

December 9, 2013

Chairman Watne called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisor to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Helgevold, Rasmussen, and Watne.

Minutes of the December 2, 2013 regular meeting were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented the name, pending approval, of a new Engineering Technician for the Engineer's office at a starting wage of \$40,000.00. Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the County Engineer to offer the position pending pre-employment physical. Motion carries.

Reviewed Resolution 2013-28, Bridge Load Postings. This resolution lists all the Wright County bridge load limits with adjustments made to 5 bridges. Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2013-28. By roll call vote: Ayes – Rasmussen, Helgevold, and Watne; Nays – none. Resolution 2013-28 duly passes and is posted in the Auditor's office.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the agreement with the DOT to extend the fillets along Hwy #3 for an additional 40 feet at a cost of about \$43,000.00 to the county. Motion carries.

Heard an update on completed maintenance work orders for 2013.

Opened up discussion concerning the tabled motion from last week on the Resolution of Necessity for DD #36. All price estimates from three engineering firms came in about the same. A landowner requesting annexation requested that MER Engineering be used. There was then a motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve the Resolution of Necessity for DD #36 on voluntary annexation and appoint MER Engineering as the Engineer on the project. Motion carries.

Colleen Bartlett, Transit Director, gave an update on the Wright County Transit building and what steps have been completed so far. Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Rasmussen to accept the recommendation by the Transportation Interview Committee to hire Allers Associates Architects, PC as the architect for the new Transit Building in Wright County. Motion carries.

Terry Utech, member of the I2i Corporation, updated the board on their corporation and plans for a new housing development on the east side of Clarion by the High School. There are 3 phases of this project. The City of Clarion is supporting this project and several major businesses have put their support toward this project. I2i Corporation is requesting that the County place their support to this project also. The board will take this under consideration and discuss during budget time. This project is tailored after the Humboldt County housing and the board will talk to Humboldt County Supervisors on how they financially support the housing project.

Jim Lester, Wright County Emergency Management Coordinator, presented to the board information about the Wright County Search and Rescue on updated equipment grant that they have applied for through the Wright County Charitable Foundation. They received \$5,400 from the foundation and Emergency Management can come up with \$2,000. Lester is requesting matching funding from the county of \$2,500 for the new equipment for the emergency management trailer. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to support the search and rescue with a matching grant of \$2,500.00. Motion carries unanimously.

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

Stan Watne, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor