poweshiek County would still pay the wages and there would not be any reimbursement from Mahaska County or Iowa DOT. Ross and board of supervisors both stated they are not comfortable with sending our employees to Mahaska County and if individuals there need re-exam, they could come to Poweshiek County driver license. Dawley stated Poweshiek County has never done employee sharing without a 28E Agreement spelling out all the details. Roudabush stated this is an Iowa DOT issue and feels they need to figure out situations involving staffing issues. Ross also stated she offered for any new employees hired in Mahaska County driver license to shadow her employees in driver license.

Board reviewed a request and supporting documentation from Ann Ullrich for tax suspension pursuant to Iowa Code Section 427.9. After review, it was determined that Ann Ullrich does qualify for tax suspension under Iowa Code 427.9. Resolution to approve said tax suspension will be approved at the next board meeting.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to approve liquor license renewal for Kwik Trip, Brooklyn, IA. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to approve Poweshiek County's annual urban renewal report for FY24. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to approve Resolution #2025-6 tax exemptions under Iowa Code 427.1(22). 3 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6

RESOLUTION RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTIONS UNDER IOWA CODE 427.1(22)

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors shall establish priorities for granting property tax exemptions for natural conservation or wildlife areas pursuant to Iowa Code 427.1(22) and shall establish the limitations on the acreage allowed to be exempted, and;

WHEREAS, the current list of priorities has not changed from prior years and the total acreage designated shall be set at the maximum allowable acres, not to exceed three thousand (3,000) acres.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors that certified application for tax exemption pursuant to Iowa Code 427.1(22) for assessment date January 1, 2024, taxes payable 2025/2026 shall be considered as follows:

- a. The total number of acres of real property in Poweshiek County to be exempted pursuant to Iowa Code 427.1(22) shall be set at the maximum allowable acres, not to exceed three thousand (3,000) acres;
- b. In determining whether or not to grant a tax exemption, application shall be considered according to the following priorities, ranking from highest to lowest;
 1. Open prairies
 2. Forest covers
 3. River and stream banks
 4. Rivers and streams
 5. Recreational lakes

6. Any of the above tracts of land containing abandoned buildings or structures, in which case the property may be considered as having its otherwise assigned priority;
- c. Other than applying the above priorities, there shall be no limit on each type of property up to the aggregate limit of three thousand (3,000) acres;
- d. All other criteria and/or procedures set forth in Iowa Code 427.1(22) are incorporated herein.

Approved this 9 day of September 2024.

Diana Dawley, Chairman

Jeff Tindle, Vice Chairman

Jason Roudabush, Member

Attest: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Board received the recommendations from elected officials for their respective compensation board members.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to approve Resolution #2025-7 approving newly appointed compensation board members. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2025-7

RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD

A resolution by Poweshiek County to appoint members to the county compensation board as authorized by Iowa Code Section 331.905.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.905, as amended in 2024 by Senate File 2442, the county board of supervisors may vote to establish a county compensation board.

WHEREAS, pursuant to this same Code Section, when the board of supervisors establishes a county compensation board, the compensation board shall be comprised of seven members who are residents of the county. Two members shall be appointed by the board of supervisors, one member each by the county auditor, county attorney, county recorder, county treasurer, and county sheriff. The members of the county compensation board shall not be officers or employees of the state or a political subdivision of the state and shall serve staggered terms.

WHEREAS, lots were drawn to determine the duration of initial staggered terms for members of the county compensation board as follows: representatives of Board of Supervisors – Rep. 1, Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff shall serve an initial term of four years and the representatives of Treasurer, Attorney, Board of Supervisors – Rep. 2, shall serve an initial term of two years.

WHEREAS, elected officials have made their recommendations for representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Poweshiek County hereby approves the appointment of the following to the Poweshiek County Compensation Board:

- County Auditor Representative 4-year term – Sheryl Freeborn
- County Recorder Representative 4-year term – Craig Johnstone
- County Sheriff Representative 4-year term – Laura Manatt
- Board of Supervisor Representative 4-year term – Tim Douglas
- County Treasurer Representative 2-year term – Dan Bunnell
- County Attorney Representative 2-year term – Andy Day
- Board of Supervisor Representative 2-year term – Rusty Clayton

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall apply retroactively to July 1, 2024.

HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors for Poweshiek County on this 9 day of September 2024.

Diana Dawley, Chairman

Jeff Tindle, Vice Chairman

Jason Roudabush, Member

Attested: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Tindle stated he has a conservation board meeting Tuesday.

Roudabush stated he had a Hazmat meeting last week, an Iowa Workforce meeting Tuesday, and a SCISWA (landfill) meeting Wednesday.

9:34 a.m. Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman