

## PUBLIC NOTICE

**MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
**MONDAY, JUNE 19, 2023**  
**(UNOFFICIAL)**

Board members present: Byrnes, Reiser and Keatley. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Byrnes, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

23.242-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to approve today's agenda and the minutes from June 12, 2023. Motion carried.

The following people were present at various times throughout the meeting in person: Joseph Moses – Standard newspaper, Denise Beyer – Auditor and Clerk to Supervisors, Dennis Koenig, Tary Draper, Val Reinke, Pat Stone, Heather Bente, Ross Geerdes.

Public Comment: Val Reinke gave review of Big Four Fair and Dairy Days Parade in Postville over the weekend and an upcoming events. Heather Bente gave city and library updates including community events, summer readings and Country on the Creek on August 19. Pat Stone commented the City of Waterville has been good to work with during the building/opening of Waterville Bar & Grill. Stone also commented on Four Corners Road and Elon Road. Stone commented it would be nice for Waterville if there was a dust free road from Waterville to Yellow River.

Tary Draper, Ziegler CAT, spoke about a new Ziegler facility that will be built on north edge of Postville and the need for water and sewer utilities to the facility. This need for water and sewer creates the need to request voluntary annexation into the City of Postville.

Ziegler purchased the Gunderson farm on north side of Postville and hopes to start building a new larger facility starting this fall. The 43 acres in the SE corner of the farm is where the facility will be built. Supervisor Byrnes explained the informal meeting a week ago with City of Postville and Post Township and the annexation needing to be approved by the Supervisors with a resolution. Draper commented the current Ziegler space has more

work than they can handle. They plan to add 10 shop mechanics total and have added 3 so far to gear up, even though they don't currently have space. Postville Mayor Dennis Koenig feels the need is there for Ziegler and it is a win-win situation. This has been a big commitment for Ziegler to buy the entire farm, only needing about 43 acres.

Beyer presented resolution to obligate ARPA dollars.

23.243-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to adopt resolution to approve disbursement of ARPA funds not to exceed \$25,000 for courthouse building assessment. Roll call: Reiser-aye; Byrnes-aye; Keatley-aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in Auditor's office)

23.244-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to approve signing the Wieser Brothers Letter of Commitment. Motion carried.

23.245-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to appoint Meghan Palmer to the Pioneer Cemetery Commission with a term ending December 31, 2026. Motion carried.

Ross Geerdes and Val Reinke have discussed some names but have not approached any of them at this time. Byrnes asked them to come back with a recommendation once they find someone willing to serve on this Committee. No action taken on appointment to RPA-1 Enhancement Committee.

23.246-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to approve Jean Bossom fulltime effective July 1, 2023 with full-time benefits based on her original date of employment, using Opioid Settlement Fund to pay the difference in salary and 100% of health insurance premiums. Motion carried.

Val Reinke informed Supervisors that Mike McMullen needs to withdraw from façade grant program as he is not able to do his project at this time. He had been allocated a full \$5,000 award. Reallocation of that \$5,000 to grant recipients who had only received a portion of the \$5,000 maximum was discussed, as well as option to award grants to applicants who did not receive any award previously. Byrnes asked Reinke to have the commit-

tee convene and come back with a recommendation. No action taken until the committee makes a recommendation.

Auditor Beyer informed Supervisors that Accounts Payable Clerk Lori Cahoon has completed her 6-month probationary period and requested 3% increase for Cahoon.

23.247-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to end probation period for Accounts Payable Clerk, Lori Cahoon, and increase her wage by 3% effective June 27, 2023. Motion carried.

Auditor Beyer presented agreement for MODUS election management software.

23.248-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to approve signing the Agreement for MODUS software services. Motion carried.

Corey Snitker spoke about a customer fall last week on the south side of the courthouse getting out of his vehicle in handicap spot along the street. Snitker endorses paving the area between sidewalk and street where the 3 handicap spots are to create a safer space for customers who utilize the handicap parking spots.

Department Head updates: Corey Snitker gave an update on the conference he attended last week and other department updates. Conservation Director Ross Geerdes reported they are full-staffed again and other department updates. Average attendance at Driftless Education and Visitor Center is 13-14,000 visitors per year. Auditor Beyer updated she will be out at annual Auditor Conference the rest of the week and shared FY24 Property Tax Credit and Exemption Funding Estimates and related House File 718 changes to funding in future years.

All Supervisors, Pat Stone, Val Reinke and Auditor Beyer went to Waterville Bar & Grill for a tour.

23.249-Motion Byrnes/Second Reiser to adjourn. Motion carried.

*Dan Byrnes, Chairperson*  
**ATTEST:**

*Denise Beyer, Auditor*

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