

February 27, 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 February 20, 2012 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer presented the bid tabs for Bridge #2 for a twin box culvert in Vernon Township. This will be part of the TIF projects with a total bid cost of \$296,878.75. It is Clemons recommendation to award to the apparent low bid of Peterson Construction. Motion by Watne and seconded by Maasdam to award the contract to the apparent low bid of Peterson Construction of Reinbeck, IA. Motion carries.

Clemons presented the FYE 2013 Secondary Roads DOT Budget to the Board. This is the same as what was presented to the board during budgeting and same as in the County budget. Motion by Watne and seconded by Beenken to approve the DOT Budget. Motion carries unanimously.

Opened the hearing on the Wright County Budget for fiscal year end 2013 at 9:45 a.m. At the meeting of the Board of Supervisors of this County, held after the public hearing as required by law, on the date specified above, the proposed budget for the fiscal year was discussed with two citizens present and no comments made. There was then a motion by Beenken and seconded by Watne to approve the budget as presented. Motion carries unanimously.

Motion by Beenken and seconded by Watne to approve change order #5 on DD #23, which is a reduction of \$25,626.30 and final pay estimate of \$15,682.83 to Gehrke, Inc.. Motion carries.

Kent Rode with Kuehl & Payer opened the completion hearing at 10:00 a.m. Kent Rode began by explaining that the project is completed and that the landowners will be reimbursed for crop damages resulting from the improvement work on their land. He added that I & S, Kuehl & Payer has provided a spreadsheet showing the landowners, acres of damaged crops, and acres of future crop damage along with the assumed payments. After looking over the spreadsheet it was determined that the yield for corn and soybeans was insufficient, and therefore raised from 172 bushels per acre for corn to 190 bushels per acre and 49 bushels per acre for soybeans to 55 bushels per acre.

Kent then summarized the contract, explaining that the bids were received on February 28, 2011 and that the contract was awarded to Gehrke, Inc in the amount of \$1,544,575.49. The work commenced on June 6, 2011 and completed on January 26, 2012. The contract required completion by June 1, 2012. The cost of the completed work including change orders came to \$1,522,892.35 for a cost savings of \$ 21,683.14.

It is the recommendation of the engineer to accept the contract and to direct the auditor to release the \$152,289.24 retainage to Gehrke, Inc. thirty days after the board's acceptance of the contract.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Beenken to approve the completion hearing, payment of the retainage in thirty days, and the damages to the landowners as presented.

Supervisor, Stan Watne, then updated the landowners on the wetland mitigation site by reading parts of an opinion letter from the Wright County Attorney. It was determined that the risk of investing so much money on land that we are unlikely to get clear title of would not benefit the district and therefore we should look at other alternatives for wetland mitigation. Kent Rode suggested we submit an application to the Iowa Agricultural Mitigation Bank to acquire wetland mitigation of 4.83 +/- acres. It was the consensus of the board and landowners to proceed with submitting an application, but not to stop trying to get a clear title to the original mitigation site until the application gets approved.

It was agreed by the Drainage Trustees to acquire wetland mitigation of 4.83 +/- acres from the Iowa Agricultural Mitigation Bank for credits for farmed wetland impacts. Kent Rode will contact the Mitigation bank.

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

Karl Helgevold, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County