

August 21, 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 14, 2017 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

McKinley Bailey, Executive Director with Building Families, came to introduce himself and let the board know that this is his first day on the job with Building Families and is looking forward to working with Wright, Hamilton, and Humboldt counties.

Colleen Meier with Wright County Communications introduced a new employee in their department. Caleb Stensland will be starting on August 28, 2017. Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the hire of Caleb Stensland in the Communications department. Motion carries.

Jason Schluttenhofer, Wright County Sheriff, updated the board on the purchase of the FAA Tower site by Eagle Grove. The agreed amount is for \$49,999 for the 6 acres +/- and \$1 for the purchase of the actual existing tower. The final paperwork did not come so this will be put back on the agenda at a later date.

Stan Watne updated the board on the farm lease options for the 2018 year. The current tenant does not wish to continue leasing at the current rent per acre. Watne would like to consider changing the matrix to include soybeans. Watne also wished to change to bidding to not allow the current tenant the right to match high bid, and possibly look at a three year lease option instead of two year. After some discussion, there was a motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to direct the county attorney to terminate the lease with the current tenant and draft a new lease. Motion carries unanimously.

Eric Rector, Wright County Ranger, presented a letter from the Wright County Conservation Board with a request to sell the Dows Community Park area, with the proceeds to be deposited into the Conservation Reserve Fund to be utilized for the acquisition of a replacement area or areas. A formal Resolution was passed at the regular Conservation Board meeting on August 9, 2017. The board agreed to proceed with the sale of the Dows Community Park of 2.5 acres +/- and have the County Attorney draft a resolution on the sale setting a public hearing on such and place on the agenda next week.

Rector then presented a list of misc. county owned assets from the conservation department that they would like to sell. Conservation will advertise these items for sale and take bids setting opening of the bids for October 11, 2017 at the regular Conservation Board meeting.

Rick Rasmussen opened the meeting with introductions of who is all in attendance for the joint drainage district 125-49-1 video conference with Hancock and Franklin County then asked Lee Gallentine to proceed with explaining the engineer's reports again.

Gallentine explained that he made two (2) reports, one for the main open ditch and one for lateral 60. He went through the reports and said that if the landowners wanted to proceed with one and not the other, we can definitely do that. He then described the cost estimates, saying that the open ditch repair has an estimated cost of \$264,792.00. The estimated cost for lateral 60 for the following options are:

Option 1 – install a tile parallel to the existing tile: \$339,762.50

Option 2 – create an open ditch along the same route as the existing tile: \$144,787.50

Option 3 – create an open ditch re-routed to follow the road: \$200,595.31

Option 4 – create a grassed waterway: \$71,775.00.

Further discussion was then held regarding Lateral 60 Branch 195. It was decided to proceed with the project at hand for the main open ditch and lateral 60 tile line, and discuss the issue of classifying and assessing the branch 195 with our drainage attorneys.

Motion by Stan Watne of Wright County and seconded by Sis Greiman of Hancock County to accept the engineers report as submitted and set a public hearing for Monday, November 20, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. in the board of supervisor's room of the courthouse, Clarion, Iowa. Motion carries.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne 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