

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

Courthouse - 3rd Floor Courtroom

DATE: 3-12-2024

TIME: 9:30 a.m.

PRESENT: Brian Morgan, Chair; Darren Batterson, Vice Chair; Bryan Ziegler, Supervisor; Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Marvin Creech; Donna Jeffrey; John Courtney; Miranda Tucker; Karen Wilcoxson; Tom Lazio; Peg Lazio; Jeff Bosley; Rick Tebbs, WCCB; Willene White; Gary R Smith, Assessor; Travis Kaster, Deputy Assessor; Max W Jones; Chad Black; Bill Schinstock; Lisa Kent; Chad Drury, Ottumwa Courier; Don Phillips, Sheriff; Jerry Angle; Jeff Skalberg, Engineer; John Burger; M Schinstock via Zoom; Maddie Lee via Zoom; Cliff Barker via Zoom; Dan via Zoom.

Chair Morgan opened the meeting. Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve minutes of February 27, 2024 Board Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Marvin Creech with Avenue of Flags thanked the Board for their contribution over the years and presented them with a Metal Soldier Memorial. Chair Morgan, Vice Chair Batterson and Supervisor Ziegler thanked him for his service.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to set April 2, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. as the date for a Public Hearing on Proposed Property Tax Levy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve transfer of funds from General Supplemental (02) to Health Fund (85) in the amount of \$200,000. All ayes. Motion carried.

John Burger, Center Township Trustee addressed the Board in regards to a fence viewing they did November 15 & 19, 2023 in Green Township. His concerns are since they have done the viewing animals are still out on the road. There are 11 land owners involved with the fence issue. John Courtney wanted to know what step need taken to damage to property with cattle being on his property. Chad Black stated the total fence line was approximately 3-4 miles and here was a meeting held at the Rural Fire Station on the issue 5 years ago and nothing has been done. Reuben Neff, County Attorney stated he would meet with Center Township Trustees to get some documents written up to be sent out. Chair Morgan stated hopefully they will have some direction soon on the matter.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve Retirement Benefit Package. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve 2024 ICAP Anniversary Rating Supplemental. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve Resolution 15-2024 Military Disallowance for 2023 Payable 2024-2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 14-2024 Homestead Disallowance for 2023 Payable 2024-2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Resolution 13-2024 Secondary Roads Quarterly Transfer. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve liquor license for Roquet Investments LLC. For Rocket Fuels and Food Mart April 1, 2024 – March 31, 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve construction plans for Bridge 138 on 200<sup>th</sup> Ave. over Brush Creek. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Wapello County Supervisors authorize Wapello County Conservation use of the general Wapello County Unique Entity Federal ID. All ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ziegler moved, seconded by Vice Chair Batterson to approve Construction Plans – FY24 Contract Rock Haul for 30<sup>th</sup> St, Lake Road and Ashland Road. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Recorder's Copier Maintenance Contract in the amount of \$255.00. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Wapello County Burial Policy increasing the amount to \$ 1,640.00 plus mileage to \$2.45 per mile. All ayes. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to approve Request for Payroll Approval – New hire for Wyatt McGee, Part-Time Correctional Office effective 3/1/2024 at \$21.00 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Allen Stewart, 11458 Copperhead Road addressed the Board in regards to an extension on property clean up. Vice Chair Batterson stated that he was going to meet with Kevin Creamer and go look at the property today, he stated he would get in touch with Mr. Stewart and let him know the time they could meet today.

Jeff Bosley, 9195 205<sup>th</sup> Ave., Blakesburg addressed the Board about a property that was tagged due to no working septic system and wanted to know why the tag was removed when there was no running water on the property. Vice Chair Batterson was not aware that the inspection had not been done on the septic system. Mr. Bosley was concerned that this property would have an affect on his property value. Vice Chair Batterson stated he could not control how people live and the County does not have an Ordinance on placard properties. Vice Chair Batterson stated he would get in touch with Mr. Bosley when he hears back from the HUD Inspector. Jeff Skalberg, Engineer stated that the DNR has been to the site.

10:28 a.m. Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to go into Closed Session under Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)j performance review of Engineer. All ayes. Motion carried.

10:43 a.m. Chair Morgan moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to go back into Open Meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

Claims in the amount of \$654,489.77 & Payroll in the amount of \$470,024.72 for 3/8/2024 were approved.

10:44 a.m. Vice Chair Batterson moved, seconded by Supervisor Ziegler to adjourn. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Kelly Spurgeon  
Wapello County Auditor

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Board of Supervisors