

February 16, 2017

The Board of Supervisors met in session with all members present. The current agenda was approved on a motion by Straight, second by Kurth. Unanimous approval. Previous minutes were approved (along with a correction of a name) by Kurth, second by Straight. Unanimous approval.

Upper Soldier #1 Drainage District

The Board convened as Trustees for the Upper Soldier #1 Drainage District. Elizabeth Lenz, Drainage Clerk, presented a deed transferring the following from Harrison County to the District:

A strip of land 45 feet in width on each side of the ROW of the Upper Soldier Drainage District No. 1 across the South 800 feet of the Northwest Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 14, in Township 81 North, Range 44, West of the 5th Principal Meridian, containing 1.59 acres, more or less, in Harrison County, Iowa.

These strips are along the current drainage ditch easement and were put in Harrison County's name by tax sale. On a motion by Kurth, second by Straight, the deed was unanimously approved. It will be recorded and on file in the Auditor's office.

Drainage District Brush Control

The Board, acting as Trustees for various drainage districts with all members present, met with Don Reffer of B & W Control Specialists. Also present was Elizabeth Lenz, Drainage Clerk.

Mr. Reffer presented the Board with the list of ditches on the rotation for brush and tree control in 2017. The Districts included are the Crane, Coe Sub, Euclid, Fitzgibbon, Grimes, Harrison and Crawford, Orson Highway, the Soldier Valley also including the Old Soldier, Burcham, and Pratt Ditches. As always, the costs shown were based on a do not exceed amount. A complete listing can be found on file in the Auditor's office.

On a motion by Kurth, second by Straight, the 2017 tree and brush control was approved as presented. Unanimous approval.

Engineer

County Engineer Steven Struble met with the Board. Trees are being cleared in Melody Oaks and on a portion of Panora Avenue. Blades have been out working on the roads and the trucks have been stockpiling D-Stone from Crescent at the various sheds.

Staff is reviewing tractor options available for purchase to be used with the three new mowers.

Handwritten Warrant

A handwritten warrant to US Bank in the amount of \$2,544.79 was approved on a motion by Kurth, second by Straight. Unanimous approval.

Zoning Public Hearing

Chairman Utman opened the public hearing as advertised. Zoning Administrator Matt Pitt reviewed the request from Ginger Schemmer to change the zoning of eight acres from A-1 Agricultural to B-1 Business on property described as part of the NE NE of Section 19-79-42. No comments from the public were received. The Planning & Zoning Committee recommended denial of the request due to the planned use of the property. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Kurth, second by Straight. Unanimous approval. Motion to deny the request was made by Kurth, second by Straight. Unanimous approval.

Courthouse Roof

Mark Warner discussed the Courthouse roof with the Board. Mr. Warner had a couple of names that might be interested in assisting the County with the specifications and bidding documents. Auditor Bonham will reach out to the individuals and possibly make an appointment with the Board.

FY18 Budget

The Board worked on the FY18 budget. Sheriff Sears discussed his budget request with the Board.

The Board recessed for lunch.

FY18 Budget

The Board continued working on the budget with reviews from the Homemaker, Public Health Nurses, Zoning, Sanitation, and GIS.

With business of the day completed, the Board adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

ATTEST:

Susan Bonham, Auditor

Walter Utman, Chairman