

February 6, 2012

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of January 30, 2012 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Maasdam to appoint Dennis Bowman to the MIDAS Council of Governments Executive Board to replace Vicki Boyington. Motion carries.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Beenken to set the public hearing for Wright County budget on February 27, 2012 at 9:45 a.m. Motion carries unanimously.

Held the public hearing on the Emergency Management budget. Motion by Watne and seconded by Beenken to approve the Emergency Management budget for 2012-2013. Motion carries.

Yale Schutt, Planning and Zoning Administrator, presented and held the first reading of the amended Ordinance #5. There are two areas that will be changed. First in Article IV, Definitions: Section 400.20 Junk or Salvage Yard: to add the words de-manufactured and appliance wrecking. Second in Article XII. "I" Industrial District: Section 1210. Special Exceptions: to add .3 Junk/Salvage yards, provided the operation is fully compliance and licensed with applicable state and/or federal regulations.

Motion by Beenken and seconded by Maasdam to approve the first reading of the amended Ordinance #5 and hold the second reading of the amendment for February 13, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carries.

Yale Schutt updated the status of the request for allowing a Salvage Yard on a parcel of land on the north edge of Belmond. The county has started the process to amend the zoning ordinance to allow for a salvage yard. Mr. Basner who lives next to this parcel does have an objection for allowing the use of this parcel for a Salvage Yard. Their concern is the noise that it would create and the visual aspect of a Salvage Yard next door. Motion by Beenken and seconded by Maasdam to allow the variance on the permit, contingent on building/maintaining a full perimeter fence around property, at least semi solid all one color, staying compliant with state law on salvage yards. Motion carries with Watne voting nay.

Brad Leckrone, County Social Services, updated the board on changes in his department with legislation and expanding program using assessments of their clients to determine level of care. Interviews take about 2 to 3 hours. It was recommended through County Social Services to move one of Wright County employees from part time to full time status. County Social Services would reimburse Wright County for salary and benefits for this employee. Motion by Watne and seconded by Beenken to approve moving Dodi Whipple from part-time to full time status starting in April. Motion carries.

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

Karl Helgevold, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

