

December 10, 2018

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Katie Talbot with Community and Family Resources came to give an update on the new marijuana laws and CBD oils. There have been 636 people in the state of Iowa that applied for the new card. In Wright County there are less than 5 people that have applied as of today. Employers need to be aware of some policy changes that may need to take place in the employee handbooks.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2018-52 on setting the date for a public hearing on the Expanded 2016 Wright County Agribusiness Urban Renewal Area and Plan Amendment for January 7, 2019. By roll call vote: Ayes – Helgevold, Watne, and Rasmussen; nays – none. Resolution 2018-52 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2018-52

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the Expanded 2016 Wright County Agribusiness Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the “Board”) of Wright County, Iowa (the “County”) by resolution previously established the 2016 Wright County Agribusiness Urban Renewal Area (the “Urban Renewal Area”) and adopted an urban renewal plan (the “Plan”) for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken therein; and

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made which shows the desirability of expanding the Urban Renewal Area to add and include all the property (the “Property”) described on Exhibit A hereto; and

WHEREAS, this Board is desirous of obtaining as much information as possible from the residents of the County before making this decision; and

WHEREAS, an amendment (the “Amendment”) to the Plan has been prepared which covers the addition of the Property to the Urban Renewal Area and authorizes the undertaking of a new urban renewal project therein consisting of using tax increment financing to pay the costs of the construction of public infrastructure, electric, gas and telecommunication improvements necessary to promote the development of an agribusiness park; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on the expansion of the Urban Renewal Area and on the Amendment;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. This Board will meet at the Courthouse, Clarion, Iowa, on January 7, 2019, at 10:00 o’clock a.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the designation of an expanded Urban Renewal Area as described in the preamble hereof and on the Amendment.

Section 2. The County Auditor shall publish notice of said hearing, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper of general circulation in Wright County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) and not more than twenty (20) days before the date set for the hearing.

Section 3. Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, the County Auditor is hereby designated as the County's representative in connection with the consultation process which is required under that section of the urban renewal law.

Section 4. The proposed Amendment is hereby submitted to the County's Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendations, as required by Section 403.5, Code of Iowa.

Passed and approved December 10, 2018.

Members of the Wright County Safety committee updated the board on the number of Employees that have completed the safety program. There are 108 employees that have completed the online safety training. Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the incentive of \$50.00 to each employee that has completed the safety course paid out of the Side Fund Health Insurance fund. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to receive the monthly revenue report from the Sheriff. Motion carries.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to accept the low bid from First State Bank, Clarion, IA to borrow \$1,600,000 General Obligation Urban Renewal Bond Anticipation Project Note at an interest rate of 3.9% interest. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve change order #1 requesting an extension of work on DD #125-49-1 on main ditch cleanout. Motion carries.

Deb Lukes explained that there was a work order filed to repair the district tile in DD 168 Section 33 of Liberty Township. After the contractor, Hennigar Construction, went to complete the repair it was found that the issue is that portion of tile that runs under Davis Avenue within the city limits of Goldfield is completely full of tree roots. Dan Hennigar explained that he can use a jetting machine to clear out the tree roots. It will be a slow process using high power-jetted water and chains to cut the tree roots out. The other issue to be determined is who is responsible for the work to be done and payment for such work, the drainage district or the city. Deb Lukes said she should contact the drainage attorney for guidance.

It is the recommendation of the board to get the work completed immediately and figure out who pays what after talking with the drainage attorney due to the weather conditions.

Discuss work done on Lateral 60 in DD #125-49-1. Deb Lukes explained that a work order had been submitted to replace the dirt cover over the district tile in Section 27 of Pleasant Township. The district tile runs under a meandering waterway in two spots. She continued to say that the contractor, Kent Cramer, submitted a bill for \$29,507.50 for the work completed.

Kent Cramer then explained that they filled in the entire meandering waterway to prevent the two areas that crosses the district tile from ever washing out again. He also stated that the landowners did other work to prevent the water from flowing over the district tile.

Chadd and Scott Mennenga explained that they created a straight waterway a distance from the tile and also installed outlets to prevent as much water from flowing over the surface.

Discussion was then held regarding whose responsibility it is to fill in the entire meandering waterway. The waterway is not an asset of the district therefore; questions were raised as to why the district would be paying for the entire waterway to be filled in.

The Board of Supervisors acting as Trustees of the Drainage District would like to do more research and get guidance from our drainage attorney before proceeding with making a decision as to who pays. Deb Lukes said she would contact David Johnson, Drainage Attorney.

Held a work session with Economic Development at noon to discuss upcoming projects.

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

Karl Helgevold, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor