

**MONONA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
APRIL 4, 2023**

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. o'clock on Tuesday, April 4, 2023 in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, Monona County, Iowa with Chairman Fox presiding. Other, Supervisors present: Tom Brouillette and Vince Phillips. Supervisor Absent: None. Also, present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve the agenda. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Assistant to Engineer II Zach Schrader was present for Secondary Roads business. Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to table FY2024 Secondary Roads Budget for IDOT. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve FY2024 Secondary Roads Construction Program. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Discussion items were E-16 and the Engineer's Position, no action was taken.

The meeting began with discussion on the WOTUS ruling, which took effect on March 20, 2023 and the effect, if any, that it would have on the McNeill Main Drainage District Cleanout Project.

Recommendations from Ivan Droessler were made as follows:

- Check and review potential wetlands that might show up in the McNeill watershed.
- Contact IDDA for information and recommendations.
- Contact Iowa Farm Bureau.

The joint boards agreed that these steps should be taken by ISG. It was moved by Fox, seconded by Smith to table and delay the execution of the Contractor Agreement/Contract until further verification on the WOTUS rule is received. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Phillips, Brouillette, Straight, Rife and Smith. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Droessler felt this process should only take a couple of days so a joint meeting was scheduled for April 6, 2023 @ 12:30 PM at the Blencoe Community Center, Blencoe, Iowa, prior to the PreConstruction Meeting at 1:00 PM.

Jail Committee members Cindy Melby, Randy Stanislav, and Scott Gygi were present to discuss with the Board the jail committee's findings. Also present were Wray and Rachel Wright; Kevin Ewing, Sheriff; Kelly Seward, Recorder; Abby Riesberg, Treasurer; and Patrick Prorok, EMA Director. The four options the committee discussed with the Board were new build, ankle bracelets, outsource, and remodel current jail.

The jail committee "recommendation is to focus on the future of the Monona County Jail change from complete replacement to taking steps to reduce the incarceration pressure on the jail, creating and executing a plan to remedy key safety and space concerns with the current jail, and exploring the potential for a regional incarceration facility shared with adjoining counties." Reducing the pressure on the current jail may include continued outsourcing of inmates, encouraging the use of remote judicial hearings, and the use of tracking "tethering" technology such as ankle monitors to reduce the need for inmates to be housed while awaiting hearings or final disposition of their cases.

Sheriff Ewing stated that he is neither for nor against a new jail. He does feel the jail assessment would need to be revisited for current cost since the original assessment was done in 2017. Sheriff Ewing will be publishing monthly costs for housing inmates out of the county. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

Sandy Bubke, Zoning Administrator, Jeff Marsh and Jared Ehrp, NEW Cooperative Representatives were present for the anhydrous ammonia formal approval. Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve the anhydrous ammonia installation at 21651 County Highway E60, Blencoe Iowa. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Auditor Rolph reviewed the budget with the Supervisors. Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to set the public hearing for the budget on April 25, 2023 at 11:45 a.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to recess for lunch at noon and reconvene at 1 p.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Present for the Maritime Grant were Frank Huseman, New Cooperative; Michelle Bostinelos, SIMPCO; Jared Ehrp, New Cooperative; Stephanie Wiese, WIPCO; Charlie Persinger, Monona County Economic Development; via Zoom Brian Tapp, Iowa Area Development Group; Sandy Bubke, Monona County Zoning Administrator; Abby Riesberg, Treasurer; Ian McConeghey, County Attorney; Jim Wigton, IT Director; and Kelly Parsley, Deputy Auditor.

Mr. Huseman stated New Cooperative has contracted with Prosody Group to prepare the Maritime grant application. Michelle Bostinelos, SIMPCO stated that the Maritime grant works like an EDA grant. Frank stated if the grant were awarded, it could take up to two years before money is received. There are multiple steps in accepting the grant. SIMPCO is willing to help with the administrative work, collecting bids, hiring contractors, and etc. A memorandum of understanding would need to be drawn up between New Cooperative and the County. In the MOU, one thing that needs to be stated is that there will be no financial burden to the County or the taxpayers. Administrative fees were discussed. The original amount that was stated would not be enough to cover the expenses so it would need to be a percentage of the grant. A sub-recipient agreement would need to be drawn up between New Cooperative and the County stipulating what happens if any problems arise. A lengthy discussion followed with no action taken.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve the minutes of March 28 and 31, 2023 as read. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve claims. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

The Supervisors reviewed the ad for the Secondary Roads Engineer position. Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve the ad for the Secondary Roads Engineer position. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve the updated Park Ranger job description. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve Jim Deacon, Attorney and Courthouse Historian to take pictures of the interior and courtroom of the Monona County Courthouse on April 17, 2023. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to authorize the Chairman's signature on oath of office for Bryan Phillips, Drainage Clerk. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Abstain: Phillips. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to acknowledge receipt of West Central Community Action's Financial Statement. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of letter from concerned citizen regarding garbage being dumped in county ditches. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox to hereby adjourn at the hour of 2:47 p.m. o'clock. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

/s/Bo Fox
BO FOX, CHAIRPERSON MONONA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: /s/Peggy A. Rolph
PEGGY A. ROLPH, AUDITOR