April 17, 2017

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 10, 2017 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Kathy Nichols, Public Health Administrator, requested the Board of Supervisors approve a salary adjustment for clerical staff in her department. Last month, two employees retired and the Public Health Board has agreed to not rehire for these positions and distribute the work among the Clerical Staff. Clerical staff will be taking on the billing portion and Nichols will be contracting with the County Social Services department for the need of a Social Worker. Jane Bangs and Barb Meyer will get a $.50 per hour raise and Kathy Reichter and Angela Reiland will get a $1.00 per hour increase effective immediately and re-evaluate again in 6 months. Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the salary adjustments for these four employees. Motion carries unanimously.

Michelle Walters, Parent Connections Coordinator, met with the board to present a proclamation designating April as Prevent Child Abuse Awareness month. Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve and have the Chairman sign the Proclamation. Motion carries.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to receive the quarterly revenue reports from the Wright County Auditor, Recorder, and Sheriff. Motion carries.

Deb Lukes, Wright County Drainage Deputy, presented the Drainage District Utility Application for Easement to the board for approval to be used for all drainage districts. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the presented application. Motion carries.

Motion by Watne and seconded by Helgevold to approve the joint drainage district assessment with Hamilton County. Motion carries.

JD Goemaat came to the board to request disabling the DD #230, Lateral 10, 21” tile. The land is owned by Iowa Natural Heritage Foundation and is currently a wetland and would like to place this into a permanent wetland program. They would like to break about 100’ of the lateral tile. When water rises to a point, it would then overflow into Wall Lake rather than using the lateral tile. Also, a 12” water structure will be installed connecting to the lateral tile incase the DNR wished to do work to Wall Lake and did not want this water flowing into Wall Lake. The board requested that the Drainage Clerk send information to IDALS on this proposal since this was an Ag Drainage well closure program and IDALS paid 75% of the cost to build it about 17 years ago.

Held a conference call with Franklin County on Joint Drainage District #4-118 lateral’s E, F, and 2. The work to be done is all in Franklin County and will not affect Wright County landowners.

The board requested that Management from Centrum come in to give an update on how they are managing the fly’s around their facility.

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Rick Rasmussen, Chairman    Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor
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