

March 17, 2020

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 o'clock A.M. with Cecil Blum, Chairman presiding. All members were present.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

The Board recognized the hiring of John Dieter as Part-Time Maintenance with CDL in the Engineer's Office.

The Board met with Kim Fineran, Public Health Co-Administrator to discuss Public Health concerns associated with COVID-19.

The Board approved the following Underground Utility Permit:

No. 20-13 – Windstream Communications – Installation of an underground electric cable along the north shoulder of D Ave. (aka E16) at the bridge replacement between 240th and 250th Street.

A motion was made by Schultz, seconded by Muhlbauer to approve the purchase of 5 pickups from Team Auto.

Motion was passed unanimously.

Chuck Ettleman was presented a certificate for 50 years of service with the County.

The Board met with Colin Johnson, County Attorney to recognize the hiring of Martha Ann Knight Sibbel as Assistant County Attorney.

The Board approved the Clerk of Court Fees for February 2020.

A motion was made by Skoog, seconded by Vogt to declare a State of Emergency authorized under Iowa State Statutes.

Motion was passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Muhlbauer, seconded by Vogt to approve the closing to public access to all county offices. Essential county business will be done by appointment only. Closure will start March 17 through March 31, 2020. Closure will be re-evaluated at that time.

Motion was passed unanimously.

During Citizen's Input the Board discussed employee self-quarantine. All Board Members are in concession of informal action that as of March 17, 2020 at noon, the county Board of Supervisors will waive sick leave policies and allow employees to borrow ahead on sick leave after all other benefits have been expended. All employee vacations will be suspended until further notice. This will be memorialized my motion next week with the effective date at noon on March 17, 2020.

The Board also met with Louise Galbraith, General Relief to discuss future services.

The Board met with Christ Gosch, Conservation Director to discuss new hires starting during the closure of offices.

On motion duly seconded the Board adjourned at 11:56 o'clock A.M.

Agendas for the next meeting are posted and available at the Courthouse on Friday at 4:30 o'clock P.M. preceding the next meeting.

County Auditor

Chairman