

August 19, 2019

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of August 12, 2019 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Wayne Judkins with Community and Family Resources presented a Proclamation declaring September as National Recovery Month. This proclamation is to bring to light that there are programs to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery from substance abuse and mental health. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Proclamation as presented and have the Chairman sign. Motion carries.

Supervisor Kluss gave some background on the letter of support for the Boone River Watershed Management Authority planning grant. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the letter of support for the Boone River Watershed Management Authority Planning Grant and have the Chairman sign. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the tax abatement order #1168 in the amount of \$1,766 for the 2018 taxes per order of the Property Assessment Appeal Board (PAAB). Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the certificate of appointment for Raymond Zeien as a Civil Process Server. Motion carries.

Mark Dawson member of the Eagle Grove Troop 1059 Boys & Girls came to give a presentation on the Flag Boxes that the Troop has built. Dawson explained that he came up with the idea after picking up flags in the cemetery after a holiday. He thought that it was very distasteful on how the Flags were treated. Now citizens can place the tattered flags in one of the Flag Boxes around the county and the local Veterans may pick up and properly take care of the flags. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve placing a Flag Box in the lobby of the courthouse. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2019-45. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss and Rasmussen with Helgevold absent. Resolution duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2019-45

Resolution calling for a public referendum to authorize the continuation of the local sales and service tax in the unincorporated area of Wright County, Iowa, at the rate of one percent.

WHEREAS, a 1% local option sales and services tax is currently imposed in the unincorporated area of Wright County; and

WHEREAS, said 1% local option sales and services tax is scheduled to sunset on June 30, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 423B.1(3) of the 2019 Code of Iowa authorizes imposition of a local option tax only after a majority of those voting on the question favors imposition; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors would like its voters in the unincorporated area of Wright County to consider renewal of the local option sales tax:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,

Section 1. Wright County Board of Supervisors does hereby request that an election be held for the purpose of renewing the local option sales tax and placing the question on a Special Election ballot on March 3, 2020.

Section 2. Wright County Board of Supervisors request to submit to the voters in Wright County a proposition authorizing, "The continuation of a local sales and service tax in the unincorporated area of Wright County, Iowa, at the rate of one percent (1%) to be effective on July 1, 2021. Revenues from the sales and services tax shall be allocated as follows: Any lawful purpose of the county.
Passed and approved this 19th day of August, 2019

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2019-46 on termination of the 28E Agreement dated June 16, 2014 between Wright County and Iowa Specialty Hospital for medical support of needy Wright County residents by reimbursing Iowa Specialty Hospital for a portion of its expenses to out of county ambulance transfers service. By roll call vote: Ayes – Rasmussen and Kluss; nays none with Helgevold absent. Resolution 2019-46 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2019-46

Termination of 28E Agreement

**For financial support of Ambulance Services between
Wright County, Iowa and Iowa Specialty Hospital –
Clarion and Belmond Campuses**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa previously entered into a 28E Agreement for financial support of Ambulance Services between Wright County, Iowa and Iowa Specialty Hospital – Clarion and Belmond Campuses dated on June 16, 2014.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Agreement is no longer needed to meet the financial needs due to the new EMS Levy enacted in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

WHEREAS, the aforementioned Agreement provides that either party may terminated this Agreement by serving the other party with a notice of intent to withdraw or terminate at least thirty (30) days in advance of the prospective withdrawal or termination date.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa, that the 28E Agreement for financial support of Ambulance Services between Wright County, Iowa and Iowa Specialty Hospital – Clarion and Belmond Campuses Dated June 16, 2014 be terminated.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Chair of the Board of Supervisors and the Wright County Attorney are hereby authorized and directed to execute an instrument terminating the aforementioned agreement and to do any and all things necessary to complete said termination.

Passed and approved on 19th day of August, 2019.

Courtney Stewart presented video of the damages that were discovered in DD 107 Section 19 of Norway Township. She also went on to discuss Section 17 of Norway Township and the reports of saplings sprouting from the tree stumps that were left. Stewart stated that the trees were cut in 2014 with the stumps being left so the integrity of the ditch bank was not compromised.

The Board of Supervisors requested that an Information Meeting be held with the landowners to make them aware of the issues within the district and discuss the need for engineering services.

Mike Galloway, HR Attorney with with Ahlers Cooney. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to go into closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a) for discussion of confidential record with attorney, Michael Galloway at 10:25 a.m. Motion carries with Helgevold absent.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to go back into open session at 10:55 a.m. Motion carries.

No action taken in open session concerning the closed session discussion.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor