

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

DATE: 2-8-2011

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Jerry L. Parker, Chair; Steve Siegel, Vice Chair; Greg Kenning, Supervisor; Jeremy Weller, Danielle Weller, Brian Moore, Engineer; Dianne Kiefer, Treasurer; T.J. Millikin, Todd Caldwell, Jeff Layton, Donald Phillips, Richard Gaumer, Marty Wonderlin, Donald McMartin, Don Kirkendall, Sheriff; Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Pam Norton, Auditor's Clerk.

Chair Parker called the meeting to order. Supervisor Kenning moved, seconded by Vice Chair Siegel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Chair Parker said anyone wanting to address an item on the agenda should give their name to the clerk and they'd be allowed to speak. Richard Gaumer said he'd like to speak to item #6 *Consideration of recommendations from Compensation Board*.

Supervisor Kenning moved, seconded by Vice Chair Siegel to approve the minutes of the February 1, 2011 Board meeting. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Siegel moved, seconded by Supervisor Kenning to approve Resolution #781-2011 Farm to Market Review Board application resolution. This is to change the Farm to Market designation from the old Chillicothe Road to the new alignment that they are building. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Siegel moved, seconded by Supervisor Kenning to approve Supplemental Agreement No. 1 for final design services BRS-C090(68)—60-90. This is to provide final design for Bridge #48, Quincy Avenue. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Siegel moved, seconded by Supervisor Kenning to approve a request for change of employment for Laurie Fountain from full-time Clerk II to Clerk III in the Treasurer's office, change date 1/24/11 at new hourly rate \$13.86. Motion carried.

Richard Gaumer said the Compensation Board wasn't going to reconvene. He said they have submitted their recommendation and he urged the Board to adopt it in its original form.

Supervisor Kenning said it's a difficult recommendation to work with, and they can't give any department a 9.4% increase in these economic conditions we're in now but he did want to see everybody get something. Supervisor Kenning proposed a 3% increase for the sheriff and a 68% reduction for all other department heads. Vice Chair Siegel seconded.

Chair Parker said with this motion, the deputies and elected officials will be hurt the most. He said when you go to work for the government, you're not always going to get what the private sector does. He said it would be hard to find anywhere with health insurance as good as ours. He said several small businesses haven't given employees raises for quite some time. To make it more difficult, when the Compensation Board comes in with something unfair like this, essentially the deputies to elected officials will get hurt the most. He said he couldn't support it.

Vice Chair Siegel said some aren't getting a raise this year, but the ag community is getting a pretty good raise and they pay a good chunk of the taxes. He said we have to do the best with the numbers we have and he's confident most individuals will see a reduction in their property taxes. He said he supports this.

Chair Parker voted no. Motion passed on a 2 to 1 vote.

Supervisor Kenning moved, seconded by Vice Chair Siegel to approve the 2011-2012 Wapello County/City of Ottumwa Law Enforcement Center Maintenance Budget. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Siegel moved, seconded by Supervisor Kenning to accept and file the Treasurer's Investment Report for January 2011. Motion carried.

County claims in the amount of \$670,704.11 and payroll in the amount of \$390,838.72 were approved.

5:45 p.m. Supervisor Kenning moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

Jerry L. Parker, Chair
Board of Supervisors