

July 24, 2017

Chairman Rasmussen 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 regular meeting of July 17, 2017 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Bryce Davis, Economic Development Director and Dustin Rief, City Administrator met with the board to discuss the need of financial assistance from Wright County for housing and commercial infrastructure. The City of Clarion passed Resolution 17-33 requesting assistance from the county since the City has limitations for supporting these potential developments due to current debt obligations. Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to direct Bryce Davis to continue investigating feasibility of Wright County joining in financing housing project. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the one day liquor license for the Eagle Grove Chamber of Commerce for "Conquer the Gauntlet" competition pending the submission of dram. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the use of the courthouse lawn for an appreciation meal for theatre volunteers on August 14, 2017 from 5-6:30 p.m. Motion carries.

Held conference call with Franklin County concerning a request to discharge wastewater into DD #141-6. Discussion was held regarding a request we received from a company to discharge wastewater into the district tile. The wastewater would consist of reverse osmosis reject water, boiler blowdown and water softener regenerate. It would contain some chemicals and have a maximum flow rate of nine (9) gallons per minute.

Deb Lukes stated that she spoke with David Johnson, Wright County Drainage Attorney, and he referenced Iowa Code 468.2 as grounds to deny this owner rights to tie into the district tile, explaining that the drainage districts were established for the purpose of draining surface waters from agricultural lands for the protection from overflow of agricultural or overflow lands to promote draining of wet, swampy and overflow lands. The drainage districts were not intended to provide drainage of industrial wastewater.

It was decided to get the opinion of the drainage attorneys from both counties and the Iowa Drainage District Association. A time will be set on the agenda when information is gathered.

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

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor