

December 9, 2024

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

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

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to approve December 5, 2024 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to approve Family Farm Tax Credit application for Kent Kiburz. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Auditor Eilander provided the board information she received from ICAP regarding the county insurance renewal for 2025. ICAP indicated that the liability portion of county insurance will see an increase of 5% to 6% and the physical structure/vehicle coverage will remain flat with no increase. ICAP also advised they will be doing a valuation of all properties valued over \$200,000 and all vehicles/equipment valued over \$100,000 to ensure that the county has adequate coverage based on the calculated value of the properties.

8:35 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer met with the board to further discuss her request to move employees within the motor vehicle department up a position due to the retirement of Sutfin. Roudabush stated he reviewed the proposed wages and determined they do fall within the range for each position. Dawley stated that Ross does have the funds approved in her budget. Ross stated these changes would be effective January 1, 2025. Board directed Ross to proceed and present certificate of appointment for the change in positions to the board for approval at a later board meeting.

It was moved by Tindle, 2nd by Roudabush to approve a letter authorizing Treasurer Sandy Ross and her designees, Megan Tindle, Kay Latcham, and Jessica Hutchcraft to sign, transfer, and enter into investment security transactions on behalf of the county. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Dawley provided an update on the parcel of land discussed during the December 5 board meeting located in Guernsey between a parcel owned by Steffen and a parcel owned by Grier. Dawley spoke with Steffen and stated that back in the 1980's Steffen deeded this 15-foot parcel to the county to build a road maintenance shop. The construction of the road maintenance shop did not happen and the county was supposed to deed this parcel back to Steffen. This parcel was never deeded to anyone and still sits in the county's name. Dawley stated she spoke with the engineer about this but he was not here during that timeframe and he didn't find any documentation on this matter either. Dawley stated Steffen would talk to Grier about this parcel of land but it is Steffen's understanding that the land was to be conveyed back to them. Dawley stated the board would need to contact the county attorney to follow the process for the county to convey land.

Board discussed the boards and commissions they serve on and if they wanted to make any changes for the next calendar year. Board will approve which board/commission each supervisor serves on at the first board meeting of 2025.

9:05 a.m. Bob Carmichael joined the meeting. Carmichael brought in a bag with part of the county road that was in his garage. Carmichael expressed his concern for the condition of the gravel road by his house. Carmichael inquired about the LOSST money and how much is used for the rock roads. Board stated they provide \$200,000 to \$300,000 to secondary roads from the LOSST funds. Those funds are also used to pay the bonds issued when the jail was built.

Bolen inquired if the board had heard back from KGRN if they were still intending to use the ARPA funds granted to them. Auditor Eilander advised that the last update from KGRN was that the project would be completed in Spring 2025.

Bolen inquired where the board stands on the request from Chris Nolte, VA Director for another part-time employee. Board stated Nolte had brought this matter up earlier and board stated that they do not make a practice of amending budgets to allow for wages, but Nolte could put the proposal in the FY26 budget request. Nolte has

requested the board allow him to hire someone for the last 6 months of this fiscal year and has requested the board to amend his budget to add funds for those wages & benefits. Board will discuss this further with Nolte at his next meeting later this month.

9:45 a.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Tindle to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman