

Waterloo, Iowa January 12, 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 Trelka, seconded by Hall that the AGENDA be received and place on file with the County Auditor as approved. Motion carried.

DISCUSSION/POSSIBLE BOARD ACTION – Consideration of all aspects of the FY24 Black Hawk County Budget. Presentations were given by Koleen Schipper of General Assistance, Medical Examiner Dr. Mark Bickley, Veterans Affairs Director Yolando Loveless and County Auditor Grant Veeder.

Finance Director Michelle Weidner reviewed the county's current debt service status. She said the total outstanding general obligation bonds amounted to \$16.7 million, which consists of \$6 million for Solid Waste Management (paid by fees, fully paid in 2030), \$2.5 million for E-911 (paid by fees, fully paid in 2031) and \$8.1 million for county roads and bridges (paid by tax levy, fully paid in 2027). Little said that interest rates for new debt will be much higher than what the county has had in recent issuances. Weidner discussed the county's general fund balance. Unassigned reserves amount to over \$27 million, or about 75% of general fund expenditures. She advised lowering that proportion in a strategic fashion.

Laylin said that at the January 10 meeting there appeared to be a consensus that the Board did not want to immediately accede to the Emergency Management Commission's plan to pay for Consolidated Communications Center (CCC) through a county general fund levy. She therefore asked Assistant County Attorney Mike Treinen after that meeting to draft a resolution that called for the Board to inform Black Hawk County cities that they should continue to budget for their portion of the CCC budget until the Board could conduct an analysis of the plan. Little, Schwartz and Hall agreed. Trelka said he would oppose the resolution because the Board had not taken any prior initiative on the matter.

Little moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED to communicate to Black Hawk County cities that the Board of Supervisors has requested a legal analysis of required actions to implement an Emergency Management Agency levy, that the Board of Supervisors has identified a number of additional questions and concerns that require clarification before Consolidated Communication should be absorbed into the County Emergency Management Agency, and that it is the position of the Board of Supervisors that Black Hawk County cities should budget to continue funding Consolidated Communications for Fiscal Year 2024 to allow adequate time to complete such analysis and address unanswered questions and concerns prior to the County Emergency Management Agency absorbing Consolidated Communication.

AYES: Hall, Little, Schwartz, Laylin.

NAYS: Trelka. Resolution adopted.

On motion and vote the meeting adjourned.

Linda Laylin, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Grant Veeder, County Auditor