

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

DATE: 3-13-2012

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Steve Siegel, Chair; Greg Kenning, Vice Chair; Jerry L. Parker, Supervisor; Dianne Kiefer, Treasurer; Brian Moore, Engineer; Teresa Sholes, General Assistance; Don Kirkendall, Sheriff; Jennifer Vitko, CPC; Kurt Baker, County Conservation; Joyce Haas, Recorder; Jane Brock-Kramer, Wells Fargo; Mary Webster (conference call), Wells Fargo; Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Pam Norton, Auditor's Clerk.

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

Vice Chair Kenning moved, seconded by Supervisor Parker to approve the minutes of the March 6, 2012 Board meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET AND THE CERTIFICATION OF TAXES FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2012 – JUNE 30, 2013. Auditor Spurgeon said there were no written comments received.

Vice Chair Kenning said we have another budget that's not a burden on the taxpayer. He said they were able to reduce the dollar asking with no layoffs and no decrease in services. They're able to keep up with repairs and added a new GIS department. He expressed thanks for I-JOBS. He said they have to hand it to the department heads for being frugal.

Supervisor Parker said they had a call on the radio program from a citizen arguing very strongly that they weren't reducing taxes again. He said what he was talking about was the amount of taxes they collect is up, but the individual is not up. He said when they say they reduce taxes, they're talking about the county portion. He provided a chart with a house as an example.

Chair Siegel said they were actually voting on a levy that was \$92,000 less than what was published, and he said the department heads are the big reason they can do this. He said they were able to get a lot done and are proud of that. He said they can't say they can do this forever, but they're thankful for it this year.

Treasurer Kiefer said most people realize your value times the tax rate equals your taxes. She said if the city would take the same house and take the rate and rollbacks, it would be clearer for those that come into their office.

Vice Chair Kenning moved, seconded by Supervisor Parker to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Kenning moved, seconded by Supervisor Parker to approve Resolution #834-2012 adoption of budget and certification of taxes for fiscal year July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013. Motion carried.

Jane Brock-Kramer, Wells Fargo, discussed direct placement bonds with the Board. She said rates are excellent right now. She said you don't have to use a third party and can do it directly through the bank. Also, you can take up to 3 years to use all of the money. Mary Webster, Wells Fargo's bond expert, was on a conference call providing input as well.

Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Kenning to approve the Healthy Choice\$ Agreement with RCHP-Ottumwa, Inc., d/b/a Ottumwa Regional Health Center. Motion carried.

Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Kenning to approve a request to hire Robin S. Hart as a full-time Clerk I in the Recorder's office, hire date 3/19/2012 at a starting hourly rate of \$10.72. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Kenning moved, seconded by Supervisor Parker to approve continuing a tax suspension under Iowa Code 427.8. Motion carried.

Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Kenning to approve a liquor license for D's Eldon Y, 4118 Hwy 34E, Agency, IA for 2012-2013. Motion carried.

Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Kenning to approve the library contracts for 2012-2013. Motion carried.

Treasurer Kiefer told the Board that Wells Fargo has really been our friend, that we're not having the costs that we had before.

Discussion followed regarding tearing down St. Joseph Hospital. Sheriff Kirkendall requested a special meeting next week to have discussion on a real estate matter and make an offer on some vacant land. No date has been set.

6:22 p.m. Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Kenning to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

Steve Siegel, Chair
Board of Supervisors