

May 18, 2017

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA. Members present Diana Dawley, Trevor White & Larry Wilson

Chairman White led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve May 11, 2017 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve May 19, 2017 payroll for \$265,695.32 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve FY'18 Agreement for Public Health & Home Care Services. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Permit Application for Travel Centers of America #254. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board discussed the sidewalk at the Community Services Building in Grinnell. The front sidewalk stoop has sunk and creates a hazard and needs fixed. Larry looked into replacing the sidewalk or raising that portion of the sidewalk. Larry received a quote for \$308.64 from 5 Star Spray Foam & Concrete Raising, Inc. to raise that portion of the sidewalk. Larry would recommend that the board approve to raise the front sidewalk stoop. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to accept proposal from 5 Star Spray Foam & Concrete Raising, Inc. for \$308.64 and authorize Trevor White as chairman to sign acceptance of proposal to raise the front sidewalk stoop at Community Services Building in Grinnell. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Larry updated the board on his meeting held May 11th with contractors regarding the air conditioning on the 3rd floor of courthouse. Larry stated those attending the pre-bid meeting were Mike Fahlenkamp & Wes Fahlenkamp, Mike's Electric & Air Conditioning; Jim Hicks, Jim's Heating & Air Conditioning; Cody Jensen, Jensen Heating & Air Conditioning; and Adam Nielsen, SIS Plumbing, Heating & Air Conditioning. Larry discussed with each contractor the locations upstairs that would need air conditioning updated and the best thought on how to proceed.

9:00 a.m. Board discussed possibility of re-appropriation of FY'18 health insurance to capital projects. Those present for this discussion: Darrin Ehret, Fritz James, Rick Warden, Joe Meyer, Matt Simpson, Matt Maschmann, Jodi Meyer, Les Taylor, Jeff Kriegel, Greg Reedy, Aaron Schock, Mark Krumm, Ryan Miller, Ed Kline, David VanErsvelde, James Owens, Mark Bair, Terry Pickett, Corey Simpson, Craig Kuntz, Robert Johnson, Julia Pitman, Patty VerSteegt, Megan Tindle, Dianna Longhenry, Amy Vermillion, Laura Durr, Alyssa Sutherland, Linda Kudart, Julie Cline, Douglas King, Becky Petig. Trevor opened the discussion up with taking any comments. Amy Vermillion asked for an explanation of what the board is considering. Diana Dawley stated that this was just a proposal that the board had been discussing, as they discuss all proposals brought to their attention. Amy asked for an explanation of the proposal. Larry Wilson explained that due to the condition of the rural rock roads, the board was looking to get more money to use for secondary roads. Larry stated that the FY'18 budget has been completed and the board increased the rural services transfer amount from 90% in FY'17 to 95% for FY'18 and that this would give secondary roads approximately \$200,000 more. Larry stated the board has been looking at different ways to get more money to allocate to work on the secondary road infrastructure such as bonding, which would create a debt service levy. Larry states that borrowing money is not so appealing because it would need to be paid back. The board further looked at re-appropriating the FY'18 health insurance budget amount to a capital project fund. Larry states that the health plan trust fund has grown over the last several years and how much reserve money in the health plan is enough which led to the board discussing if the full budgeted amount for health insurance would need to be placed in the health fund trust or if a portion of that could be re-apportioned to capital projects to aid in rural rock road infrastructure.

Amy asked if the board was just considering lowering the county contribution to the health fund or if they have considered lowering the employee contribution as well. Trevor White stated the board has not discussed the employee contribution amount. Amy asked if these were two separate concerns; one, being the health trust fund balance is too high and two, being the secondary roads conditions or have they merged into one concern because one can help the other. Since Amy has a separate budget, she asked if she would still be required to contribute into the health fund or would she get the reduction as the board is discussing. Diana stated to Amy that her budget would be lowered the percentage as the rest of county. Trevor stated that he did not agree with that comment. Amy feels if the rest of the county is contributing a lower amount to the health fund why should her office be any different. Larry feels the county share of insurance contribution would be the same no matter what department. Corey Simpson inquired about the ten cent fuel tax money if that is not enough to carry the road infrastructure. Trevor stated that it helps but with complaints on roads, more money is needed. Trevor states that money is going for capital projects for roads and Becky Petig asked what the capital projects are. Trevor advised it is bridges, box culverts, resurfacing roads; dumping gravel on roads and maintenance would not be considered capital projects. Trevor stated the money they are looking to re-appropriate to capital projects would be used for such and would not be used for the annual spring contract rock hauling. Diana stated that was her understanding that it would be used for road infrastructure work. Matt Simpson asked what complaints the supervisors had been receiving regarding the roads. Trevor stated people could not use the roads, they couldn't go to work or anywhere because of the secondary road gravel system. Amy Vermillion states again herself and the individuals in the room have concerns regarding the health insurance fund and not contributing fully to the plan for one year, how will this affect things with an average of 200 uses on the plan in order to be able to sustain payment of claims and monthly fees for insurance. She feels that with the instability these days and the unknown of where health insurance is going, the county needs to make sure we have a good fund balance to cover claims and expenses as it only takes a couple bad accidents or health problems to substantially lower the balance. Mark Krumm wondered how long the board was looking to de-appropriate; is it 1 year or 10 years. Trevor stated it would be looked at year by year. Employees don't disagree that the roads need work but they do not like the idea of taking away from what is contributed to the health trust fund. Employees feel the board should invest in them and not use the money that is to be appropriated to their health plan to pay for road infrastructure. Diana Dawley feels that the engineer has had to sacrifice over the years with cutting staff and not updating equipment and it has been hard with his budget to maintain everything as needed. She is going to keep trying every year to get more money allocated to secondary roads but feels that to de-appropriate money from health insurance in FY'18 is not a good idea at this time. She feels it would be better to wait until FY'19 budgets and look at funds at that time. Diana Dawley feels the county has been very responsible with the health fund in growing the reserves over the last few years and is very proud of the health plan. Ed Kline inquired how much the county gets from the one cent sales tax money. Diana explained this money is being used to make payments on the bond for the new public safety building and since this cost more than originally planned that left less to distribute to secondary roads. The purpose of that bond was to use for capital projects for sheriff's department and secondary roads. The bond payments need to be made first from this money and then can allocate to secondary roads. Craig Kuntz states that he agrees the roads need work but hopes the board will value the opinion of the employees with regard to de-appropriating money allocated to health insurance toward the rural road infrastructure system.

Board discussed the new fireworks bill and how this may affect Poweshiek County. The board will follow-up with this discussion at a later board meeting.

Diana gave the board an update on the Council on Aging meeting she attended in Brooklyn yesterday.

Discussed installing two additional phones at Community Services Building in Grinnell.

11:38 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd Wilson to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Trevor White, Chairman

