

February 13, 2012

Chairman Helgevold called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 8:45 a.m. Members present were Watne, Helgevold, Maasdam and Beenken with Amdahl absent.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 6, 2012 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Held conference call with Webster County on DD #13-11.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented Resolution 2012-6. Motion by Watne and seconded by Maasdam to approve Resolution 2012-6 on approving Wright County's participation in a RISE Program Immediate Opportunity Funding in Section 22 of Eagle Grove Township. By roll call vote: Ayes – Watne, Beenken, Maasdam and Helgevold; nays – none with Amdahl absent. Resolution duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION #2012-06

A RESOLUTION APPROVING WRIGHT COUNTY'S PARTICIPATION IN A RISE PROGRAM IMMEDIATE OPPORTUNITY FUNDING IN SECTION 22 OF EAGLE GROVE TOWNSHIP, WRIGHT COUNTY, IOWA.

WHEREAS, the State Code of Iowa has authorized the RISE program to assist in the location of industries within Iowa by providing incentives to assist local governments in providing street construction to sites; and,

WHEREAS, staff recommends to the Board of Supervisors that the county apply for RISE program funds from the Iowa Department of Transportation; and,

WHEREAS, a company will be expanding an industrial facility within Eagle Grove Township, Wright County, and will create new job opportunities for the Wright County area; and,

WHEREAS, the success of this venture is substantially based upon an agricultural based industry; and,

WHEREAS, this roadway represents the paving existing road and the right-of-way will be dedicated for public use to Wright County and the City of Eagle Grove, of which the City of Eagle Grove will share responsibility for its maintenance with Wright County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that the Board endorses the project and authorizes the Chairman of the Board and other appropriate officers and employees to sign all necessary application documents and to submit same to the Iowa Department of Transportation.

The Board of Supervisors will insure that Wright County will contribute their portion of the local match to RISE funds, if approved by the Iowa Department of Transportation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Chairman Karl Helgevold is hereby authorized to sign any and all RISE application documents; and,

This resolution shall become effective upon its passage and in accordance with state statutes.

Clemons then updated the board that he has given a 6 month review on the Assistant Engineer. Motion by Watne and seconded by Beenken to approve the one time wage adjustment of \$1,000 to Taylor Roll after his 6 month performance review. Motion carries unanimously.

Lucas Beenken presented the Credit Card policy for Wright County. Motion by Maasdam and seconded by Watne to approve the Credit Card policy and include in the employee handbook. Motion carries.

Beenken then presented the Cellular Telephone Use policy. Motion by Beenken and seconded by Watne to approve the Cellular Telephone Use policy. Motion carries.

Motion by Maasdam and seconded Beenken to approve the canvass of votes for the Special Election held on February 7, 2012 on the question to levy a Physical Plant and Equipment Levy in the Clarion Goldfield School district. Motion carries.

Held the second reading of the amendment of Ordinance #5. Motion by Watne and seconded by Beenken to approve the second reading of the amendment to Ordinance #5 and hold the third reading February 20, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. Motion carries unanimously.

Held continued discussion on the permit allowed for the Salvage Yard. The permit allowed last week required a semi solid fence around the entire perimeter of the property. It was agreed that the green span area would be sufficient to maintain a semi solid fence between the private property owners and the new business. Furthermore, the side that is along the blacktop will be regulated by the state law. No iron/appliances/metals/cars shall be visual from the blacktop.

Motion by Beenken and seconded by Watne to amend the conditions of the permit variance for the salvage yard discussed last week to read that the green span area would be sufficient to maintain a semi solid fence between the private property owners and the new business. Motion carries with Helgevold voting nay.

Jan Libby, Coordinator for Healthy Harvest of North Iowa, came to discuss the educational activities of their program. Healthy Harvest of North Iowa is a project of the Prairie Winds RC & D, Inc. Their mission is to convene diverse partners committed to a sustainable regional food system through capacity building and local food promotional and education activities.

They are holding workshops as an initiative for the 2012. February 18th will be their first workshop on Small Farm Planning 101. Working Together to Grow More will be held on April 2, 2012 with both workshops will be held at the 4-H Learning Center, North Iowa Fairgrounds in Mason City.

Discussion was held regarding Drainage District No. 154 being transferred to the governing body of the City of Clarion, Iowa. While digitalizing all the drainage district maps, it was found that Drainage District No. 154 lies completely within the corporate lines of the City of Clarion. An e-mail from Jon De Vries, Director of Public Works for the City of Clarion, was read stating his understanding that the district was transferred to the city many years ago. There was no mention of this within the permanent records of the district. The Board of Supervisors acting as Trustees to Drainage District No. 154 felt that formal documentation needed to be recorded therefore, the following resolution was presented:

Motion by Watne and seconded by Maasdam to approve Resolution 2012-5 on transfer of control of DD #154 to the City of Clarion. By roll call votes: Ayes – Watne, Beenken, Maasdam, and Helgevold with Amdahl absent. Resolution 2012-5 duly passes and reads as follows.

Resolution # 2012-5

WHEREAS, Wright County Drainage District No. 154 is under control of the Wright County Board of Supervisors; and

WHEREAS, more than 25% of the total area of said Drainage District No. 154 is located within the corporate limits of the City of Clarion, Iowa; and

WHEREAS, a portion of the district's drains are constructed of sewer tile, and the districts drains are being used by the City of Clarion for storm sewers.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors acting as Trustees for Drainage District No. 154, that the control of said drainage district is transferred to the governing body of the City of Clarion, Iowa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the office of the Wright County Auditor, who shall spread the same upon the records of Drainage District No. 154.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution shall take effect and control transferred on the 1st day of April, 2012.

Passed and approved on this 13th day of February, 2012.

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

Karl Helgevold, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor