

February 23, 2017

The Board of Supervisors met in session with all members present.

Assessor's Conference Board

The Board of Supervisors met as part of the Assessor's conference board.

Chairman Utman called the meeting to order at 8 a.m. Those present included: Michael Jensen, Mark McAllister, Lori Cohrs, Dave Weigelt, Sherman Struble, Jennifer Thomas, Jason Knickman, Brenda Loftus, Joanna Barnard, and Susan Bonham.

John Straight made the motion to approve the agenda, second by Jennifer Thomas. Unanimous approval.

Chairman Utman opened the public hearing for the Assessor's FY18 budget.

Previous minutes were approved on a motion by Russ Kurth, second by Dave Weigelt. Unanimous approval.

The new vacation policy was reviewed. The allowable carryover of vacation after two years of employment is capped at 80 hours. Motion to approve by Jennifer Thomas, second by Michael Jensen. Unanimous approval.

No comments either for or against the budget were received. Motion to close the public hearing was made by Dave Weigelt, second by Lori Cohrs. Unanimous approval. Motion to approve the Assessor's FY18 budget as published was made by Jennifer Thomas, second by Sherman Struble. Unanimous approval.

Motion to adjourn by Russ Kurth, second by Michael Jensen. Unanimous approval.

Official conference board minutes are in the Assessor's office.

The Board of Supervisors continued with their own meeting.

The current agenda was approved on a motion by Straight, second by Kurth. Unanimous approval. Previous minutes were approved on a motion by Kurth, second by Straight. Unanimous approval.

Housing Ordinance

Assessor Brenda Loftus requested the Board to impose a housing ordinance for the County on property acquired and subdivided for the development of housing and be assessed for taxation in the manner that it was prior to the acquisition for housing. Each lot shall continue to be taxed in the manner it was prior to its acquisition for housing until the lot is sold for construction or occupancy of housing or for five years from the date of the subdivision; whichever is shorter. Upon the sale or the expiration of the five-year period, the property shall be assessed for taxation as residential or commercial multifamily property, whichever is applicable. The Board directed

the Assessor to work with the County Attorney to develop this ordinance and come back to the Board for further discussion/review.

Open Records Policy

Assessor Loftus requested the Board approve an Open Records Policy. The Board asked the Assessor to review it with the County Attorney.

Noxious Weed

Weed Commissioner Thad Pothast met with the Board to review the noxious weed resolution. No changes were made to the listing of noxious weeds, but Mr. Pothast did state there is discussion about classifying additional weeds as noxious weeds in the near future. Motion to approve the noxious weeds resolution was made by Straight, second by Kurth. Unanimous approval.

Engineer

County Engineer Steven Struble met with the Board. Mr. Struble will be meeting with the affected landowners on the 155th Street (Alvis) bridge replacement project in the near future as right of way will need to be purchased for this project.

Crews are removing trees along Panora and Melody Oaks this week. The blade men all took the wings off their machines this week due to the frost is out and the roads/shoulders are too soft to carry the extra weight. They (blade men) have all been out working on the roads and the roads are shaping up very well. Truck drivers are stockpiling D-stone when not rocking the soft spots on the roads.

Kurth made the motion to authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts and easements for the purchase of the right of way necessary for the construction of the extension of Knox Lane, second by Straight. Unanimous approval.

Tax Sale Assignment

Treasurer Shelia Phillips presented an agreement for assignment of tax sale certificate #2012-284 to Thomas Martin in the amount of \$454.94. Motion to approve by Kurth, second by Straight. Unanimous approval.

Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund

Renea Anderson and Scott Nelson requested the Board to approve a resolution supporting the funding of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund (I-WILL) with a 3/8 of a cent increase in the State's sales tax. State of Iowa voters approved the creation of the Natural Resources and Outdoor Recreation Trust Fund at the 2010 General Election but has never funded it. The Board approved the resolution on a motion by Straight, second by Kurth. Unanimous approval.

Advanced SW Iowa

Paula Hazelwood and Renea Anderson met with the Board to review the current agreement between the County and Advanced SW Iowa as the agreement is set to expire next month. The

Board would like to continue to partner with Advanced SW Iowa for business recruitment only and will contribute up to \$2500 per year (originally approved 12/15/16).

FY18 Budget

Auditor Bonham reviewed the changes to the proposed budget. The taxes levied against the property owners will remain very close to the current levels and the levy rate will decrease by 35 cents per \$1000 of taxable valuation due the overall increase in taxable valuations for the County. The Board set Monday, March 13th at 8:00 a.m. for the public hearing on the FY18 budget. Motion to approve by Kurth, second by Straight. Unanimous approval.

Assign Fund Balance

The Board approved assigning \$161,000 of the insurance settlement in the general basic fund for the purpose of the replacement of the Courthouse roof, repairing of the drain pipes, and painting. Motion to approve by Straight, second by Kurth. Unanimous approval.

Claims

Claims, as presented, were approved for payment.

With business of the day completed, the Board adjourned on a motion by Kurth, second by Straight. Unanimous approval.

All three board members attended a county conservation event in the evening with no county business being discussed with a quorum of board members.

ATTEST:

Susan Bonham, Auditor

Walter Utman, Chairman