

Waterloo, Iowa, January 10, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Black Hawk, in the State of Iowa, met in regular adjourned meeting at the Courthouse in Waterloo, County Seat of said County, and electronically via Zoom, at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m., pursuant to law, to the rules of said Board, and to adjournment. The meeting was called to order and on roll call there were present: Tavis Hall, Tom Little, Chris Schwartz, Dan Trelka and Linda Laylin, Chair.

Absent: None.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Trelka that the AGENDA be received and place on file with the County Auditor as approved. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the following employees for years of service: Roger Samec, of the Engineer's Office, for 20 years of service.

Schwartz moved the following resolution seconded by Hall.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Black Hawk County, that the Board of Supervisors APPROVE EXPENDITURES, and that the County Auditor be authorized and directed to ISSUE CHECKS, against the various settlement of such claims as allowed:

GENERAL BASIC FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	58,842.50
29115	IPERS	ipers	347,633.23
29117	EBC	flex spend	1,994.08
29121	BDI	svc	1,281.64
29122	BICKLEY, MARK	svc	1,020.00
29127	CDW GOVERNMENT	supl	1,280.50
29130	CONVERGE ONE	svc	1,768.67
29131	COURIER	publ	54.88
29133	DUNCAN, TARA	svc	200.00
29134	FIRESTONE PAYMENT CTR	eqp	225.66
29135	FRESH START CLEANING SOLS	svc	20,125.00
29136	FULLER, ANGELA	svc	450.00
29137	GALLS	supl	315.17
29138	GBM PROPERTY MGMT	rent	300.00
29142	JOHNSTONE SUPL	supl	1,016.64
29143	KARENS PRINT RITE	supl	269.50
29144	KEYSTONE LABS	svc	888.45
29146	MENARDS WLOO	supl	352.94
29147	PER MAR SECURITY SVCS	svc	6,378.84
29149	RACOM CORP	svc	125.00
29150	RAY MOUNT WRECKER SVC	svc	55.00
29151	ROCK STAR REAL EST	rent	300.00
29152	SANDEE'S	supl	89.60
29153	SCHROCK PROPS	rent	200.00
29155	SHAHNAZ CORP	rent	250.00
29157	VENDIGARD FIRE EQUIP	svc	390.00
29158	WLOO COMMUNITY SCHOOLS	svc	325.00
29159	WEX BANK	fuel	328.42
29160	CLARK REBECCA	reimb	11.80
29161	STOCKDALE MAUREEN	reimb	16.50
29162	SULLIVAN CHARITY	reimb	11.25
336166	ADVANCE AUTO PARTS	eqp	38.84
336167	AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS	supl	1,586.45
336169	AT&T	util	206.12
336170	CALIBER GROUP PROPERTY MGMT CO	rent	700.00
336171	CAMPBELL SUPL WLOO	supl	93.63
336172	CAPITAL SANITARY SUPL CO	supl	36.26
336173	CENTRAL IA JUVENILE DET CNT	shlt	592.00
336177	CLIFTONLARSONALLEN	svc	19,635.00
336178	COHESIVE CREATIVE & CODE	svc	688.50
336179	CONFERENCE TECHNOLOGIES	svc	172,149.76
336180	CONTROL SOLS	svc	505.00
336181	COURIER	publ	2,203.48
336182	DICKEYS PRINTING	eqp	52.50
336184	ECOLAB	svc	2,515.39
336185	FEDEX	svc	45.21
336186	FROST ALLEN	rent	250.00

336189	GOVTECH SVCS	svc	2,400.00
336190	GRAYBILL BRETT	rent	400.00
336191	THE SHREDDER	svc	30.00
336192	GREER FUNERAL HOME	svc	1,000.00
336193	HAWKEYE ALARM & SIGNAL CO	svc	60.00
336194	HEALTHCARE RESOLS	svc	2,028.00
336195	HILD PROPERTY MGMT	rent	425.00
336196	HOMECREST PROPS	rent	200.00
336197	HY VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	food	5.79
336198	IA CANCER CONSORTIUM	svc	250.00
336199	IA ST MEDICAL EXAMINER	svc	2,029.00
336200	IA UNIVERSITY OF	supl	25.50
336201	IA UNIVERSITY OF	svc	164.00
336203	JOHN E REID & ASSOC	svc	450.00
336204	JOHNSON CO	svc	120.00
336205	KSM RENTALS	rent	250.00
336208	LABSOURCE	supl	2,092.20
336209	LIDDLES ECOWATER SYSTEMS	eqp rpr	274.65
336211	MAIL SVCS	svc	4,512.22
336212	MERCYONE	util	436.00
336213	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	util	3,659.27
336216	MOTEL 6	rent	909.00
336218	NELSON LARRY	rent	250.00
336219	NETWRIX CORP	svc	2,400.00
336221	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTION	supl	586.21
336222	ON MEDIA CEDAR RAPIDS IA	svc	12,000.00
336224	OSTBY, LISA	rent	200.00
336225	PATHWAYS BEHAVIORAL SVCS	svc	7,084.41
336227	PITNEY BOWES GLOBAL FINANCIAL SVCS	postage	791.67
336229	PRESTO-X	svc	32.00
336230	PROSHIELD FIRE PROTECTION	svc	1,217.00
336231	ROSS REFRIGERATION	svc	267.50
336233	SAFELITE FULFILLMENT	eqp rpr	118.00
336234	SALVATION ARMY	shlt	1,609.44
336235	SHERMAN SPECIALTY C	svc	127.25
336237	SOUTHGATE PROPS	rent	275.00
336238	STANARD & ASSOC	svc	62.00
336239	STOREY KENWORTHY	supl	2,740.31
336240	SUMMIT FOOD SVC	food	24,367.74
336241	TEDS HOME & HARDWARE	eqp	9.54
336242	THUNDER RIDGE APARTMENTS	rent	200.00
336245	UNIMED GOVERNMENT SVCS	eqp	917.26
336246	UNITY POINT - ALLEN HOSPITAL	svc	208.00
336247	US CREMATION SOCIETY	svc	2,000.00
336249	VGM GROUP	svc	35,000.00
336250	VHF SALES	eqp rpr	2,907.76
336251	WLOO WATER WORKS	util	6,607.78
336252	WLOO WATER WORKS	util	200.00
336253	WOODLY HOLDINGS	rent	400.00

GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	533.00
29115	IPERS	ipers	3,146.51

RURAL BASIC FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	4,109.50
29115	IPERS	ipers	26,895.34

SECONDARY ROADS FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	8,262.00
29115	IPERS	ipers	47,430.02
29119	ANTON SALES	supl	154.60
29120	B&B LOCK & KEY	supl	3.28
29124	BLACK HILLS ENERGY	util	1,316.21

29125	BMC AGGREGATES	supl	3,369.61
29128	CF CITY OF	fuel	634.24
29129	CFU	util	7.25
29139	GORDON FLESCH CO	svc	99.00
29140	HUDSON CITY OF	util	35.58
29141	IA REGIONAL UTILS ASSOC	util	40.35
29145	MENARDS CF	supl	17.99
29154	SCOTS SUPL CO	supl	982.95
336165	A1 SEWER & DRAIN CLEANING SVC	supl	500.00
336167	AMAZON CAPITAL SVCS	supl	800.15
336168	ARNOLD MOTOR SUPL	supl	298.36
336176	CENTURYLINK	util	56.77
336183	DONS TRUCK SALES	eqp	2,257.28
336187	GIERKE ROBINSON CO	supl	81.56
336188	GILBERTVILLE CITY OF	util	73.54
336202	JERICO SVCS	svc	14,828.00
336206	LA PORTE CITY UTILS	util	382.62
336207	LA PORTE MOTOR SUPL	eqp	506.41
336210	LPC CONNECT	util	39.60
336214	MID AMERICAN ENERGY	util	49.24
336215	MITCHELL1	supl	498.00
336217	MURPHY TRACTOR & EQUIP CO	supl	352.56
336223	ORIGIN DESIGN CO	svc	2,171.25
336226	PHELPS UNIFORM SPECIALIST	svc	107.80
336228	POMP'S TIRE SVC	eqp rpr	8,916.00
336232	SADLER POWER TRAIN	supl	155.90
336236	SHERWIN WILLIAMS	supl	299.06
336243	TRIAD METALS INTERNATIONAL	supl	24,596.87
336248	VERIZON WIRELESS	util	69.75
336251	WLOO WATER WORKS	util	1,061.90

JAIL COMMISSARY FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	193.00
29115	IPERS	ipers	1,533.88
29126	BOB BARKER CO	supl	1,286.95
29132	CPI/GUARDIAN	svc	1,825.00
336244	TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	food	6,363.82

ARP FUND

336181	COURIER	publ	101.29
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RURAL SEWER

29156	URBAN SVCS	svc	1,617.20
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INS TRUST FUND

29116	NAVITUS HEALTH SOLS	ins	16,376.34
29118	PREFERRED ONE INS CO	ins	115,993.48
29148	PERSPECTIVE CONSULTING PARTNERS	svc	10,000.00

SOLID WASTE ADMIN FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	431.00
29115	IPERS	ipers	2,091.21

EMERGENCY MGMT FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	242.00
29115	IPERS	ipers	1,303.62
336174	CENTURYLINK	util	69.72
336175	CENTURYLINK	util	484.48

CONSOLIDATED COMM CENT FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	5,145.00
29115	IPERS	ipers	31,106.35

CO ASSESSOR FUND

29114	IA DEPT OF REV	st pay	2,357.00
29115	IPERS	ipers	13,747.96
29123	BLACK HAWK CO TREASURER	sbvc	5,000.00
336220	NE DISTRICT OF IA ASSESSORS	edu	325.00
336239	STOREY KENWORTHY	supl	690.13

AYES: Hall, Little, Schwartz, Trelka, Laylin.
 NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

PRESENTATION – Clifton Larson Allen (CLA) – Fiscal Year 2022 Audit. Miranda Wendlandt reviewed CLA’s FY22 audit of Black Hawk County. She said the county’s finances are well reported and readily accessible. The audit reports one material misstatement related to properly reporting construction in progress totaling \$1,790,000. Wendlandt said that overall for a county the size of Black Hawk to have only one material audit adjustment is fantastic. The major program tested by CLA was the COVID-19 State and Local Fiscal Recovery Funds, and in the area of procurement, suspension and debarment, they found that for one of the vendors tested the county did not have proper documentation of suspension and debarment. Upon checking, the vendor was found not to have been suspended or debarred. In the ten areas of State of Iowa compliance findings, the only finding was under donations, where \$53,000 of county funds were improperly donated due to the receiving agencies (Cedar Valley Food Bank, Iowa Legal Aid, Riverview Center) not having agreements with the county for a provision of county services. Wendlandt and Finance Director Michelle Weidner thanked Billie Jo Heth of the Auditor’s Office for her assistance in completing the audit.

RECEIVE PROJECT UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS/ELECTED OFFICIALS. County Engineer Cathy Nicholas said gravel roads still have a lot of potholes due to thawing and rain but they are being filled. Crews are cutting brush and office staff is preparing for the upcoming construction season.

Human Resources Director Amanda Fesenmeyer said that consultants will be in town for the classification and compensation study on January 24 and 25 and will visit with employees at various sites in order to explain the questionnaire that staff will complete regarding their job duties.

Sheriff Tony Thompson said that NaphCare provided its final proposed amendment the day before, which amounts to a 41% increase for the remainder of this year, a 3.99% increase in year two and a 4.00% increase in year three. He apologized for his “rant” of the week before and thanked the Board for working toward a solution.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Trelka that the MINUTES of the Board Meeting held January 03, 2023 be and are hereby approved as submitted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Schwartz moved the following RESOLUTION seconded by Little.

- A. TO APPROVE, RECEIVE, PLACE ON FILE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR
 - 1. The Board of Supervisors APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL JOURNAL ENTRIES, and that the County Auditor be authorized and directed to TRANSFER monies within the various funds as submitted. (None)
 - 2. The PAYROLL ADJUSTMENTS submitted by the various departments and the County Auditor be authorized and directed to adjust his records accordingly.

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>TO</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>CHANGE</u>
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS				
HALL, TAVIS	COUNTY SUPERVISOR	\$20.63	1/2/2023	TERM BEGINS
WHITE, CRAIG	COUNTY SUPERVISOR	\$20.63	12/31/2022	TERM ENDED
SHERIFF, TONY THOMPSON				
LEIN, JULIE	DEPUTY SHERIFF	\$42.88	12/25/2022	ANNUAL STEP INCREMENT
NAGL, CURTIS	DEPUTY SHERIFF	\$37.29	12/25/2022	ANNUAL STEP INCREMENT
STEVENSON, KAYLEE	CIVILIAN DETENTION OFFICER	\$24.04	12/25/2022	ANNUAL STEP INCREMENT
VAALA, CRAIG	MASTER CONTROL TECHNICIAN	\$31.58	12/31/2022	TERMINATION PENDING
VAN GORP, GABRIELLE	MASTER CONTROL TECHNICIAN	\$23.79	1/5/2023	COMPLETION OF PROBATION
WUBBEN, DERRICK	CIVILIAN DETENTION OFFICER	\$23.79	12/27/2022	COMPLETION OF PROBATION
TREASURER, LYNDA HINTZMAN				
BASS, ASHLEY	PROPERTY TAX SUPERVISOR	\$32.69	1/2/2023	PROMOTION
HINTZMAN, LYNDA	COUNTY TREASURER	\$44.19	1/2/2023	TERM BEGINS
SCHMIDT, RITA	COUNTY TREASURER	\$44.19	12/31/2022	RETIRED
COUNTY ATTORNEY, BRIAN WILLIAMS				
ROBINSON, DARIUS	ASSISTANT COUNTY ATTORNEY	\$40.12	12/30/2022	TERMINATION PENDING
CONSOLIDATED COMMUNICATIONS, JUDY FLORES				
DUTLER, CARRIE	ADMINISTRATIVE AIDE II	\$24.95	1/2/2023	STATUS CHANGE
ENGINEER, CATHERINE NICHOLAS				
KLEMP, BRETT	ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN AIDE II	\$28.37	12/28/2022	TERMINATION PENDING
LAKE, ALLISON	BUDGET ADMINISTRATOR	\$25.00	12/27/2022	COMPLETION OF PROBATION
SCHULTZ, DEREK	GIS ASSET TECHNICIAN	\$28.08	12/25/2022	ANNUAL STEP INCREMENT

3. The Sheriff's MONTHLY REPORT of fees as of December 31, 2022.
 4. The Auditor's QUARTERLY REPORT of fees collected from October 1, 2022, through December 31, 2022.
- B. TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR
1. The annual comprehensive financial and audit report submitted by Michelle Weidner, Finance Director, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2022.
 2. The MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN (MMP) update submitted by Dean Mangrich d/b/a Mantello LLC Facility ID#65096 located in Barclay Township, Section nineteen (19) at 7125 Independence Ave, Waterloo, in Black Hawk County pursuant to 567 Iowa Administrative Code §455B.
 3. Approve the PERMIT FOR UTILITY WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY for MidAmerican Energy Company, Waterloo, Iowa for placement of overhead electric utility on County right-of-way on Schenk Road and Airline Hwy as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.
 4. Approve the PERMIT FOR UTILITY WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY for Iowa Regional Utility Association of Newton, Iowa for placement of underground water utility on County right-of-way under Kimball Avenue as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.
 5. Approve the PERMIT FOR UTILITY WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY for Windstream Communications of Little Rock, Arkansas for placement of underground cable utility on County right-of-way under Winslow Road as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.
 6. Approve the PERMIT FOR UTILITY WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY for Iowa Regional Utility Association of Newton, Iowa for placement of underground water utility on County right-of-way under Cotter Road as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.

AYES: Hall, Little, Schwartz, Trelka, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA ENDS

Schwartz moved the following resolution seconded by Hall.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Title VI AGREEMENT between Black Hawk County and the Iowa Department of Transportation naming Amanda Fesenmeyer, the County Human Resources Director, as the designated Title VI coordinator be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.

AYES: Hall, Little, Schwartz, Trelka, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Trelka moved the following resolution seconded by Hall.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Title VI ASSURANCE between Black Hawk County and the Iowa Department of Transportation stating that Black Hawk County comply with the following statutory/regulatory authorities; Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, 49 C.F.R. Part 21, and 28 C.F.R. Part 21 in order to receive Federal financial assistance from the United States Department of Transportation be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.

AYES: Hall, Little, Schwartz, Trelka, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Trelka moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the 28E CONTRACTUAL AGREEMENT between Black Hawk County and the City of Raymond for the purpose of providing law enforcement services effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the amount of \$25,535.69 be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same, as recommended by Tony Thompson, Sheriff.

AYES: Hall, Little, Schwartz, Trelka, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Trelka moved the following resolution seconded by Hall.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the request by Carter and Betty Baethke to VACATE an approximately 240' X 57' (13,680 square feet) portion of Alexander Road right-of-way at east of 4847 Logan Avenue, be approved that the County Auditor be directed to certify a copy of this Resolution for the Black Hawk County Recorder. Legally described as: Alexander Road Vacation: That part of Alexander Road as platted in Mt. Vernon Heights, Black Hawk County, Iowa, lying North of the Easterly extension of the Southerly line of Lot 6 of said Mt. Vernon Heights, except that part conveyed to the State of Iowa by Warranty Deed dated May 7, 1985, Recorded May 15, 1985 in Book 578 CLD, Page 679

Seth Hyberger of Planning and Zoning said that no parties raised concerns over the request.

AYES: Hall, Little, Schwartz, Trelka, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Schwartz moved the following resolution seconded by Hall.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED – that the MINOR PLAT OF SURVEY request by Russell and Debra Youngblut, to plat 9.31 acres in order to split off an existing home that was rezoned to "A-R" Agricultural-Residential District on February 15, 2011 at 7731 Dysart Road be approved and that the County Auditor be directed to certify a copy of this Resolution for the Black Hawk County Recorder. (Legally described as That part of the Northwest Fractional Quarter of the Southwest Fractional Quarter (NWFRL 1/4 SW FRL 1/4) of Section No. 30, Township No. 88 North, Range No. 12 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Black Hawk County Iowa, described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Northwest Fractional Quarter of the Southwest Fractional Quarter, point being a found 1"Ø bronze survey marker #19211; thence along the South line of said Northwest Fractional Quarter of the Southwest Fractional Quarter South 89°22¼' East a distance of 50.05 feet to the East right-of-way of Dysart Road/V37, being the point of beginning; thence along said East right-of-way North 02°40¼' East a distance of 624.9 feet to a ½" rebar with license #16264; thence South 88°07½' East a distance of 417.25 feet to a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence North 78°35¾' East a distance of 129.55 feet to a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence North 57°37¾' East a distance of 129.8 feet to a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence South 30°36¾' East a distance of 206.7 feet to a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence South 25°12¼' East a distance of 198.35 feet to a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence South 58°45' West a distance of 260.25 feet to a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence South 72°24' West a distance of 101.0 feet to a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence South 86°42½' West a distance of 192.7 feet to a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence South 02°41¾' West a distance of 175.8 feet to the South line of said Northwest Fractional Quarter of the Southwest Fractional Quarter, point being a set ½" rebar with license #16264; thence along said South line North 89°22¼' West a distance of 353.15 feet to the point of beginning. Containing 9.31 acres. Subject to restrictions, easements, covenants, ordinances, and limited access provisions of record and not of record. Note: The West line of said Northwest Fractional Quarter of the Southwest Fractional Quarter is assumed to bear North 02°40¼' East for this description.

Seth Hyberger of Planning and Zoning said that no parties raised concerns over the request.

AYES: Hall, Little, Schwartz, Trelka, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Moved by Little, seconded by Schwartz to direct the County Auditor to advertise for a public hearing to be held at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, January 24, 2023 in Board Room 201 of the Black Hawk County Courthouse, 316 E. 5th Street, Waterloo, Iowa on the proposed Ordinance No. 77-274 from a request submitted Michelle Bond to rezone 1.51 acres from "A" Agricultural District to "A-R" Agricultural-Residential District in order to construct a new single family home at North of 5334 Big Woods Road. Motion carried.

Moved by Trelka, seconded by Hall to approve the RE-APPOINTMENT of Dr. Mark Bickley as the Black Hawk County Medical Examiner for a two - year term to expire on December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Schwartz to approve the RE-APPOINTMENT of Dr. Laval Peloquin to the Black Hawk County Board of Adjustment for a five - year term to expire November 1, 2027. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Schwartz to approve the APPOINTMENT of Maria del Rosario Garcia Fino as a member for the Black Hawk County Board of Health for a three-year term to expire December 31, 2025.

Schwartz said that both applicants that he and Trelka interviewed were excellent and he thought Garcia Fino would be a good fit. Little said that since the interviewers didn't forward any commentary on the interviews he didn't know if he should support the recommendation. Schwartz said that he would be happy to forward commentary in the future. Motion carried, Little dissenting.

Moved by Little, seconded by Schwartz to approve the APPOINTMENT of Monica Schmitz as representative for the County Treasurer on the Black Hawk County Compensation Board, with term ending on June 30, 2024. Motion carried.

At Nine-forty o'clock (9:40) a.m., a public hearing was held as provided by law in Board Room 201 of the Black Hawk County Courthouse, 316 E. 5th Street, Waterloo, Iowa at which time all interested persons could appear to file objections on guardrail project for the Black Hawk County Engineer's Department.

The Board of Supervisors examined proof of publication of notice to bidders and determined that said notice had been published in the Waterloo Courier on December 23, 2022 in accordance with the requirements of the *Code of Iowa*. The Engineer's estimate was \$125,046.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Hall to receive and place on file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Trelka to close the hearing after oral/written comments are received. Motion carried.

At nine-forty (9:40) a.m. the Chair announced the time had arrived in accordance with prior action and as advertised, for the receiving and opening of bids for the proposed guardrail repair project.

The Chair announced the following sealed bids were all received by three thirty o'clock (3:30) p.m. Monday, January 9, 2023 as stated in the Notice to Bidders. The time of announcement being nine-(9:) a.m., the following bids were opened and read:

NAME	CITY	BID
Dave Gryp Construction Inc.	Williamsburg, IA	\$121,825.00

Moved by Little, seconded by Trelka that the Board of Supervisors receive and place on file the bids for the guardrail repair project to allow time to review said bids as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer. Motion carried.

At Nine-forty-four o'clock (9:44) a.m., a public hearing was held as provided by law in Board Room 201 of the Black Hawk County Courthouse, 316 E. 5th Street, Waterloo, Iowa at which time all interested persons could appear to file objections on the proposed deck repair project for the Black Hawk County Engineer's Department.

The Board of Supervisors examined proof of publication of notice to bidders and determined that said notice had been published in the Waterloo Courier on December 23, 2022 in accordance with the requirements of the *Code of Iowa*. The Engineer's estimate was \$444,820.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Little to receive and place on file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Trelka to close the hearing after oral/written comments are received. Motion carried.

At nine-forty-four (9:44) a.m. the Chair announced the time had arrived in accordance with prior action and as advertised, for the receiving and opening of bids for the proposed deck repair project.

The Chair announced the following sealed bids were all received by three thirty o'clock (3:30) p.m. Monday, January 9, 2023 as stated in the Notice to Bidders. The time of announcement being nine-(9:) a.m., the following bids were opened and read:

NAME	CITY	BID
Boulder Contracting LLC	Grundy Center, IA	\$446,061.00
Cramer and Assoc., Inc.	Grimes, IA	\$562,195.00
Jasper Construction Services	Newton, IA	\$597,445.00
PCiRoads, LLC	St. Michael, MN	\$711,493.40
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	Reinbeck, IA	\$691,420.95

Moved by Little, seconded by Trelka that the Board of Supervisors receive and place on file the bids for the deck repair project to allow time to review said bids as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer. Motion carried.

Discussion/possible Board action – NaphCare amendment. Laylin asked NaphCare representatives attending online to summarize the situation. Susanne Moore said that NaphCare has enjoyed its partnership with Black Hawk County since 2000, but the market for nursing and health care has changed, and the amendment seeks to address staffing needs and nurse retention. Having a single nurse on a shift makes caring for patients difficult and nurses dislike working alone, making retention difficult. After years of no cost-of-living increases, this is being raised due to inflation. She noted their contract with Polk County is significantly higher in the area of nurses’ wages. David Crawford said the last few years have seen a significant increase in mental health care and they need to maintain standards that are hard to keep up when there is no one on staff overnight. The Board discussed that there are few options in the short term but to agree with the amendment, since NaphCare will initiate a ninety-day termination clause if no agreement is reached by February 1. Laylin suggested that the agreement be continued for one more year instead of two more years, and that options be considered in the meantime. Schwartz agreed, saying he didn’t like for-profit motives in criminal justice or health care and would prefer that the county staff the positions in-house and cut out the middle person. Hall said during a one-year continuance the Board could discuss the level of care it feels is necessary to provide and how to provide it. Assistant County Attorney Mike Treinen noted that either party may invoke the ninety-day notice to terminate. Moore said that if the parties can agree on compensation she felt they could agree on a one-year timeline.

Little said that he is unhappy that the county is again being asked to alter by a huge increase an agreement it entered into in good faith, which he feels is unfair and also costs the taxpayers. He said at best they should approve no more than one year. He asked how much of the increase was going to the employees. Moore said the bulk of the increase is going to wages, and NaphCare has been paying their nurses above the established rate for over a year. Laylin asked what NaphCare does when they can’t hire nurses locally. Moore says they fly in corporate nurses at great expense. Laylin said she would put the issue on the agenda next week. Hall said he was glad the Board was going to have the necessary conversation but said the supervisors need to put in the work to make a good decision on the path forward.

WORK SESSION

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION - Consideration of all aspects of the FY24 Black Hawk County Budget. Finance Director Weidner gave an initial presentation, including budget highlights from FY23 and changes in taxable property valuation for FY24. Valuation is up 1.9%, which is less than last year’s increase of 3.3%. She spoke at length about the plan of the Emergency Management Commission (EMC) to fully fund the Consolidated Communications Center (CCC) through a county general fund levy rather than the current practice of receiving contributions from participating municipalities. Laylin said that she is a member of the commission and while she knew the change was being discussed she didn’t realize a final decision had been made. She worries that there isn’t enough time to work out a number of the issues that will arise, particularly personnel policies. She had proposed a work session between the supervisors and the CCC board, but she instead was sent an Attorney General’s opinion saying that the commission didn’t need the approval of the supervisors. She thought the supervisors should have been involved in the decision to foster a true partnership. She said Johnson County is being used as a model, but in Johnson County the staff are not county employees as in Black Hawk County. She says EMC is calling for the 28E agreement for CCC to be amended, but it still calls on the county, which must approve the amendment, to provide facilities and maintain staff employment. Schwartz said that a session including all involved parties should be held, especially in light of the fact that if the county budget exceeds a statutory limit a supermajority of the Board is required to pass it. Trelka said that he supports a county levy for EMA and that the 28E agreement should be put on the agenda to be hashed out. Laylin said other issues need to be addressed first. Little said that in spite of the Attorney General’s opinion he believes the law still gives the Board of Supervisors the authority to approve or disapprove a proposed portion of its budget. Assistant County Attorney Mike Treinen said he agreed with Little, but he worried about what will happen if member cities assume the county will fund the CCC and don’t budget for it, and then the county doesn’t budget for it either. Hall said that he is supportive of the concept of the county carrying the levy but that the timing seems too tight and he would support a work session on it.

Weidner asked the supervisors for their priorities in the budget deliberations. Trelka said that he wants to review any proposed new personnel. Schwartz wanted departments to propose budgets that include what they feel is needed to best provide services and then let the Board evaluate the proposals. Little wanted to discuss the county’s reserves, which he said are too high and should be looked at for tax relief. Schwartz said a long-term plan is needed to reduce property taxes, one that invests in the community to create growth. Hall said he wanted the Board to work on a long-term strategy to address such things as modernizing operations, branding and marketing.

Treinen said he would like until the January 19 meeting to prepare an opinion on the EMA levy.

ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD. Trelka praised the community’s response to his wife’s efforts to raise money to transport a burned child from Swaziland to the Shriner’s Hospital in the United States.

On motion and vote the meeting adjourned.

Linda Laylin, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Grant Veeder, County Auditor