

## Regular Session

August 31, 2020

The Union County Board of Supervisors met in Regular Session on Monday August 31, 2020. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 AM with the following members present: Ron Riley, Dennis Brown and Rick Friday.

**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 August 26, 2020 minutes. All voting aye, motion carried.

**OPEN FORUM:** Dale Cline presented and read excerpts from Iowa Code Section 331.301 and 309.67 concerning properties and rights-of-way in the town formerly known as Kent.

**SOLAR ENERGY:** Leslie Wurster discussed the possibility of solar energy farms coming to Union County. Wurster was approached by Aliant Energy about putting one on their farm in Highland Township, and Aliant has talked with other land owners in the area. She wanted to give the board an advanced warning so they can be looking at ordinances concerning solar energy farms. The Board, as of yet, has not been contacted by Aliant Energy concerning potential solar energy placements in Union County.

**EMA:** Union County Emergency Management Agency Director Joanne Duckworth updated the board on COVID-19 statistics in the county, and informed the board that her agency will be receiving an Emergency Management Preparedness Grant of \$14,000.00 to be used for Personal Protective Equipment, and to be spent by June 2021. **Communications:** Duckworth reported that the initial testing of the new system showed 98.5% coverage for the portable radios, dramatically improved from the old system, and better than the 95% coverage that was guaranteed by Motorola. Some minor matters remain to be resolved, but the installation is nearly finished.

**BUILDINGS & GROUNDS:** Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown for Building and Grounds Director Shawn Lauer to purchase a computer contingent on if a used one from the Assessor's office doesn't work for his needs. All voting aye, motion carried.

**BERNIE LOWE AND ASSOCIATES:** Skip Lowe and Kathryn Polson from Bernie Lowe and Associates discussed the final numbers for the fiscal year end on the Union County Health Insurance Plan.

**SIRWA:** Dan McIntosh, General Manager and Jeff Rice, Project Manager of SIRWA, discussed the county's utility permit applications and would like to see a couple areas of the permit updated. Also discussed the Flood Plain Ordinance and Flood Plain Permits. Board will check with County Attorney and County Engineer on the change request.

**ENGINEER:** Union County Engineer, Zach Gunsolley, presented and discussed the weekly update. **Utility Permit:** Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to approve a Utility Permit from Farmers Electric Coop to bore under 110<sup>th</sup> St (N of REA RD) for electric service for arena and hay shed. All voting aye, motion carried. **Utility Permit:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to approve the Utility Permit for Farmer's Electric Coop to bore under Quail Ave (North of Larry Weis) for electric service for hog barns. All voting aye, motion carried. **Utility Permit:** Motion by Brown and Seconded by Riley to approve the Utility Permit for SIRWA to bore a water service line under at 1598 Pheasant Ave for Larry Weis. All voting aye, motion carried. **Utility Permit:** Motion by Riley and seconded by Brown to approve the Utility Permit for Farmers Electric Coop to bore under Lark Ave (North of REA RD) for electric service to new grain bins. All voting aye, motion carried. **Resolution #3 FYR 20-21 Low-Water Stream Crossing:** Motion by Brown and seconded by Riley to approve Resolution #3 FYR 20-21 Low-Water Stream Crossing as follows: WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors is empowered under the authority of Sections 321.236 and 321.255 of the Code of Iowa to regulate, warn or guide traffic on highways under their jurisdiction and to place and maintain traffic control devices, and WHEREAS the County Engineer has evaluated and determined there is a need for regulating traffic at the ford type low-water stream crossings, NOW< THEREFORE< BE IT RESOLVED by the Union County Board of Supervisors that warning signs with the messages, "Flood Area Ahead" and Impassible During High Water", and a regulatory sign with the message "do Not Enter When Flooded" be erected for the safety and welfare of the traveling public at the approaches to the ford type low-water crossings at the following locations: On Iris Avenue, 2160 feet north of the intersection of 240<sup>th</sup> Street and Iris

Avenue, Section 9 of Grant Township. Roll call vote: Riley aye, Brown aye, Friday aye, motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:** There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 12:57PM.

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
**RICK FRIDAY, CHAIRMAN**

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
**SANDY HYSELL, AUDITOR**