

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

DATE: 11-12-13

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Greg Kenning, Chair; Jerry L. Parker, Vice Chair; Steve Siegel, Supervisor; Brian Moore, Engineer; Danielle Weller, Elections Deputy; Mark Miller, Sheriff; Jim Greer; Carolyn Walker; Bernard Stodghill; Connie Wilson; Bill, Robin & Zach Leonard; Bruce Severson; Mary Neis; Chris O'Sullivan; Tom Larkin; Pam Norton, Auditor's Clerk.

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

Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to approve the minutes of the November 5, 2013 Board meeting. Motion carried.

CANVASS OF THE REGULAR CITY ELECTION held November 5, 2013. Danielle Weller, Elections Deputy, read the abstract of votes as shown by the tally lists returned from the election precincts. She explained that there was a tie in Eldon for Council Member. Chair Kenning drew a name to decide the tie vote. Missy Streeby's name was drawn for Eldon Council Member. The complete results were as follows:

Agency: Kevin Snyder duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years. John Benedict, Alan Campbell and William Steele duly elected for the office of Council Member for the term of 4 years. Kathy Thrasher duly elected for the office of Council Member to fill a vacancy for the term of 2 years.

Blakesburg: Jason Myers duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years. Donna Thompson and Vickie Willey duly elected for the office of Council Member for the term of 4 years.

Chillicothe: James M. Lasley duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years. David Dalbey, Sharon Lasley, Troy L. Ragen, John Richmond and Tim Richmond duly elected for the office of Council Member for the term of 2 years.

Eddyville: John Simmers duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years. Doug Greenlee, Dot Maudlin and Wendell Terrell duly elected for the office of Council Member for the term of 4 years.

Eldon: Sean Coulter duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years. Craig Brown, Kaye Cranston, Jerry L. Potts, Missy Streeby and Reed Vass duly elected for the office of Council Member for the term of 2 years.

For the Public Measure "B" City of Eldon

Summary: To change the terms of City Council Members to staggered 4-year terms to be effective for the November 2015 elections for terms beginning in January 2016.

For the question, there were: Two hundred twelve (212) votes

Against the question, there were: Seventy-Seven (77) votes

We therefore declare Public Measure "B" to be adopted.

Kirkville: Bob Johnson duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years. David L. Faybik, Jesse Fridley Jr., John Fridley, Paula Hurley and Bill Ragen duly elected for the office of Council Member for the term of 2 years.

Ottumwa: Tom X. Lazio duly elected for the office of Mayor for the term of 2 years. Matt Dalbey, Bob Meyers and Skip Stevens duly elected for the office of Council Member for the term of 4 years.

Supervisor Siegel moved, seconded by Vice Chair Parker to accept the Canvass as presented. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING FOR ROCK BLUFF ROAD GRADING AND PAVING. There were no written comments received. Engineer Moore displayed maps of the project and explained the purpose of the public hearing. He said they're in the process of obtaining environmental clearances for the land along the proposed road which included an archeological study. He said Phase 1 study found artifacts, and the State Historical Society called it "a significant find" so it's a protected site. Engineer Moore said they either go into Phase 3, a full-blown removal of the artifacts in the area, or completely stay away from the area. They're weighing the options of both and looking at moving the road away from this find.

Bruce Severson said four of the landowners were suppose to receive e-mail notice, but that didn't happen. Engineer Moore said they just haven't gotten that far along, and he's limited to what he can say until they get environmental clearances. Vice Chair Parker said they'll get what he gets, even if the report says they've done nothing this month.

Engineer Moore said the boundary lines shown in last November's public hearing have not changed except the curve in the road. In answering to dirt work next year, he said no, they're still dealing with environmental, so no way can they move dirt next summer.

Moore stated the road will also go through county-owned park land. The county owns both sides of the park and he said they'll infringe somewhat on the lower part; there'll be no change on the upper part of the park.

The Board asked for any comments about the park. Mary Neis said the park's not utilized by many because it's locked. Supervisor Siegel said it was opened 3 or 4 months ago. Vice Chair Parker said volunteers are going to try to police the area on a regular basis.

Bruce Severson said he'd like them to consider going north on some of those gridlines. Engineer Moore said it could end up being less, and once they get clearances they have to get that finalized so the appraisers know how much they're appraising. Supervisor Siegel stated it's their intent to not take any more land than they have to.

Severson asked if the maps were correct, saying water pits were listed on some and not others. Engineer Moore said they may just not have it turned on.

Robin Leonard asked if this was the worst case scenario and they're not taking out their pond now. Engineer Moore said they're shifting at least 50 feet away from their pond. When asked how far up they're building the road (how tall), Moore answered about 7 or 8 feet to get above the flood plain.

Chris O'Sullivan said he only has 10 acres and asked how does zoning change, would it be rezoned. Moore said no, it was an existing lot so would still be ag. Supervisor Siegel asked Engineer Moore if he could send him a letter so he has confirmation of that.

Mary Neis asked if they have the design for the 3 houses on the hill. Moore said they're still working on it but unfortunately, it's going to affect all of them. He said they have to do the best they can.

Bruce Severson asked how much it's going to cut in front of Mary's House. Engineer Moore said he didn't want to speak to that, not having that in front of him. He said they haven't provided him with the current cuts and fills, at this point they don't have it.

Mary Neis asked when they'll be back. Vice Chair Parker said they'd give notice when they have the meeting.

Engineer Moore stated they're almost there as far as wetland and archeological but, as with any bridge project, they have to do habitat studies, etc.

Supervisor Siegel said they'll try to reach an agreement with everyone.

Engineer Moore said the appraisers are the beginning of the process. And they'll have to have another meeting to approve the final design, condemnation if necessary. He said the appraisers will be contacting the landowners and go from there.

6:21 p.m. Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to acknowledge and file the hiring of Vicki Haney as a part-time registered nurse in the Public Health Department, hire date 11-5-2013 at starting rate of \$16.50/hr. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to approve a request to hire Emily Miles as a temporary intern Media Coordinator at the American Gothic House, hire date 11/14/2013 at starting rate of \$8.50/hr. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to approve a work-based learning agreement memo of understanding between Wapello County CPC and Job Corps. Motion carried.

Supervisor Siegel moved, seconded by Vice Chair Parker to authorize the chair to sign the certification of cost allocation plan with the Iowa Department of Human Services. Motion carried.

County claims in the amount of \$447,823.06 and payroll in the amount of \$246,905.59 were approved.

6:37 p.m. Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

Gregory M. Kenning, Chair
Board of Supervisors

