

PUBLIC NOTICE

MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2020 (UNOFFICIAL)

Board members present: Byrnes and Schellhammer. Koenig absent. All members voting "AYE" unless noted. Meeting held at Waterville Community Center – City Council Chambers.

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

20.337-Motion Byrnes/Second Schellhammer to approve today's agenda and the minutes from September 14, 2020. 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, Val Reinke, Heather Bente, Mike Van Iten, Jodi Van Iten, Dave Monserud, Marlys Leiran, Brian Ridenour.

Public Comment: Val Reinke reported on the weekend events including the NE Iowa Farm Crawl at WW Dairy and Peake Orchards. Peake's has hayrides on Sundays. There were 383 units for the Lansing Fire Department ATV/UTV fundraiser ride over the weekend and it was restaurant week in Lansing also, with both events bringing lots of tourism dollars to Lansing and the county. Mike Van Iten asked about the warning siren in Waterville. Dave Monserud reported on city events including their summer concert event, and a holiday craft fair coming up on October 10th – with vendor spots still available. They have pickleball and badminton leagues at the Community Center in fall and winter.

Heather Bente reported on the Waterville Library – they closed in March due to COVID and reopened in June. No regular programming but a few kid's classes in the community center lunchroom. A healthy living series was held last January and February. The state library has been helpful with a new program called Iowa Shares: Interlibrary requests previously had to be sent via USPS, but Iowa Shares is federally funded, coordinated by state and a courier service goes around and picks up and delivers interlibrary materials. A tub of masks, gloves, cleaner and wipes has been sent to all libraries as part of the Cares Act. Overall, COVID hasn't affected the Waterville library on a huge level. The annual October survey for the state is still due, but numbers will be skewed due to COVID closures. Marlys Leiran, Library Board, recognized board members not present and thanked Supervisors for the County

support.

Supervisor Byrnes mentioned it is time to publish bid notice for county farm contracts for farm and pasture land. Ad will be run with bids due October 16 and bids opened and read for consideration on October 19. A change to the way deposits are handled with the contract. No other changes – except change Dennis to Dan Byrnes as contact person. Send bid notice to the newspapers.

Engineer Ridenour presented resolution for vacating a portion of Valley View Dr, and explained the need for a school bus turnaround and related costs. Ridenour talked to landowner about paying a portion of the expenses for the related expenses, and landowner agreed to pay \$750 of the estimated \$1,000 costs.

20.338-Motion Byrnes/Second Schellhammer to approve resolution to vacate a segment of Valley View Drive. Roll call: Byrnes-aye; Schellhammer-aye; Koenig-absent. Motion carried.

Ridenour explained the request by Waterville Fire Department for ATV/UTV permit for a Special Event Ride. Conservation department approves riding through a county park. Permit is needed due to number of ATV/UTVs and county roads being used.

20.339-Motion Byrnes/Second Schellhammer to approve the permit for the ATV/UTV Special Event ride, pending the certificate of insurance and Sheriff's signature. Motion carried.

Engineer Ridenour presented his FY20 annual report and reviewed receipts and expenses.

COVID-19 updates: None

Department Head updates: Engineer Ridenour gave an update on road projects. Auditor Beyer reported on poll workers and other election updates, and her interview with Val Reinke for the Wow Who Knew radio show, which will be aired on Wednesday and Saturday this week. The Wow Who Knew topic will be absentee voting.

Following the business meeting, Supervisors, Auditor Beyer, Joe Moses and Val Reinke traveled to Paint Creek Gifts for a tour and explanation of their soap making business.

20.340-Motion Byrnes/Second Schellhammer to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Larry Schellhammer, Chairperson
Denise Beyer, Auditor

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BID NOTICE

The Allamakee County Board of Supervisors will be accepting sealed bids for cash rent of approx. 74 acres pasture land and approx. 172 acres of cropland. Crop and Pasture years included are 2021, 2022 & 2023. Sealed bids will be accepted in the Auditor's office until 4:00 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2020 and opened on Monday, October 19, 2020 at 10:00 am.

Please note "County Farm Pasture Bid" or "County Farm Cropland Bid" on the lower left-hand corner of each bid envelope and submit sealed bid to the Allamakee County Auditor, 110 Allamakee St., Waukon, IA 52172.

The Allamakee County Board of Supervisors, in the interest of promoting the continued conservation and productivity of the crop and pasture land, reserve the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informalities in bidding and to accept any bid or combination of bids determined to be in the best interest of Allamakee County .

The selected cropland tenant(s) will be expected to follow a pre-approved NRCS Conservation Plan which can be viewed at the Waukon NRCS Office, 770 11th Ave SW, Waukon, IA 52172 between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday – Friday. To ensure compliance with the NRCS Conservation Plan, a conservation deposit will be required from the selected tenant(s). Rental contract details are available at the Auditor's Office, or for more information please contact Dan Byrnes at 563-568-1075.

Denise Beyer, Allamakee Co. Auditor

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