

July 6, 2015

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of June 29, 2015 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented Resolution 2015-20 of the inspected bridges in Wright County and a list of Bridge Postings. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to approve Resolution 2015-20 Bridge Weight Limit Posting. By roll call vote: Ayes – Watne, Rasmussen, and Helgevold; Nays – none. Resolution 2015-20 duly passes and is on file in the auditor and engineers office.

Held lengthy discussion on road side ditch clean out and what it would take to get more road ditches done.

Rick Rasmussen presented the cash count for June 30, 2015 for designated offices. Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to accept the cash count for fiscal year end June 30, 2015. Motion carries.

Shari Plagge, Wright County Assessor, presented a name of an applicant for the IT Director. The IT Committee held interviews to eligible applicants. It was a unanimous vote by the committee to present the name of the applicant most qualified for the position. There was then a motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to accept the candidate for IT Director as presented, pending drug test and physical. Motion carries.

Jennifer Sheehan, CSS Coordinator, presented Resolution 2015-19 on the CSS Sharing Resolution for a Mental Health Advocate. Motion by Watne and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2015-19 on the sharing agreement. By roll call vote: Ayes – Watne, Rasmussen, and Helgevold; nays – none. Resolution 2015-19 duly passes and reads as follows:

CSS Sharing Resolution # 2015-19

Whereas Wright County has entered into a 28E Agreement with County Social Services for the reimbursement of all mental health and disability related costs including all cost associated with the provision of a Mental Health Advocate;

Whereas legislative changes to Iowa Code 229.9A effective July 1, 2015 require each county to hire a Mental Health Advocate that is an employee of a county who is not an officer or employee of DHS, CSS Region nor of any agency or facility providing care or treatment to person with mental illness;

Whereas legislative changes to Iowa Code 229.9A also requires that the Mental Health Advocate serving this role for a county prior to July 1, 2015 be appointed and compensated at a wage no less than prior to July 1, 2015;

Whereas Wright County has determined that it is most cost effective to share the employment of a Mental Health Advocate between; Wright County, Humboldt County and Pocahontas County;

And Whereas Pocahontas County has agreed to be the employer of record for the Mental Health Advocate and provide for the administrative oversight to the position; Therefore Wright County hereby appoints Alice Warner as the Mental Health Advocate to be assigned by the courts to patients who reside in Wright County that are involuntarily committed to mental health treatment.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Watne to receive the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff. Motion carries.

Held discussion on the county farm and the cash rent. Talked about bidding out a flex lease with bidding out the base with flex on the market. This will be researched and discussed with the County Attorney.

Roxanne Dass, Regional Field Director for North Central Iowa to speak on behalf of America's Renewable Future about the Renewable Fuel Standard and how county officials can get involved. America's Renewable Future represents a growing coalition of companies, organizations, and individuals committed to educating the presidential candidates and the nation about the benefits of the renewable fuel standard. Since the renewable fuel standard was instituted in 2007, Iowa has become a national leader in renewable energy, with towns both large and small growing their economies through wind, solar, ethanol, and biodiesel.

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

Karl Helgevold, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor