

CANCELLATION BID NOTICE • ALLAMAKEE COUNTY AUDITOR

CANCELLATION OF COUNTY FARM BID NOTICE

The Allamakee County Board of Supervisors will not be accepting sealed bids for County Farm Pasture and Cropland at this time. Questions can be directed to Supervisor Mark Reiser at 563-568-1095 or County Attorney Anthony Gericke at 563-568-3813.

Denise Beyer, Allamakee Co. Auditor

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MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONDAY, OCTOBER 30, 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.

23.379-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to approve today's agenda and approve the minutes from October 23, 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, Mike Hohenbrink, Lori Egan, Jim Martin-Schramm, Betsy Whitlatch, Darin Svenson, Jacob Semann, Pat O'Connor, Brian Ridenour, Michael Coyle, Dirs Alderman, Karla Johnson, Delora Dundee, Nancy Turner, Paula Enyart, Christa Jacobson, Jack Knight, Travis Koenig, Isabella Koenig, Kyle Bugenhagen, Dennis Koenig, Larry Moore, Randy Johnsen, Becky Engelhardt, Susan Brandt, Crystal Duffy, Connor Duffy, Eric Meyer, Kristy Turner, Gary Boden, Jenny Cole, Devora Klein-Mahr, Tanya Mahr, Mary Huinker, Michelle Barness, Brandon Johnson, Laurie Moody, Clark Mellick, Stephanie Runkle.

Public Comment: Larry Moore from Postville strongly encouraged Supervisors to contribute to the Postville Child Care Services wage enhancement program. Becky Engelhardt spoke about being a single parent and needing child care so she can work and encourages Supervisors to contribute to the PCCS WEP. Randy Johnsen spoke about the quality of the staff and care at PCCS and urged the Supervisors to contribute. Paula Enyart said contributing to PCCS WEP is an investment in the county and community. Crystal Duffy reiterated the need for daycare for farmers as well as schools and local businesses.

23.380-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to accept and place on file the quarterly report for Sheriff. Motion carried.

23.381-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to accept and place on file the manure management plan update for Distant View Farms. Motion carried.

23.382-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to accept the FY23 First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services Financial Report. Motion carried.

23.383-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to open public hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Motion carried.

Stephanie Runkle explained the reason for the amendment – to add "residential development" as a permitted use in zones R-1, R-2 and R-3 and require rezoning property for residential development, which is currently not in the ordinance.

23.384-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to close public hearing for Zoning Ordinance Amendment. Motion carried.

23.385-Motion Reiser/Second

Keatley to approve the first reading of Amendment #13 to Zoning Ordinance L. Motion carried.

23.386- Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to set 9:40 a.m. on November 6 for second reading and 9:40 a.m. on November 13 for third reading of Amendment #13 to Zoning Ordinance. Motion carried.

Mellick requested use of county credit card for scheduling software. Supervisors requested he come back annually for this approval.

23.387-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to approve use of county credit card for annual subscription renewal to TCP Humanity for \$1,200.00 online scheduling software program. Motion carried.

Amended tower lease agreement was presented. Term of lease remains 2016 to 2036, only changing the name.

23.388-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to approve amended lease agreement changing Wennes to LA Communications. Motion carried.

Jacob Semann and Pat O'Connor explained Alliant Energy pursuing a loan for a Battery Storage System, BSS, with the Dpt of Energy. They have submitted an application and they need to show a CBP, Community Benefits Program, as part of application Part 2. One of the things the Dpt of Energy likes to see is support from the community so they are seeking a letter of support from Allamakee County to show community support for the application. Byrnes asked if the CBP could be viewed before the letter of support is signed. Timeline/startup date could be in 2025 for construction, with startup in 2026; cost estimate is \$202 million; Space – approximately 5-10 acres; Life of battery – minimum of 20 years with potential extension pending replacement of core equipment.

Discussion was held regarding the Wage Enhancement Program (WEP) funding from HHS for Postville Child Care Services. Supervisor Byrnes reviewed what has been discussed in previous meetings: ISU Extension returned unused tax dollars to the County in amount of \$32,000 which was not used for intended purposes and ISU gave ideas for uses of the funds. About the same date that the funds were returned, the wage enhancement grant proposal came up. Initially the request from PCCS was for ARPA funds, but was not approved. Byrnes had asked Kristy Turner, PCCS Director, to meet with Bruce Arendt from ISU Extension; she did and ISU Extension agrees with use of the funds for the PCCS project. No action was taken the last time it was on the BOS agenda. Byrnes opened it up for discussion. Discussion included comments from those present related to: the mission statement for ISU Extension was read and felt the WEP meets this mission; investment in our community to pay a livable wage; investment in the County; opening up more spots at the daycare; encouraging Supervisors to contribute; question if Supervisors have a planned use for the funds if not used for PCCS WEP; opportunity to have the funds matched by a

donor and the donors contribution then being matched; people come from a 50 mile radius to utilize PCCS; UERPC rep has seen the child care issue since she started with UERPC; parents are worried; statistics were given of the daycare shortage issue in the community; PCCS has raised \$130,000 of original goal of \$200-250,000; the funds would flow through UERPC; people looking to move to a community look at how public and private entities support the community; 29 teachers in Postville School District utilize the PCCS daycare; it is a chance for the community to come together to do something that matters; it is short-sited for people to say they don't want tax dollars to go to this, because the same people say they are sad when their grocery store closed, or the bakery closed; consider the cost of what could happen if the daycare closes; the people that work here would put their childcare funds, gas money and grocery money into other counties/ communities; the balance in the General Fund was asked; this program would directly help Lansing and New Albin with after-school child care issue.

Supervisor comments included: one-time expenses the county has; if they give to this need, several other groups could come forward with requests; some of them have heard from people that do not want their tax dollars to go to this project; two commented they are confident the daycare will survive; Byrnes feels the ISU funds were intended for youth-focused programs and feels putting it to daycare is a logical use, is a one-time contribution and it is a 2:1 match and it will be a springboard for them to do what they need to do, listed other community things the county already contributes to.

Byrnes asked for a motion to contribute the \$32K to the PCCS WEP project. No motion was made.

Engineer Ridenour presented fuel margin quotes for FY24 and FY25. Dennis Keatley excused himself from this discussion in case his company placed a bid. 4 companies bid. Low quote is from Hovden Oil across all 8 divisions. Ridenour recommends Hovden out of Ridgeway for all 8 divisions.

23.389-Motion Reiser/Second Byrnes to approve bids from Hovden Oil of Ridgeway for FY24 and FY25 fuel for all 8 divisions – Div I-\$0.099; Div II-\$0.179; Div III-\$0.179; Div IV-\$0.179; Div V-\$0.179; Div VI-\$0.179; Div VII-\$0.179; Div VIII-\$0.179. Motion carried.

Department Head updates: Engineer Ridenour gave project and department update. Auditor Beyer gave department update and election preparation update and invited Supervisors to attend a precinct official training this week if they have time.

23.390-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to adjourn. Motion carried. *Dan Byrnes, Chairperson*

ATTEST: *Denise Beyer, Auditor*
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