

August 14, 2017

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Rasmussen, Helgevold, and Watne.

Minutes of the regular meeting of August 7, 2017 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Jim Lester, Wright County Emergency Management Coordinator, acting as the spokesperson for the EMS Advisory Council gave a presentation concerning EMS in Wright County and explained that by today Iowa Code, Ambulance service is not considered an essential purpose and that service is not mandatory for our rural residents. Lester went on to say that funding for the EMS services in Wright County is becoming harder for the current agencies that are managing it now. Through a volunteer group that has been researching options, Lester says that they would like to propose that EMS becomes under the County and would like to request holding a special election in possibly January concerning Iowa Code 422D.6 which is a local option income surtax and an ad valorem property tax to help fund the Ambulance services in Wright County. After much discussion, there was a motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to adopt Resolution 2017-30 declaring EMS an Essential Service in Wright County and appoint a Wright County EMS System Advisory Council to provide the guidance, research, and direction of EMS for the Board of Supervisors. By roll call vote: Ayes – Watne, Helgevold, and Rasmussen; nays – none. Resolution 2017-30 duly passes and reads as follow:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-30  
A RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS)  
AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN WRIGHT COUNTY, IOWA AND  
APPOINTING A WRIGHT COUNTY EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

**WHEREAS**, the Wright County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code 331.301(1) to “...exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents”; and

**WHEREAS**, the Wright County Board of Supervisors recognizes the, “near crisis status” of the current Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System in Wright County and the need for the appointment of a Wright County EMS System Advisory Council to provide for the guidance, research and direction of EMS in Wright County for the Board of Supervisors.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Wright County Board of Supervisors, that:

1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is an essential service in Wright County, Iowa and that the Wright County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety and welfare of Wright County residents and provide for an effective and efficient Wright County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System that allows for quality care for the persons living, working or traveling in Wright County; and
2. There is hereby appointed a Wright County EMS System Advisory Council whose purpose is to provide guidance, research and direction of a county wide EMS System for the Board of Supervisors. The members of the Wright County EMS Advisory Council shall include: A member of the Wright County Board of Supervisors; the Wright County Public Health Administrator; the Wright County Sheriff; the Wright County Emergency Management Coordinator; the Mayor or designee of each city in Wright County currently having financial responsibility of a transporting ambulance service; the Medical Director of each transporting ambulance service based in Wright County; the Administrator or designee of Iowa Specialty Hospital – Belmond; the Administrator

or designee of Iowa Specialty Hospital – Clarion; the Administrator or designee of Unity Point Clinic in Eagle Grove; and three citizens of Wright County.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 14<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2017.

Opened the joint drainage district #125-49-1 meeting via video conference with Franklin and Hancock County. Rasmussen opened the meeting with introductions then asked Lee Gallentine to proceed with explaining the engineer's reports.

Gallentine began by explaining that he made two (2) reports, one for the main open ditch and one for lateral 60. He briefly went through the reports and said that if the landowners wanted to proceed with one and not the other, we can definitely do that.

Discussion was then held regarding branch 195 of lateral 60. This particular tile is solely in Franklin County and needs to be repaired/replaced or improved. It was suggested to add this tile to the project report to get it fixed at the same time. Gallentine said that the tile is a couple miles away from the project location.

After further discussion it was decided to continue this meeting to next Monday at 10:30 a.m. to consider the engineers report and set a public hearing.

Motion by Sis Greiman of Hancock County and seconded by Stan Watne of Wright County to adjourn until Monday, August 21, 2017 at 10:30 a.m. Motion carries. Closed the joint meeting of the boards.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the hire of a Sheriff Deputy with a starting wage of \$42,000 of the applicant presented by Sheriff Schluttenhofer pending post offer/pre-employment physical and background check. Motion carries.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented an agreement with MidAmerican Energy Company for a road use agreement for temporary improvements to County road systems for the construction and installation of the Century Wind Repowering project. MidAmerican would like to start the project as soon as possible. There was a concern about drainage district assets due to the large equipment going over agriculture fields.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to approve the Wright County Secondary Roads Haul Road Damages Agreement with MidAmerican Energy Company. Motion carries unanimously.

Clemons then gave an update on road construction projects. There has been an issue with the quality of stone placed on the road. Clemons is considering placing gravel down first and placing rock over the top of that to create a more stable surface. This was agreed by the board.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the fireworks permit for Todd Buseman, 4G's Pyro at the Belmont Area Arts Council Power Show. Motion carries.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

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Rick Rasmussen, Chairman  
Wright County Board of Supervisors

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Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor