

December 11, 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 previous regular meeting of December 04, 2017 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Jeremy Abbas, Assistant to the Engineer, presented the name of a potential employee to fill the Sign Maintenance position, pending pre-employment drug testing and physical.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded Rasmussen approve the new hire with wages set by union contract pending pre-employment physical and drug testing. Motion carries.

Abbas then requested the hiring of an Engineer Intern over Christmas break. He explained that they have hired the same college student for the past couple of years during school breaks. He is an Engineering major at Iowa State University.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the hiring of an Engineer Intern over Christmas break. Motion carries.

Jen Sheehan and Peggy Schluttenhofer gave an update on the Wright County Wellness Program, stating that in 2018 Welmark will no longer be offering the \$50 gift cards as incentives for completing activities. They will give the county \$100 per employee that completes an annual physical and online assessment, but it is not clear at this time, how the money will come from Welmark. The board asked the wellness committee to keep them informed.

Andy Yackle, Building and Grounds presented the sealed bids for the 2008 Crown Vic and walk behind snow blower. There were nine (9) bids for the 2008 Crown Vic with a winning bid from Shane Reed of \$1,120.00. The walk behind snow blower had eight (8) bids with a winning bid from Lisa Leanhart of \$260.00.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the sale of the 2008 Crown Vic to Shane Reed for \$1,120.00. Motion carries.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the sale of the walk behind snow blower to Lisa Leanhart for \$260.00.

Andy Yackle then requested approval to hire a couple of people to remove debris from the courtroom restoration project. He explained that he would like to hire a couple students, out of school for Christmas break, to haul construction debris from the second floor to a truck in the parking lot.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to approve the hiring of up to three high school or college students to remove construction debris. Motion carries.

Deb Lukes, Drainage Clerk, then presented a form to be used for beaver trapping within Wright County Drainage Ditches. She explained that the trapper would have to fill out the form and either the landowner or the tenant would have to sign the form stating that the beaver was trapped in the drainage ditch. There are guidelines listed at the bottom of the form that the trapper would have to abide by.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the Wright County Beaver Trapping form with placing a \$50.00 bounty on beavers trapped within Wright County Drainage District ditches per the rule guidelines on the form. Motion carries.

Bryce Davis, Economic Development Director, presented Resolution 2017-44 Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to approve Resolution 2017-44 Setting Date for Public Hearing on Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. By roll call vote: Ayes – Helgevold, Watne and Rasmussen; Nays – none. Resolution 2017-44 duly passes as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2017-44

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing 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 project consisting of using tax increment financing to support the enhancement of educational facilities in the Urban Renewal Area, including the construction of a new elementary school; and

WHEREAS, the Property lies within the incorporated limits of the City of Eagle Grove, Iowa (the “City”), and pursuant to Section 403.17, the County must enter into a joint agreement (the “Joint Agreement”) with such City in order to exercise urban renewal authority over such portions of the Property; 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:

This Board will meet at the Wright County Courthouse, Clarion, Iowa, on January 8, 2018, at 10:30 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. 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. Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, Bryce Davis 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. 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. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to present the Joint Agreement to the City for approval, execution and delivery to the County prior to the public hearing on January 8, 2018.

Passed and approved December 11, 2017.

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

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Rick Rasmussen, Chairman  
Wright County Board of Supervisors

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Deb Lukes, Wright County Deputy Auditor