

Iowa County Conference Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 24, 2024

Kevin Heitshusen called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. at the East Courthouse Annex, Marengo, Iowa.

Those present were:

Supervisors: Kevin Heitshusen
Alan Schumacher
Abigail Maas

School Boards: Allison Momany - CCA
Ryan Kupka - HLV
Jillissa Chvala – Iowa Valley

Mayors: Adam Rabe – Marengo
Marla Faga, Mayor Pro-Tem - Victor
Adam Grier – Williamsburg
Kevin York - Ladora

Also present were Liz Kriegel, Assessor, Marcy DeMeulenaere, Chief Deputy Assessor and Laura Dietrich, Field Appraiser

A quorum was declared present.

Motion by Abigail Maas and seconded by Adam Rabe to **approve the agenda**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Abigail Maas and seconded by Marla Faga to **approve the minutes** of March 1, 2023. All aye, motion carried.

Liz Kriegel gave an office update including:

1. Overview of Conference Board duties and responsibilities
2. Discussion on current housing market, new home construction, commercial revaluation project, decrease in taxable value

Motion by Alan Schumacher and seconded by Ryan Kupka to reappoint Brad Hahn to the **Board of Review** with term ending December 31, 2028. All ayes, motion carried.

Discussion on Examining Board appointment. Office to research if a member of the Conference Board can also serve on the Examining Board.

Motion by Abigail Maas and seconded by Adam Grier to set the public hearing for FY 2023 budget amendment for February 28, 2024, at 5:15 p.m., at the East Annex, Marengo, IA. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Adam Rabe and seconded by Abigail Maas to authorize the hiring of outside legal counsel in the event of a commercial/industrial protest to PAAB or District Court. All ayes, motion carried.

Liz Kriegel, Assessor, presented the proposed FY 2025 budget amounts. Proposed salary increases reflected a 10% salary increase for the Assessor and Chief Deputy Assessor. Additional discussion that a 10% increase was requested for all positions in the Assessor's Office. Motion by Adam Grier and seconded by Alan Schumacher to **approve a 5% salary increase for the Assessor, Chief Deputy**

Assessor and office staff. Assessor salary set to \$85,344 and Chief Deputy salary set to \$72,541.
All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Adam Grier and seconded by Abigail Maas to set the public hearing for FY 2025 budget for February 28, 2024, at 5 p.m., at the East Annex, Marengo, IA. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Abigail Maas and seconded by Marla Faga **to adjourn** at 5:53 pm. All aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Kriegel
Iowa County Assessor