

September 10, 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 September 4, 2018 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on road projects and where they are at with rock and graveling the rural roads. Clemons stated that the county will have 13 to 14 miles of paving for next year.

Clemons would like to set a work session with the Board of Supervisors to discuss the work orders that they have and devise an action plan to get these completed. Clemons then presented a consultant proposal for the generation of an atlas of existing right of way on secondary roads for the Wright County Secondary Roads Department. This proposal is to start with one township. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the signing of the proposal with CGA Engineers Land Surveyors. Motion carries.

Tim Fuller, Agency Director, with Liberty National out of West Des Moines came to give an update to the miscellaneous policies that his company can offer. The board would like to review his information and will get back to him.

Deb Lukes, Drainage Deputy, presented the information on the proposal for a FEMA Grant writer. Lukes informed the board of an applicant briefing that she attended on August 23, 2018 regarding a Presidential Disaster Declaration that was approved by President Trump on August 20, 2018. The declaration is for storms that occurred between June 6, 2018 and July 2, 2018. Due to high amounts of rain within the declaration period causing flooding, the landowners and tenant within the Wright County Drainage Districts are urged to check out their fields and report any damages that have occurred.

Deb also explained that we advertised for bids for grant writers to work with the drainage districts to assist in the procedure involving FEMA and Iowa Homeland Security to maximize funding, expedite the process, and aid in retaining funds during close out and audits. The notice for bids was published in the Wright County Monitor on August 30, 2018 and on September 6, 2018 the notice was also published on the county website.

There was one bid submitted by Phillip Jacobs of JGG Grant Management LLC. Deb reminded the board that we have hired Phil for past disasters and that he had done an excellent job.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to hire Philip Jacobs of JGG Grant Management LLC to assist the Wright County Drainage Districts throughout the 2018 disaster declaration. Motion carries.

Held a conference call with Humboldt County on JDD #2-28 concerning a petition from Iowa Cage Free. Iowa Cage Free has submitted a petition to relocate the district tile that runs through their property in the south half of the northwest quarter (S ½ NW ¼) of Section 19, Liberty Township, in order to accommodate the expansion of their chicken facility.

Drainage Clerk, Deb Lukes, explained that the boards will need to accept the petition and set a public hearing.

Motion by Carl Mattes of Humboldt County and seconded by Rick Rasmussen of Wright County to accept the petition as submitted and set a public hearing for October 29, 2018 at 10:00 a.m. in the Board of Supervisors room of the Courthouse in Clarion, Iowa with Humboldt County on telephone conference. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve suspension order at #1164 per SSI eligibility. Motion carries.

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

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, was contacted via phone to discuss a parcel of land that has come up for sale. To discuss price, there was motion by Rasmussen and seconded Watne to go into closed session following Iowa Code Section 21.5(j) to discuss the purchase of particular real estate. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to go out of closed session. Motion carries.

No action taken in open session.

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

Karl Helgevold, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor