

July 16, 2018

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of July 9, 2018 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, introduced Mike Heller with JEO Consulting Group Inc. Mr. Heller explained the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management plan. Currently, there is grant money available for the IVRM program. The first grant would be for native grass and wildflower seed that can be used to seed the right of way and the second grant would be a competitive grant that provides funding for IRVM activities through the Iowa Living Roadway Trust Fund. Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve to have JEO Consulting develop the plan and approve the \$3,900 fee for the plan. Motion carries unanimously.

Clemons then gave an update on road projects.

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

Shari Plagge, Wright County Assessor, presented the Homestead and Military Tax Credit applications.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the applications for Homestead Tax Credit and Military Tax Credit and have the Chairman sign. Motion carries.

Plagge then presented the Disabled Veterans Homestead tax credit which will be 100% tax credit for these citizens. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the Disabled Veterans Homestead credits as presented. Motion carries.

Last, Plagge presented the Business Property Tax Credit applications. This credit is for only Commercial and Industrial properties of owners that have signed up. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the BPTC applications to those who qualify. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to deny those applications for lack of signature with no application returned on the BPTC forms. Motion carries.

Courtney Stewart, Wright County Transit Director, presented the MIDAS Transit equipment user agreement. Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the MIDAS Transit equipment user agreement. Motion carries. There will be no changes to the agreement except for addition of one van and the fiscal year changed from the prior year to the current year.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the contract for transportation services between Wright County and MIDAS Council of Governments. Motion carries.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the suggested Wright County Budget amendments and set the public hearing on the budget amendments for August 6, 2018 at 9:45 a.m. Motion carries.

Dave and Jay Pogge came to the board to discuss a private crossing over a drainage ditch which gives them access to a land locked field on the other side. David Johnson, County Drainage Attorney, joined the meeting on conference call to discuss the issue at hand. Dave Pogge explained to the Board of Supervisors that ever since the secondary roads installed additional larger culverts upstream in 2014, the private bridge to access their land locked field has washed out multiple times. He also stated and showed documentation of past efforts to prevent the washouts by installing riprap. Deb Lukes explained that the private crossing is not a district asset. She also stated that she was unable to find any mention of the private crossing in the district records. After further discussion, it was decided to talk to the County Engineer and do some more research as to who is responsible for repairing the private crossing.

Chad Skinner with Nevco presented information on a Tower Project requested to be built on the County Farm on 230th Street. Skinner presented a drafting of a 195' self-support tower and also another option of a 195' Guyed Tower at the same site. First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) is establishing a robust network for first responders. What this means for Wright County would be improved communication and collaboration technologies for law enforcement officers, firefighters, paramedics and other public safety personnel. There is monetary payments for the use of the property, and will also be enhanced AT&T commercial coverage. There was then a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to appoint Karl Helgevold and Jason Schluttenhofer to negotiate a contract/agreement on the lease and tower project. Motion carries.

It was approved to use the parking lot for the Truck show on August 5th.

Steve Koch with Electronic Engineering opened the 4 bids submitted for building a 300 foot self-supporting tower at the Belmond Tower site. The four companies are Rohn Products LLC, Peoria, IL for \$203,280; Murphy Tower, Carlise, IA for \$270,398; Saber Industries, Sioux City, IA for \$227,907 and Cell Site Solution, Cedar Rapids, IA for \$294,858. Koch and Sheriff Schluttenhofer left meeting to review all the bids for compliance with the request for quote paperwork. When they returned, they updated the board that all 4 bids were in compliance with the request for quote as sent out. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the apparent low bid to Rohn Products, LLC for \$203,280. Motion carries.

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