

August 15, 2016

Chairman Watne 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 August 8, 2016 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Held time for open forum. Rita Anderson, John Ludwig, Bob Reedy, Mary Lindstrom all spoke of their concern against the Prestage Foods of Iowa LLC project.

After open forum, Ordinance #52 was introduced for the second reading. Rasmussen moved and Helgevold seconded to approve the second reading on Ordinance #52 and set the third reading for August 22, 2016. A roll call was taken and the following named Supervisors voted: Ayes – Helgevold, Rasmussen, and Watne; nays – none. Motion carries.

Chairman Watne announced Resolution 2016-25 on the application for Prestage Foods of Iowa for the purpose of receiving benefits for the High Quality Jobs Program, and approving certain property tax exemptions for value added to real property by Prestage Foods of Iowa. There was then a motion by Helgevold and seconded by Watne to approve Resolution 2016-25. Chairperson asked for roll call on the motion, the following name Supervisors voted: Ayes – Helgevold, Rasmussen, and Watne; nays – none. Resolution 2016-25 duly passes and reads as follows.

#### **RESOLUTION 2016-25**

#### **A RESOLUTION OF WRIGHT COUNTY APPROVING THE APPLICATION OF PRESTAGE FOODS OF IOWA LLC FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING BENEFITS UNDER 2015 IOWA CODE SECTIONS 15.326-15.336, THE HIGH QUALITY JOBS PROGRAM, AND APPROVING CERTAIN PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTIONS FOR VALUE ADDED TO REAL PROPERTY BY PRESTAGE FOODS OF IOWA LLC.**

WHEREAS, Wright County has received a request by Prestage Foods of Iowa LLC (Prestage) to approve and submit an application to the State of Iowa under 2015 Iowa Code, Sections 15.326-15.336, the High Quality Jobs Program; and

WHEREAS, the High Quality Jobs Program was established to promote economic development within the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors supports activities which promote and facilitate economic development within the county; and

WHEREAS, Section 15.332 of the Iowa Code allows for a community to exempt from taxation, for a period not to exceed twenty years beginning the year improvements are first assessed for taxation, all or a portion of the actual value added by improvements to real property directly related to new jobs created by a business eligible under provisions of the High Quality Jobs Program; and

WHEREAS, the company has indicated in their application to the Iowa Economic Development Authority the company will meet or exceed the eligibility requirements of the High Quality Jobs Program; and

WHEREAS, as a condition of receiving State of Iowa income tax credits and sales tax refunds from the High Quality Jobs Program, when a project will result in an increase in local property tax revenues, the Iowa Economic Development Authority requires the local community receiving that increase in property taxes to offer as a minimum local match to the state incentives the amount of property tax incentives a

company would otherwise receive from the 5 year sliding scale of property tax exemptions as described in Iowa Code Chapter 427B.3; and

WHEREAS, Prestage states in its application that the company expects to make an investment that will result in the creation of at least 922 total jobs and a minimum of at least \$200 million of eligible capital expenditures;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors:

- a. Wright County approves the Prestage application for purposes of receiving the benefits of 2015 Iowa Code, Sections 15.326-15.336, the High Quality Jobs Program.
- b. Wright County, under the provisions of Iowa Code Section 15.332, authorizes the following schedule of property tax exemptions for value added, for a period of ten (10) years from the time the improvements are first assessed at: the Southeast Quarter of Section 21, Township 90 North, Range 26 West of the 5<sup>th</sup> P.M., in Wright County, Iowa, containing 160 acres more or less.  
Year 1 through Year 10 – 32% rebate from taxation as defined in the mutually agreed upon the Agreement for Private Development between Wright County and Prestage.
- c. Wright County estimates, at the current property tax rate of \$26.96589 per \$1,000 of valuation, taking into consideration the minimum assessment, including a 10% rollback, that the above 10 Year property tax increment payments to be at \$7,667,600, but will not exceed \$8,000,000 pursuant to prior agreements with Prestage.
- d. By means of approving the above property tax exemption schedule, Wright County will meet the local financial match requirement of the Iowa Economic Development Authority so that Prestage may benefit from the High Quality Jobs Program.
- e. The Wright County Board of Supervisors shall provide a copy of this Resolution to the Iowa Economic Development Authority.
- f. Officers of the County Board of Supervisors are hereby authorized to take such further actions as deemed necessary in order to carry into effect the provisions of this Resolution.
- g. All Resolutions and parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.
- h. That the provisions of this Resolution are hereby declared to be separable and if any section, phrase or provision shall for any reason be declared to be invalid, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remainder of the sections, phrases and provisions hereof.
- i. This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and approval.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15<sup>th</sup> Day of August, 2016.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the Proclamation for “Wright County Heroes Week” that is set for 9-11-2016.

Courtney Stewart, Wright County Transit Director, presented the contract for the Transit program between Midas Council of Government and Wright County and also Midas Transit Equipment User Agreement. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the contracts and have the chairman sign. Motion carries.

Also, Stewart presented a resolution received from the city of Eagle Grove stating that they will no longer be providing transportation services in Eagle Grove. Stewart updated the board that Wright County will be taking over the City of Eagle Grove transportation services starting September 1.

Jennifer Sheehan, County Social Services Coordinator, requested permission to hire a client to come in and shred paper. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold approved the hire of this Client for shredding of paper at \$7.75. Motion carries.

Sheehan also requested to be able to repost for Case Management personnel that will work out of the Franklin County office. This was approved by the Board of Supervisors.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented the plans for a bridge located on 250<sup>th</sup> Street east of Eagle Grove in Dayton Township. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the final plans for BROS-CO99(80)-8J-99, Bridge #177. Motion carries.

Clemons then gave an update on construction projects which included graveling of 116 miles of 37k ton of rocks, brush cutting will be big this fall, and grinding off some bumps on C54.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the fireworks permit for the Prairie Homestead Power Show north of Belmond. Motion carries.

Watne brought the drainage meeting to order and Deb Lukes handed out copies of a Petition for Improvement in DD #208 submitted by multiple landowners. The petition requests better drainage be created within the southeast quarter of northeast quarter of section 23, Boone Township, running thence southeast to the outlet in the northwest quarter of section 24 of Boone Township.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to accept the petition for improvement as submitted and appoint Lee Galentine with Ryken Engineering to complete an investigation. Motion carries.

Next, Watne brought the meeting concerning DD #9 to order. Deb Lukes stated that a work order had been filed by the secondary roads department. Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, explained that they are trying to install a couple of bridges, but due to the amount of silt in the ditch they would have to install box culverts which would significantly increase the cost to replace the bridges. A bid was submitted by Dan Hennigar to clean out the drainage ditch beginning in section 1 of Eagle Grove Township and continuing southeasterly to the outlet in section 30 of Dayton Township.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to approve the repair to be completed by Hennigar Construction at a cost of \$49,880.00. Motion carries.

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

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Stan Watne, Chairman  
Wright County Board of Supervisors

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Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor