

January 14, 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, and Toftey with Watne absent.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 7, 2008 were read and approved after a few changes.

Motion by Toftey and seconded by Olson to approve the liquor license application for The Oakdale Chapter of the Izaak Walton League. Motion carries.

Motion by Chelesvig and seconded by Toftey to approve the receipt of the Wright County Sheriffs revenue report. Motion carries.

Stephen Reitz, Wright County Engineer updated the board on a DOT letting on two box culverts near Rowan.

Held discussion on the Construction Evaluation Resolution 2008-03 known locally as the Master Matrix giving the county the right to have a say on the building of hog confinements. Motion by Toftey and seconded by Olson to adopt the Resolution 2008-03 on the Construction Evaluation Resolution. By roll call vote: Ayes – Olson, Chelesvig, Amdahl, and Toftey; Nays – none with Watne absent. Resolution 2008-03 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION #2008 - 03

CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2008 and January 31, 2009 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WRIGHT COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Earl Kalkwarf presented Resolution 2008-04 on the Master Matrix Application Fee. This resolution would capture back to the county the cost for inspection, hearing, and publication. The fee listed in this resolution is \$150.00.

Troy Watne and Terry Seehusen members of Farm Bureau met with the board to give the Farm Bureau stance concerning the above mentioned resolution and the fees associated with it. They are opposed to the county charging a fee for the Master Matrix.

The Board of Supervisors has requested that the Resolution 2008-04 be reviewed by the County Attorney and an opinion be given. The Attorney has done some review of the resolution and has also forwarded it to the Attorney General for their review on the state wide effect. This will be put back on the agenda when the opinion has been given.

Amanda Carpenter and Lee Bergen met with the board to review the Department of Human Services budget for Wright County. The budget is basically the same with the only difference being the lease of a copier.

Reviewed the employment agreement for the County Sanitarian. Motion by Olson and seconded by Chelesvig to approve the employment agreement for the Wright County Sanitarian. Motion carries.

Kathy Waddell, Wright County Assessor updated the board on the three parcels that will be changed to Residential. Motion by Olson and seconded by Chelesvig to partially abate the taxes on three parcels of land for Larry Maasdam and change the classification to residential. Motion carries.

Cliff Weldon, Sharon Porter, and Shirley Helgevold with MIDAS met with the board to discuss Wright County Transit. They wanted to give an update about the possibility of MIDAS to assume the management of the Transit system from Wright County. Economic Development, MIDAS, and users of the transit system will meet this afternoon to discuss more of the possible change.

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