

January 7, 2008

Myron Amdahl called the regular meeting of the Wright County Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Olson, Chelesvig, Amdahl, Toftey, and Watne.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 2, 2007 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Motion by Olson and seconded by Chelesvig to appoint Larry Jacobson of Woolstock to the Eminent Domain under the Owners Operators of Agricultural Property. Motion carries.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Olson to remove the last paragraph in the Employee Handbook under Overtime and Compensatory Time stating, "Paid leaves, holidays, or other paid non-work time shall not be counted as work time for purposes of determining overtime." Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Toftey and seconded by Olson to make prior motion retroactive to Christmas and pay John Sheehan 8.5 hours at time and a half. Motion carries unanimously.

Stephen Reitz, Wright County Engineer met with the board to sign his employment contract. Motion by Olson and seconded by Toftey to approve the contract for a two year term. Motion carries.

Held some discussion about filling the position from a person that was injured on the job. The job will still be available to him as he is able to come back to work, however, meanwhile the shortage of employees in the secondary roads department has reduced efficient road cleaning. Motion by Watne and seconded by Olson to allow the Engineer to post and interview for the truck driver position in Eagle Grove. Motion carries.

Motion by Chelesvig and seconded by Watne to approve the application for Belmond NW Urban Revitalization District. Motion carries.

Kevin Hadley with the Wright County Library Association met with the board to request funding again for the 08-09 fiscal year. They are requesting \$118,125.00 for the fiscal year. This will be discussed at budget time.

Christine Read with Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) met with the board to request funding for the 08-09 fiscal year. Most of the expenses for RSVP are transportation of clients to medical appointments. Most of the people they transport are people on Title XIX or MH-DD clients and don't have family close by. This too will be considered this week during budgeting.

McKinnley Bailey, State Representative met with the board to update them on legislative issues this next session. Some topics touched on were: Iowa Infrastructure funding – prison system. SILO – making it statewide local option sales tax. This would benefit all school districts. A Use tax could generate about \$40-50,000 in additional funds. Road use tax and TIME 21 – initial proposal was a 4 cent increase in gas tax. Increase the registration for pickup trucks in Iowa. Drivers Licenses in Counties. Draft a bill to allow counties to charge a convenience fee of \$3.00 to get drivers license in the county. The issue is that the counties are issuing licenses for the state and are not adequately being reimbursed by the state.

Motion by Toftey and seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

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Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

Myron Amdahl, Chairman  
Wright County Supervisors