

PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2020 (UNOFFICIAL)

Board members present: Byrnes (via Zoom), Schellhammer, and Koenig. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

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

20.420-Motion Koenig/Second Byrnes to approve today's agenda and the minutes from November 30, 2020. Motion carried.

The following people were present at various times throughout the meeting in person or via Zoom: Joseph Moses – Standard newspaper, Denise Beyer – Auditor and Clerk to Supervisors, Samantha Wagner, Melissa Wedo, Val Reinke, Ross Malcom, Mark Reiser, George Beardmore, Ross Weymiller, Troy Peterson, Nikki Meyer, Jim Pladsen, Corey Snitker, Laurie Moody, Jim Janett.

Public Comment: Reinke reviewed past week events and previewed upcoming meetings and events. George Beardmore reported he has received lots of positive feedback about the Veterans museum.

Several people were present to comment on the Comprehensive Plan. Jim Pladsen was present to represent Planning & Zoning and explained the process to get to this point with the 2020 Comprehensive Plan update. The Community Voice section on page 59 is an opinion section of the Plan. Ross Weymiller, representing Farm Bureau, expressed concern that some comments/parts of the Plan portray ag as being a problem in the county, yet the plan also promotes our clean trout streams, which would mean farmers are doing their job well. Weymiller feels pages 52-53 has a negative tone toward ag and is not representative of the entire ag community, and asked if farmers could have input on revisions to the environmental sections. Schellhammer invited Farm Bureau to submit proposed changes. The plan of action after proposed changes would be to send the Plan back to P&Z and the steering committee. Nikki Meyer doesn't feel the plan recognizes how far the ag industry has come in their management practices and Supervisors invited Meyer to include these comments. Val Reinke expressed that the opinions that were stated in the plan have a right to be voiced, and these are the people that showed up to the hearings, and there are two sides. Pladsen expressed that, due to the delay between hearings and final plan being written, the P&Z and steering committee should have looked back and invited those who had been present at hearings, and asked them to give input on the draft plan. Aaron Dettler with UERPC and Jim Pladsen will work on changes.

Laurie Moody presented the NPDES permit for the 3-cell lagoon at the Public Safety Center, which is a

5-year permit, and recommended Supervisors sign the permit.

20.421-Motion Koenig/Second Byrnes to sign the NPDES discharge permit for the Public Safety Center. Motion carried.

20.422-Motion Koenig/Second Schellhammer to approve the 2020 Weed Commissioner's report. Byrnes abstained. Motion carried.

Auditor Beyer presented the 2021 County Holidays, commenting that Christmas and New Year's 2022 are both Saturdays, so the County Holidays will be observed the days before.

20.423-Motion Koenig/Second Byrnes to approve the 2021 County holiday listing: January 1–New Year's Day, January 18–MLK Jr Day, April 2–Good Friday, May 31–Memorial Day, July 5–Independence Day, September 6–Labor Day, November 11–Veterans Day, November 25 & 26–Thanksgiving, December 23 & 24–Christmas, December 31–New Year's Day 2022. Motion carried.

20.424-Motion Byrnes/Second Koenig to accept and place on file Manure Management Plan update for Grove #5. Motion carried.

20.425-Motion Byrnes/Second Koenig to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with OCIO defining relationship between OCIO and the counties. Motion carried.

Department/COVID-19 updates: Jim Janett informed Supervisors that Dennis Koenig's seat on Conservation Board is up for renewal and he plans to renew as a member, and the Board liaison seat will need to be filled by a Supervisor once Dennis' term as Supervisor is up on 12/31/20. Corey Snitker reviewed information regarding the first vaccines that will be received in Allamakee in later December. Quarantine guidelines have changed – those exposed, but asymptomatic can quarantine for less than the previous 14 days. The current Governor's proclamation expires December 10 so new guidance will be forthcoming. Iowa Coronavirus website is now showing 7-day and 14-day positivity rates instead of the total positivity since March. Snitker also gave a PPE update on what he has been supplying to nursing homes and where he obtains the PPE from when needed. Moody reviewed where the job posting for the Planning & Zoning position has been posted or shared. Auditor Beyer is working on sending out FY22 budget worksheets and valuations will be reported to the state by end of December.

20.426-Motion Koenig/Second Schellhammer to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:
Larry Schellhammer, Chairperson
Denise Beyer, Auditor

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