

Regular Session

June 15, 2020

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session on Monday June 15, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Ron Riley, Rick Friday and Dennis Brown.

AGENDA: Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to approve the Agenda. All voting aye, motion carried.

MINUTES: Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to approve the Minutes from June 8, 2020. All aye, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: No one spoke in open forum.

COVID-19 UPDATE: JoAnn Duckworth, EMA Director, updated the Board on COVID-19 in the County.

WIND TURBINE DISCUSSION: 13 additional signatures were added to the ongoing petition that proposes the number of industrial wind turbines in Union County be capped at 34. 13 comments through emails to the Board of Supervisors concerned about wind turbines in Union County. Calls were also received expressing that they felt the board did a good job with the ordinance that was put in place a year ago. Riley contacted a few of the counties that did moratoriums and they had definite reasons on why they put them in place. Riley feels that there needs to be good solid reasons if a moratorium is placed on the ordinance for future wind turbines. Russell Watcher urged the board to leave the ordinance as written.

DECOMMISSIONING BOND DISCUSSION: Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley for the chair to sign the MidAmerican Decommissioning Bond for the wind turbines in Union County. All voting aye motion carried.

JAIL VEHICLE: Chief Deputy Steve Maitlen, discussed with the board the purchase of a new vehicle for the Sheriff's Office to be used for transport purposes. Due to COVID-10, only one bid was received. Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to purchase a 2020 Durango for a total of \$17,900 with a trade in of a 2016 Dodge Durango from M & M Motors. 2 voting aye, 1 voting nay, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEALTH UPDATE: Robin Sevier updated the Board of Supervisors on the testing that is going on for COVID-19 through the Public Health department.

ENGINEER: Zach Gunsolley, Union County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly maintenance report, rock map and policy for rock for dust control locations. **Policy for Rock for Dust Control Locations:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to clarify the rock for dust control locations; effective January 1, 2021, gravel will be applied to calcium spots only when deemed necessary by the County Engineer. Should this be disputed, gravel can be applied by the County, at the property owner's expense for the cost of the material. All voting aye, motion carried. **Utility Permit:** Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to approve the Utility Permit from SIRWA to bore 1" and place a 200lb poly water service line under the REA Road at 2938 of Section 17 of New Hope Township. All voting aye, motion carried. **Utility Permit:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to approve the Utility Permit from MidAmerican Energy Co for installation of underground 34.5kv 3 phase electrical cables, also accompanying the cable will be a single fiber optic cable and a 7 #6 ground cable and all material will be encased in a 8 inch SDR 13.5 HDPE bore pipe. Locations are as follows: Joshua Ave Section 3 Lincoln, Adair-Union St Section 4 Lincoln, Cherry St Section 6 Lincoln, 110th St Section 7 Lincoln, Clover Ave Section 4 Spaulding, Beechwood Ave Section 5 Spaulding, Adams-Union Ave Section 6 Spaulding, 110th St Section 7 Spaulding, 110th St Section 9 Spaulding, 110th St Section 10 Spaulding, 120th St Section 17 Spaulding, Beechwood Ave Section 17 Spaulding, 130th St Section 19 Spaulding, 130th St Section 20 Spaulding, 140th St Section 29 Spaulding, 140th St Section 30 Spaulding, Beechwood Ave Section 29 Spaulding. All voting aye, motion carried. **Resolution #33-Road Vacation Public Hearing:** Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to approve the Resolution #33 – Road Vacation Public Hearing as follows: WHEREAS, a petition by Craig Hoffman has been filed with the Union County Engineer asking that action be taken to vacate and close a section of Union County Secondary Road, described as follows: That portion of Iris Avenue, established November 22, 1870 (see Road Book B, page 73), commencing at the SW corner of Section 9, T71N, R30W, thence running approximately one-half mile north to the west ¼ corner of Section 9, T71N, R30W. The intention of this vacation is to vacate and close all of Iris Avenue between Sections 8 and 9 in Grant Township. NOW,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hearing on the proposed vacation will be held in the Board Room, Union County Courthouse, Creston, Iowa, 50801, at 10:00AM on 6th, July, 2020 in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306.

Roll call Vote: Riley aye, Brown aye, Friday aye, motion carried.

CREDIT ALLOWANCES: Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to approve the Homestead/Military; Family Farm & BPTC Credit Allowances. All voting aye, motion carried.

CREDIT DIS-ALLOWANCES: Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to approve the Homestead/Military; Family Farm & BPTC Credit Dis-Allowances. All voting aye, motion carried.

LEAN CONCEPTS & FACILITATION TRAINING WEBINAR: Chairman Friday discussed the LEAN Concepts & Facilitation Training Webinar that is a pilot program, but a date has not been set yet. The training is a 2-hour course. Secondary Roads Engineer Zach Gunsolley; Buildings and Grounds Coordinator Shawn Lauer; and Conservation Director Doug Jones were scheduled to attend a 2-day session at the Iowa State Capitol Complex in March 2020, but was postponed due to COVID-19.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:30PM

BY: _____
RICK FRIDAY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
SANDY HYSSELL, AUDITOR