

June 4, 2020 8:30 a.m.

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

*Due to the COVID-19 public health emergency, and to abide by health safety and social distancing guidelines, remote participation to this meeting was provided by electronic video and audio streaming via remote meeting software, with audio only access also available by telephone. Said remote participation electronic meeting access is permitted via a Proclamation of Disaster Emergency issued by Governor Kim Reynolds on March 19, 2020. Physical in-person access to the public was not permitted at this meeting. Full instructions for access via remote participation were included on the meeting agenda which was posted on the east, west, and north exterior doors of the Courthouse, the County web-site, and was emailed to the list of fifty-seven individuals who are typically emailed the agenda for Board of Supervisors' meetings. A statement was read at the beginning of the meeting noting that if it became apparent that the electronic meeting was being maliciously hacked or compromised the electronic access would be promptly terminated and the Board would proceed to adjourn the meeting.*

The Emergency Management Coordinator and Public Health Coordinator met with the Board to provide an update on emergency preparedness activities to address the COVID-19 public health emergency. The Emergency Management Coordinator provided an update on the availability of personal protective equipment. The Public Health Coordinator reported that one new case of COVID-19 has been reported in Jones County, and noted concerns for possible increased COVID-19 cases as business openings continue to expand.

The Auditor provided a brief update on the June 2, 2020 Primary Election and health safety measures implemented at the polls, noting that she had received positive comments regarding those health safety measures both from voters and the precinct officials. She also reported that Baker Paper, a custodial supply company used by the County, has donated several cases of hand sanitizer for County employees to use in the workplace.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve the minutes of the May 26, 2020 meeting. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Zirkelbach to approve the payroll for the period ending May 24, 2020, as certified by the department heads. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to establish the premium rates for the employee health insurance program for coverage effective July 1, 2020, as recommended by Wellmark Blue Cross & Blue Shield, at \$690.66 for a single plan and \$1,686.90 for a family plan, with employee and employer cost sharing ratios as established in the collective bargaining agreement. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to acknowledge receipt of manure management plan updates from Agri-Vest Inc. (facility #66002) for a facility located in Section 23 of Oxford Township, and from Supple Finishing LLC (facility #65980) for a facility located in Section 23 of Oxford Township with the County Auditor to retain the documents in a temporary file for public access for one year. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to approve, and authorize the Chairman to sign and place on file the DHS Wrap-Around & Non-Licensed Support Contract #DCAT 4-21-014 with the Iowa Department of Human Services for fiscal year 2021 services. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-062]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Rohwedder to reduce the rate of pay for Secondary Road seasonal employee Andrew Russ from \$11.50 per hour as approved on May 26, 2020 to \$8.50 per hour at the request of the employee retroactive to May 26, 2020. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor presented a request to provide supplemental pay to all precinct officials who worked at the polls at the June 2, 2020 Primary Election during the COVID-19 public health

emergency, while putting their health at risk to face voters throughout the fourteen-hour polling period with only limited personal protective equipment provided for them, but no health safety screening of the 23 voters (Greenfield precinct) to 280 voters (Anamosa precinct) they served on election day. She noted that eighty percent of the twenty-six precinct officials serving at the Primary Election are sixty years of age or older, putting them in a higher-risk, vulnerable age group for COVID-19.

Supervisor Eaken arrived at 8:52 a.m.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to approve the Auditor's request to grant an additional \$50 to each precinct official who worked at the polls at the June 2, 2020 Primary Election to recognize their willingness to step forward to provide the required service to the citizens of Jones County during the COVID-19 public health emergency, putting their health at risk while facing voters throughout the fourteen-hour polling period with no health safety screening services provided for them. All aye. Motion carried.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to void check #167001 in the amount of \$6.00, dated November 13, 2018, made payable to Michaels Clothing; and corresponding claim #1811-0096, submitted by the Sheriff, with reason being the check was returned by the vendor for replacement as the check is more than sixty days' stale-dated. All aye. Motion carried.

The Auditor provided an update on the window replacement project, the HVAC retro-fit project, and a drainage concern near the Courthouse boiler room.

The Board discussed the location of Board meetings and when to terminate remote access and move back to in-person access to public meetings. The Board determined that beginning June 9, 2020, and until further notice, Board meetings will be held in the basement Conference Room, allowing the public to be physically present at the meetings, subject to health screening upon entry to the Courthouse, and if the meeting room is at capacity attendees may be asked to leave the meeting room. Remote access via the ZOOM software will continue until further notice. A department head meeting will be held on June 8, 2020 to discuss progress towards further opening the Courthouse and other County facilities to the public.

The Engineer met with the Board to request approval of an amendment to the designated officials in the County's Title VI Non-Discrimination Plan; to discuss the purchase of a small crawler dozer; and to provide updates on the pavement marking project, the various overlay projects, and the Shaw Rd. grading and resurfacing project.

Moved by Rohwedder seconded by Oswald to approve an update to the County's Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement with the Iowa Department of Transportation reflecting an update to the named Board Chairman. All aye. Motion carried. [2020-063]

Moved by Zirkelbach seconded by Oswald to accept bids until 9 a.m. on June 23, 2020, for a small crawler dozer. All aye. Motion carried.

The Board members discussed recent and upcoming committee meetings.

Supervisor Rohwedder provided an update from the Solid Waste Commission's June 2, 2020 meeting, explaining the various options available to the Commission to address the presence of certain contaminants in the testing wells at the closed landfill.

Supervisor Oswald inquired about the status of the possible sale of County property at 311 W. Main St., Wyoming.

Supervisor Zirkelbach provided an update on damage to the schoolhouse at the Grant Wood Memorial Park caused by raccoons.

The Emergency Management Coordinator recommended the Board update the County's Security Information Policy to include matters related to public health emergencies.

Moved by Oswald seconded by Rohwedder to adjourn at 9:41 a.m. All aye. Motion carried.

Attest: Janine Sulzner, Auditor

Wayne Manternach, Chairman