

October 2, 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, Helgevold, and Watne.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of September 25, 2017 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Chairman Rasmussen opened the hearing on the sale of the Dows Community Park north of the City of Dows. Rasmussen asked Bruce Lindner, Wright County Conservation Director, to give an update on the process done up to this point. The buildings at this park was damaged about 2 years and not fixed back up. Marc Bartee, a landowner next to the park, did offer 100 foot river access for the Dows park. The Conservation Board was still in favor of selling the property however the Conservation staff/employees were against the sale of the property stated Lindner. Lindner went on to say that the conservation board was under the impression that the Board of Supervisors was in favor of the sale. Bids on the property were received and the top two bidders were given the opportunity to go to auction to up their bid. Shannon Muhlenbruch was the high bidder at \$10,500.00. The Conservation board is looking at purchasing 105 acres over by Woolstock. After some discussion, the Board of Supervisors would like to hear from the Conservation board members on why this park could not be turned into a wildlife refuge area? There was then a motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to table the discussion and hearing to October 9, 2017 at 9:30 a.m. in the Board room. Motion carries.

Andy Yackle, Wright County Maintenance and Grounds Director, presented the bids from the courtroom renovation of the 2nd floor of the courthouse. There were 3 bids submitted for the construction and security of the courtroom. The low base bid was for \$558,000 by Bob Becker Construction, Sadler Construction submitted a bid of \$590,695 and Petersen Construction of \$693,000. Yackle covered the 6 alternates and their pricing of add or deduct from the base bid.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the bid from Bob Becker Construction with the base bid of \$558,000 and alternates as submitted making the final cost of \$584,770. Motion carries unanimously. The alternates will be new electrical panel replacements and the east wall exterior windows glazing. Also, on top of that bid will be the cost of purchasing the custom sized pews for the courtroom at an estimated cost of \$15,000 to \$16,000.

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

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor