

February 5, 2019 8:30 a.m.

The Jones County Board of Supervisors met in regular session. Present Chairman Rohwedder, Supervisors Eaken, Manternach, Oswald, and Zirkelbach.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the minutes of the January 29, 2019 and January 30, 2019 meetings. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Manternach to approve claims #1902-0001 through #1902-0136. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to re-appoint Kevin Rohwedder to the Olin Benefited Fire District for a term of three years. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor reported that over \$530,000 had been received recently from the State's Parks to People program as reimbursements for costs incurred on the Wapsipinicon Trail, Central Park Lake Restoration, and MonMaq Dam projects, that a water pipe had broken in the Sheriff's garage, shared communication from the chairperson of the Historic Preservation Commission regarding engineering for the Ely's Stone Bridge rehabilitation project, and reported that a cost proposal for a staffing analysis in the Jail would be on the agenda for the February 12, 2019 meeting.

Supervisor Manternach provided an update on the Environmental Health/Public Health office renovation project.

The Treasurer met with the Board to request approval to appoint a new deputy.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to confirm the Treasurer's appointment of Shelli Gray as Deputy Treasurer, effective February 19, 2019 at an annual salary of \$36,938, with benefits per the employee handbook. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board members reported on recent and upcoming committee meetings.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Oswald to open a public hearing at 8:46 a.m. to review violations of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance on property located at 13461 Ramsey Rd., Anamosa. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Manternach aye, Rohwedder aye. Motion carried.

The Land Use Administrator provided details regarding the ordinance violation, and noted that the property owner of record was notified by certified mail (receipt documented), and that notice of the public hearing was published in the two official county newspapers the week of January 21, 2019. She reported that the property owner had not responded to any previous written correspondence regarding the nuisance violation, but had sent an email at 8:17 a.m. this morning reporting he would be unable to attend the meeting and reported he has been working to clean up the property.

No persons present at the meeting offered comments regarding the nuisance. Options for abatement of the nuisance were discussed.

Moved by Manternach seconded by Oswald to close the public hearing at 8:53 a.m. On roll call vote: Oswald aye, Eaken aye, Zirkelbach aye, Manternach aye, Rohwedder aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Eaken to allow the owner of the property located at 13461 Ramsey Rd., Anamosa, to have until February 19, 2019 to abate the nuisance or the County will proceed with filing a civil citation pursuant to Section 8, of Article II, of the Jones County Nuisance Ordinance, and to authorize the Land Use Administrator to notify the property owner of the Board's decision. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board met with the following department heads to review their proposed FY2020 budgets and re-estimated FY2019 budgets:

- Susan Yario, Veteran Affairs, and Veteran Affairs Commissioners Jim Caswell and Dennis Gray
- Lisa Tallman, Senior Dining

Discussion was held with the two department heads regarding salaries, changes in their current budget, the proposed budget for their department, and proposed expenditures that could be reduced or revenues increased. No action was taken on the budget proposals.

The Engineer met with the Board to provide an update on the construction schedule for the 140th Ave. bridge replacement and grading project and to present an easement agreement for approval.

Moved by Eaken seconded by Manternach to approve a Partial Acquisition Contract with Michael J. and Anna Mary Riniker for project No. L-C-920—73-53 (Shaw Rd.) in Fairview Township. All aye. Motion carried.

Gail Freeman met with the Board and Engineer to discuss her concerns regarding snow removal on 110th Ave. south of County Rd. E53.

Wapsipinicon Trail Committee members Dusty Embree, Kris Gobeli, and Brad Hatcher, Dept. of Natural Resources Engineer Mike Dufoe, the Conservation Director, and the Engineer met with the Board to discuss collaboration opportunities between the Trail Committee and the Secondary Road department regarding design development and construction of the Wapsipinicon Trail project in conjunction with the Shaw Rd. bridge replacement project. Discussion focused primarily on permitting and design for both projects, and opportunities to minimize engineering costs for the trail project.

The Board and Auditor further discussed budget preparations, reviewed the Auditor's fund balance projections based on initial departmental budget proposals, discussed the status of the salary comparability study being prepared by the county's labor consultant, reviewed options for the mental health/disability services tax levy, discussed the Engineer's Rural Services Fund transfer request and the capital projects fund, and reviewed funding requests from various organizations. The Board informally directed the Auditor to add funding in the amount of \$5,053 in the FY20 budget for the Maquoketa River Watershed Authority.

Moved by Manternach seconded by Oswald to eliminate all funding for the Limestone Bluffs Resource, Conservation, & Development (R.C. & D) program in the FY20 budget. Ayes: Eaken, Manternach, Oswald, Zirkelbach. Nay: Rohwedder. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Manternach to suspend funding for the Jones County Genealogical Society in the FY20 budget. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board also discussed possible waterway work needed at the County farm, the possibility of removing the building on the farm, and the Sheriff's request for a different location for storage of vehicles and other equipment.

Moved by Manternach seconded by Zirkelbach to adjourn at 12:50 p.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Ned Rohwedder, Chairman