

Regular Session

July 20, 2020

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session on Monday July 20, 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 July 13, 2020. All aye, motion carried.

OPEN FORUM: Alexis Swanson emailed concerns to the board about the county requiring masks in the commons area of the courthouse. Dorothy McNaught phoned in her concerns with wind turbines in the County.

COVID-19 UPDATE: Union County EMA Director, JoAnne Duckworth, updated the board on covid-19 with in the surrounding area and in Union County.

RECORDER: Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to accept the Recorders Quarterly Report as presented by Katie Carlton, Union County Recorder. All voting aye, motion carried. Carlton also discussed the copier agreement, and praised her staff, Lindsay Campbell and Judy Hopkins, on a job well done especially with all of the extra things going on, while she was on maternity leave. All voting aye, motion carried.

WIND TURBINE – ATTENTION TO PETITION: The following were present: Regina Smith Creston News Advertiser, Raquel Linch KSIB Radio, William Snyder, Melvin Scadden, Greg Wurster, Leslie Wurster, Clint Hoffman, Ryan Vicker, Brad James, Tara Miller, Clint Young, Steve Hoakison, Judy Hoakison, Erin Kiley, Hunter Kiley, Chad Ide, Duane Jeter, Lori Jeter, Gordon Bolton, Brian Bolton, Joyce Clark, Roger Vicker and Francine Ide. Union County Attorney Tim Kenyon discussed options that the board can and can't do concerning the Wind Turbine Ordinance #73 that was approved on April 29th, 2019. Since the County does not having Zoning and with the Iowa Utilities Board in session working on adopting rules and regulations concerning Wind Turbines in Iowa, Kenyon suggested the Board adopt a policy to put a hold on any additional requests in advance starting August 1, 2020 – January 1 2021 until more information is received from the Engineer on the infrastructure of the roads, the decommissioning plan and what the Iowa Utilities Board puts into place. Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to adopt/approve a policy as recommended by legal counsel to hold future Wind Energy Conversion System projects in abeyance until January 2021. This policy will be effective August 1, 2020. All voting aye, motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to open the public hearing at 10:26am for the Master Matrix Evaluation on Taurus Sow Site. Roll call vote: Brown aye, Riley aye, Friday aye, motion carried. Attending the Public Hearing were as follows: Regina Smith CNA; Raquel Linch, KSIB; and Zach Gunsolley County Engineer. No written or oral comments were received from the Auditor's Office or from the Board of Supervisors. Brown and Riley reported on the site and scored the site at 485, which passed in the master matrix scoring. Public Hearing closed at 10:31am. Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to approve the Master Matrix Evaluation at the Taurus Sow site. Roll call vote: Brown aye, Riley aye, Friday aye, motion carried.

REAL ESTATE ACQUIRED THROUGH TAX SALE/ABANDONMENT: Board discussed the property at the City formally known as Kent that people have showed interest in purchasing from the County. Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to table the setting of a public hearing till further information is received by County Attorney and County Treasurer. All voting aye, motion carried.

ENGINEER: Zach Gunsolley, Union County Engineer, presented and discussed the weekly maintenance report. **Computer Purchase:** Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to purchase a computer from Access Systems for \$1,825.59. All voting aye, motion carried. **KENT RCP Project Funding Agreement:** Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown for the chair to sign the agreement between Union County and Iowa Department of Transportation for funding through the Federal Swap County Highway Bridge Program for the Kent RCP Project BROS-SWAP-(C088(65)-FE-88 Funding Agreement. All voting aye, motion carried.

PROPERTY TAX CREDIT ALLOWANCES/DISALLOWANCES: Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to approve the Business Property Tax Credit; Disabled Veteran Homestead; Family Farm; and Homestead/Military Credit Allowances. All voting aye, motion carried. Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to approve the Business Property Tax Credit; Disabled Veteran Homestead; Family Farm; and Homestead/Military Credit Disallowances. All voting aye, motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:15PM.

BY: _____
RICK FRIDAY, CHAIRMAN

ATTEST: _____
SANDY HYSELL, AUDITOR