

March 12, 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 March 5, 2018 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Connie Wilson with Town and Country and Renae Johanningmeier with Group Benefits, LTD. came to give some background of Group Benefits and what they can do for Wright County in the health insurance group pools. Wilson and Johanningmeier would like to review the county health insurance program offered to the county employees and if they can offer a cost savings. The board would like to hear from Kingston Life and Health (affiliated with ISAC our current carries) about the review of the county health insurance offering and if there is any efficiencies that they can see.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, requested that the Board approve the hiring of part-time help this summer. Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the hire of 2 interns for Road Crew and 1 intern for the Engineering department. Motion carries.

John Torbert, Director of the Iowa Drainage District Association, gave an annual update on what is new at the Federal level and the Waters of The United States. In addition he covered the lawsuit from Des Moines waterworks that was settled in favor of the Counties and drainage districts. At the end of last year session, they were working hard at a water quality legislation. In 2018 water quality legislation is again a big topic. New funding stream is in place for water quality and Drainage districts can be part of the water quality applications.

Tom Justin with On Target Training & Consulting, LLC. along with Sheriff Schluttenhofer presented the training program for the new digital trunk communication system. This will be a train the trainer type program providing functional understanding and the adult learning concepts necessary for those that will be conducting training for all users on the system. This program will be a certified program. The estimated cost for the program will be \$13,625. This was approved by the board.

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

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Karl Helgevold, Chairman  
Wright County Board of Supervisors

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Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor