

May 12, 2014

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of May 5, 2014 were read and approved.

Approve claims for payment.

Jim Lester, Emergency Management Coordinator, requested that the board give him authorization to sign the Emergency Medical System Development Grant paperwork. This grant is estimated to be \$6,200 to cover the costs for new and continuing education for EMT's. The amount grantees receive ultimately depends on other applicants requests across the state of Iowa. Motion by Watne and seconded by Karl to approve Jim Lester to sign the grant applications with the Department of Health. Motion carries unanimously.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented 2 names of potential hires for the secondary roads department. One person will work out of the Eagle Grove facility as a Patrol Operator and the second will work out of the Clarion Bridge shed facility as a Heavy Equipment Operator. Clemons stated that they had about 30 – 40 applicants and this was a tough decision. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the hire of these two applicants pending pre-employment physicals and background checks with the approved Union starting wage. Motion carries unanimously.

Clemons stated that they had a pre-construction meeting for the Hwy #3 DOT project. There is a tentative start date of May 19<sup>th</sup> and is estimated to last 160 days. It will consist of 25 miles of road from Clarion to Humboldt.

Supervisor Rasmussen again brought up a concern for dust control for landowners on the gravel roads near the French Church Bridge on C70. Knowing that the official detour route is on paved roads, drivers who are knowledgeable of the area may take a short cut across gravel to shorten their trip. Rasmussen proposed providing defined, limited support along the gravel road route to those landowners affected by the dust. This would split the cost of the dust control with the landowner with a maximum of \$175.00 expense to the county. Adam Clemons argued that support would be problematic if it was not applied equally across the county and that this proposal was against his recommendation. No action was taken at this time.

Brad Leckrone, County Social Services MH/DD Director, updated the board on the regionalizing of the Mental Health program. Now, they are looking to regionalize the Case Management services. With this change, the position of the Case Management Supervisors would be eliminated and Leckrone would like to reassign one of his employees to a new position called the Resource Specialist. This person would have 3 essential duties; 1. Grant writing and research. 2. Ensuring timely renewal of licenses and certification of employees and providers. 3. Coordinate employment access for people with disabilities. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the lateral move of Melissa Hill to the Resource Specialist position. Motion carries.

Don Reffer with B & W Control Specialist presented the estimated cost of spraying the drainage ditches in Wright County. Spraying is done on a three year rotation in Wright County. Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to accept the estimate of \$61,000 for brush control. Motion carries.

Aaron McHone, executive Director with UnityPoint Health Berryhill Center, gave an annual update on their program. Currently, Berryhill Center has a person that comes to Clarion office in the Professional Building one day a week. McHone stated that Berryhill recently hired three new psychiatric providers in Fort Dodge and will be focusing more on “behavior health”. A new program they are starting is the Integrated Health Home. This is a patient-centered medical home delivery model that ensures that patients receive comprehensive, continuous care with the goal of obtaining maximized health outcomes.

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

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Rick Rasmussen, Chairman  
Wright County Board of Supervisors

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Peggy Schluttenhofer, Acting Clerk  
Wright County Treasurer