

November 30, 2009

Chairman, Stan Watne called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Beenken, Maasdam, Toftey, Amdahl, and Watne.

Minutes of the November 23, 2009 regular meeting were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Held open forum from local citizens. Conrad Kleppe spoke to the board about his thoughts of the proposed maintenance building to be built in Eagle Grove. It is his opinion that now is the right time to continue with the project. With the assistance of the Federal Economic Development funding to buy down the interest rate is giving Wright County an awesome opportunity for low interest rate and affecting property taxes very little. Also, the county will have the jail paid off in three years and at that time the tax levy to debt service will go down.

Dan Waid, Wright County Engineer then handed out a letter from the design engineer on the Eagle Grove Maintenance Shed. The contractors estimate came in about \$739,298.00 for the building. There was then extensive discussion about whether to build or not to build the building. The committee will meet and give a recommendation next week. Waid then gave his update on road work.

Motion by Amdahl and seconded by Toftey to present the Employer Initial Bargaining Proposal in response to the union's request. Motion carries.

Watne appointed Beenken and Amdahl to negotiate with the Secondary Roads and Sheriffs union groups.

John Torbert, Executive Director of the Iowa Drainage District Association came to the board to give the annual report of the IDDA. Main topic covered were the legal defense fund that many of the counties contribute to.

Warren Scholten, President of Eagle Grove's Concerned, Inc met with the board to discuss the funding request for 2010-2011. They will again be asking for \$7,000.00. The money will be used to support the Community Counseling Service in Eagle Grove area. Doug Brink is a Consultant and comes to Eagle Grove on Thursday's to give therapeutic counseling. This request will be considered during budgeting time.

Dennis Bowman, Economic Development Director met with the board to request approval of a loan from the revolving loan fund to the Old School Records Management of Belmond. The Economic Development Board has approved the loan for \$45,000 and is asking that the Board of Supervisors also approve it. It will be placed on the agenda again next week for final approval after the board has an opportunity to review the handouts.

Dean Kluss, Brian Marker, and Tricia Rosendahl met with the board of supervisors to give an annual update on the Wright County Fair. They gave highlights of 2009 capital improvements to the fair grounds. The fair board is again asking for the county support in the next coming year. In past, the county has contributed \$26,000 to the fair. This will be considered at budgeting time.

The Board of Supervisors appointed Marty Schumann to the Wright County Compensation Board as their representative for another 4 year term. His term will expire June 30, 2013. Motion carries unanimously.

Recessed the meeting until 1:00 p.m.

Maasdam absent for the afternoon session. Resumed meeting at 1:00 p.m.

Beenken gave a brief update on the meeting held last week concerning an equalizer pipe in HD #3 in Belmond Township. Joyce Markam was present to hear about the meeting of last week as a concerned landowner in this district. There will be no action taken at this time.

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