

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met on January 20, 2023. Heitshusen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Heitshusen, Maas, Degen, Montross and Schumacher were present.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Schumacher to **approve the agenda**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **approve minutes** from January 13, 2023 with correction. All aye, motion carried.

**Chair Note:** Board approved payroll paid with warrant numbers 20637 – 20807 and handwritten claims paid with warrants numbers 20633 – 20636 and 20808. The Board received Quarterly report from the Iowa County Recorder.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss construction, road maintenance, and Engineers office.

The Board received **fuel bids** as follows:

Multi-County Oil, .13 cents margin/diesel and gas, DEF \$2.45/gal, gasohol \$2.89/gal, #1 \$4.45/gal, #2 \$3.35, DEF \$2.45, DEF, premium and winter additive .05 cents/gal.

FS/New Century, .13 cents margin/gas, .11 cents margin/diesel, DEF \$2.19/gal, gasohol \$3.13 with taxes, \$2.83 without taxes, #1 \$4.08/gal, #2 \$3.33/gal, DEF additive \$2.19/gal, premium .06 cents, winter additive .04 cents.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **accept and approve FS New Century fuel bid** and use margin .13 cents margin/gas, .11 cents margin/diesel, DEF \$2.19/gal, gasohol \$3.13 with taxes, \$2.83 without taxes, #1 \$4.08/gal, #2 \$3.33/gal, DEF additive \$2.19/gal, premium .06 cents, winter additive .04 cents. Aye, Degen, Maas, Montross. Nay, Schumacher. Motion carried.

The Board received **pile driving bids** as follows:

Iowa Bridge & Culvert, \$91,500.00; PCI, \$47,500.00; Taylor Construction, \$56,000.00; Nelson & Rock, \$127,000.00; Gov Co., \$60,950.00.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Degen to **accept and approve PCI bid of \$47,500.00** for Pile Driving – HI-0523. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Degen to **approve and sign Amana Colonies Bike Trail Committee Agreement** between Amana Colonies Bike Trail Committee and Iowa County. All aye, motion carried.

Adam Rabe, Iowa County Ambulance Director met with the Board to present his department monthly update.

Recess at 10:05 a.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called meeting back to order at 10:11 a.m.

Randy Von Ahsen, Iowa County Compensation Board Chairman met with the Board of Supervisors with the **FY 24 Elected Officials Salary recommendations.**

Recommendations are as follows:

Iowa County Sheriff, recommendation is 22% increase.

Iowa County Attorney, Auditor, Recorder, Supervisors and Treasurer, recommendation is 9% increase.

Chris Anderson, Iowa County Conservation Director met with the Board to discuss estimated revenue and expenses for a new campground at Gateway Park.

No action was taken regarding his presentation of a proposed campground to be located at Gateway Park, the Board will re-visit this proposal at a future date.

Cassie Bott, Sumner Township Clerk, met with the Board to give an update on her request to have the township cemeteries added to the Iowa County website. The update offers a less expensive option for making the addition the county website. Maas will reach out to Solutions, Inc. to inquire about the cost of adding a new tab to the website dedicated to cemeteries within the county.

Lou McMeen, Iowa County Assistant Attorney was present to provide guidance moving forward with the jail kitchen and Engineers office project contracts. McMeen advised that if a contract were to be terminated there would be a 10% penalty as well as owing incurred costs to date to the contractors. Another alternative to lower the project cost would be change orders to the projects. McMeens opinion is that the County has an obligation to provide and Engineers office in the County seat. Also, discussed the process of the agenda and making decisions on non-specific items listed under “other”.

John Bushong, Bushong Design Group was also present for the discussion regarding jail kitchen and Engineers office projects. Bushong pointed out that the project is progressing, and that any change orders would need to be made soon.

No changes to the jail kitchen plans were made.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Schumacher to **move the Engineers office project to Franklyn Ave, Marengo, Iowa.** Aye, Degen, Maas, Montross, and Schumacher. Nay, Heitshusen. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Schumacher to **authorize Bushong Design Group to contact the contractors regarding the financial cost of moving the Engineers office location with the potential option to take off the garage and present it to the board the week of January 23, 2023.** Aye, Degen, Maas, Montross and Schumacher. Nay, Heitshusen. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Schumacher to **authorize Bushong Design to consult with Brian Miller Excavating about not taking the old jail kitchen down.** Aye, Degen, Maas, Montross, and Schumacher. Nay, Heitshusen. Motion carried.

Jim Johnson, Morris Denson and Jennifer Olson spoke on behalf of the American Legion Post 76, a non-profit organization, with several others present as well in support of the American Legion Post 76. The American Legion Post 76 is requesting \$50,000.00 contribution of TIF Funds to assist in funding the estimated 1.3-million-dollar project, in Marengo, Iowa, the project is scheduled to begin April 1, 2023. They have currently raised over \$900,000.00 for the project.

There was no action taking regarding the \$50,000.00 request from the American Legion Post 76, the Board is to contact the County's TIF attorney for guidance on how or if they can proceed with the request to use TIF funds for this contribution.

Jim Johnson, Iowa County Pioneer Cemetery Commission Board Member met with the Board with 3 individuals that are interested in being appointed to the Iowa County Pioneer Cemetery Commission to fill the 3 currently vacant seats.

Motion by Schumacher, seconded by Degen to **appoint Becky Birch, Vicki Davidson, and Nancy Beyer to the Iowa County Pioneer Cemetery Commission** to fill the 3 currently vacant seats. All aye, motion carried.

Recess at 12:05 p.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called meeting back to order at 12:14 p.m.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Degen to **approve the Committee Appointment Application to be added to the Iowa County website**, this application is for individuals that are interested in being considered for appointment to a committee in the future. All aye, motion carried.

No action was taken regarding the appointment to Clear Creek Watershed. This will remain on the agenda for next week.

No action taken on the ARPA Resolution 2023-01-20, this will be updated and placed on next weeks agenda.

Recess at 12:25 p.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called meeting back to order at 12:28 p.m.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Schumacher to **approve the addition of open forum to all subsequent Iowa County Board of Supervisors Agendas.** Open forum will be from 9:05 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. Open Forum will allow 10 minutes total and 2 minutes per topic. All aye, motion carried.

The Board discussed recording of meetings but are still considering different options and will continue to do research on these options.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Schumacher to **approve a policy change to allow any of the Iowa County Board of Supervisors to add items to the agenda, the current policy states that the Chairperson of the Board shall allow or disallow any agenda items.** Aye, Maas, and Schumacher. Nay, Degen, Heitshusen, and Montross. Motion failed.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Schumacher to **approve amending the previous policy and form an Executive Committee the committee shall consist of the Board Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson,** this committee will make the decision of what is on the Board of Supervisors agenda items. If they are unable to agree on an item the Chairperson will be responsible for making the final decision of whether or not it will be on the agenda. All aye, motion carried.

Items for next week's agenda, consider adding the Pledge of Allegiance to the Board of Supervisors meetings and discuss the funding for jail kitchen and the Engineers office.

The Board worked on all County FY23-24 budgets and will continue next week with budget work sessions.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **adjourn** at 1:55 p.m. All aye, motion carried.

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Kevin Heitshusen, Chairman

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Brandy Enochson, Auditor

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