

January 28, 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 January 21, 2019 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented bids for 3 projects. The first was for HMA Resurfacing with milling on R33, from HWY 3 north 8 miles to 140th Street. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve contract STBG-SWAP CO99-(90)-FG-99 with the low bid from Heartland Asphalt, Inc. of \$1,997,669.74. Motion carries.

Second project is HMA pavement – replace on R33 & 140th Street north then east 2 miles, then north 3 miles on R35 to the Hancock County line. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve contract FM-CO99(094)-55-99 with the low bid of Heartland Asphalt, Inc. of \$1,553,016.45. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the contract for project L-351050--73-99,L-351109--73-99,L-351107--73-99 with Progressive Structures, LLC out of Elkader, IA for \$377,350.83. This is for 3 box culverts in Norway Township. Motion carries.

McKinley Bailey, Executive Director of Building Families, presented information on a program for Childcare expansion in Wright County. At this time, the cost of building a new childcare facility is holding them back. Building Families program is now taking a different approach at looking at In-Home Daycares. It is estimated that it costs about \$500.00 to startup an In-Home Daycare to get registered with DHS and setup. Bailey is requesting the Board of Supervisors set aside \$1,000 as marketing funds and then a \$250.00 match for up to 10 In-Home Daycares equaling \$2,500 total. This will be considered during budget talks.

Cindy Litwiller, Wright County Economic Development Director, presented information on the Rural Housing Initiative which is building affordable housing with Iowa Prison Industries. Some goals of the Rural Housing Initiative is to create stick-built homes affordable to low and moderate income persons in Iowa, provide job training to offenders in high-demand occupations, and create a long-term housing and workforce program that is self-sustaining. The Iowa Association of Councils of Governments is looking for a Resolution of Support from the Board of Supervisors if they see this as something that would be good in Wright County. Then there was a motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2019-12 on support of the Rural Housing Initiative with building affordable housing. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss and Rasmussen; nays – none with Helgevold absent. Resolution 2019-12 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution #2019-12

IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES AFFORDABLE HOME PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Wright County understands that workforce housing needs exist throughout all areas of the county and financing new housing can be difficult; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Iowa Prison Industries / Iowa Association of Councils of Governments Prisoner-Built Housing Program can help provide quality homes to rural Iowa that are affordable to low and moderate income households; and,

WHEREAS, this housing program can, after an initial capital investment by the state, be self-sufficient and require no additional state investment; and,

WHEREAS, this housing program will reduce recidivism and provide Iowa with workers in high-demand skill areas by training inmates for careers in the construction industry.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE WRIGHT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that Wright County is in support of the Iowa Prison Industries / Iowa Association of Councils of Governments Prisoner-Built Housing Program and supports state funding necessary to implement this program.

Dated the 28th day of January, 2019.

Received the Annual Report from MIDAS Regional Planning commission and placed on file.

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

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor