

December 26, 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, Watne, and Helgevold.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 18, 2017 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented the name of an Engineering Technician applicant. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the hire of the presented name pending pre-employment physical/drug screen and background check at a starting wage of \$45,000/year. Motion carries.

Courtney Stewart, Wright County Transit Coordinator, presented the 28E agreement with the City of Eagle Grove for providing a public transit service under the auspices of the regional transit system within Wright County. The agreement will continue through June 30, 2018. Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the 28E agreement with the City of Eagle and have the Chairman Sign. Motion carries.

Sara Seller, Wright County Marketing Specialist, updated the Board of the official resignation from Bryce Davis, Economic Development Director. The Board of Supervisors and Economic Development Board had received an e-mail from Davis two weeks ago, however, since then the Economic Development Board met and officially accepted his resignation. There was then a motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to accept the resignation of Bryce Davis effective December 25, 2017. Motion carries unanimously.

Sheller then presented a tentative transition plan until a new director is hired. Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to table the Resolution 2017-45 on approving the transition plan with the City of Eagle Grove, Wright County, and Bryce Davis and place on the agenda again at a later date. Motion carries.

Supervisor Helgevold then requested approval of a one-time salary adjustment for Sara Sheller due to additional responsibilities during the transition and hiring of a new Economic Development Director. Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to approve the one-time salary adjustment of \$4,000 to increase from \$37,500.00 to \$41,500.00 effective January 1, 2018. Motion carries with Rasmussen voting nay.

Members of the Wright County District Fair Board met with the Supervisors to give their annual update. Tricia Rosendahl gave the overview and highlights. The biggest highlight was that the Capital Campaign on the new show building was a huge success. The campaign is complete and the Fair Board is thrilled that the mortgage at the bank is completely paid in full. Rosendahl then went on to let the board know of some of the future plans of the fair and listed all the items that were completed this past year. The county in the past years have supported the fair with \$26,500 and will consider this again at budget time.

Duane Asbe and Dennis Bowman met with the board to give an update on the Wright County Charitable Foundation and the different granting cycles. They would like to say thank you to the Economic

Development office for helping and giving the Foundation a place to meet and work out of. The county gets about \$137,000 per year with which 25% stays within the endowment and 75% being granted out to organizations within Wright County. Duane Asbe then went on to update the board on the endowment contributions. In the past the county has contributed \$12,000 and last two years \$9,000 to the operating fund of the Charitable Foundation. Asbe is asking that the county consider contributing \$9,000 to help fund the organization and the ongoing continuance of the program. This will also be considered at budget time.

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

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor