

April 23, 2024

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors met in session on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m. Cerwinske, Kammeyer, Hildebrandt present. Kassandra Johansen, Finance Director, also present. Unless otherwise noted all actions were approved unanimously. Some Resolutions and Ordinances herein are summary descriptions, full text is available for viewing online at:

[https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/government/resolutions\\_and\\_ordinances.php](https://www.bremercounty.iowa.gov/government/resolutions_and_ordinances.php) and also available M – F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM in the Bremer County Auditor’s office.

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, the meeting was called to order by Chairman Cerwinske. Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to approve the agenda. Darius P. Robinson present.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to approve the 4/16/24 minutes.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to approve a payroll change for Tyler Ellis, Jailer, from \$41,500/yr. to \$45,448/yr., step increase effective 5/5/24.

Board reviewed rates and alternate rate options from Wellmark for FY25 employee health insurance plans.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to authorize Board Chair to sign a Service Agreement between Bremer County and Chad Heim Excavating & Trucking L.L.C. for removal of the old cement incinerator building, grub clearing & rough grading at the Customer Convenience Center.

Board continued discussion on the rates and alternate rate options for FY25 Wellmark employee health insurance plans.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to certify the annual American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) State and Local Fiscal Recovery Fund (SLFRF) report as presented by Finance Director, Kassandra Johansen.

Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to open the Public Hearing for the FY25 Budget. Darius P. Robinson, County Attorney, present. Cerwinske presented the Compensation Board’s recommendation for elected official salaries. Finance Director Johansen presented rollback in formation, growth & decline in valuation, a key position change and the State’s phase out for discontinuance of backfilling tax exemptions.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to close the Public Hearing.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-28: WHEREAS, the Bremer County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and WHEREAS, the Bremer County Compensation Board met on November 13, 2023 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$78,688	7.0%	\$84,196

County Attorney	\$130,847	5.0%	\$137,389
Recorder	\$77,189	7.0%	\$82,592
Sheriff	\$121,133	5.0%	\$127,190
Supervisors	\$41,465	7.0%	\$44,368
Supervisor Chair	\$41,465 +\$1,000 stipend	7.0% +\$1,000 stipend	\$44,368 +\$1,000

stipend

Treasurer	\$77,189	7.0%	\$82,592
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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Bremer County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2024:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$83,409	6.0%
County Attorney	\$136,455	4.28571%
Recorder	\$81,820	6.0%
Sheriff	\$126,324	4.28571%
Supervisors	\$43,953	6.0%
Supervisor Chair	\$43,953	6.0% +\$1,000 stipend
Treasurer	\$81,820	6.0%

Approved this 23rd day of April, 2024.

Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to adopt RESOLUTION NO. 24-29 Adoption of Budget and Certificate of Taxes for the fiscal year 2024-2025. In accordance with Section 331.434(5) of the Code of Iowa, be it resolved by the Bremer County Board of Supervisors to hereby adopt the county budget as published and adopt the certificate of taxes for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and hereby direct the Auditor to properly certify and file the budget and certificate of taxes as adopted. IT IS SO APPROVED AND EFFECTIVE THIS DATE: APRIL 23, 2024.

Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to approve Cellular Phone Reimbursement Authorizations as presented for FY25.

Board discussed an OSHA complaint received and reviewed quotes for proposed remedies for the situation. Additional remedies will be explored for the external portion of the project. Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to accept a proposal received from ServiceMaster Restoration by Complete Recovery for exploratory demo and inspection of the moisture issue in an office in the lower level of the courthouse.

Board/Committee updates: Hildebrandt attended the Bremer County Safety Committee meeting, INRCOG Exec. Board & Iowa Counties Technology Services (ICTS) Advisory committee;

Kammeyer attended Northeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Board meeting; Cerwinske attended Emergency Management Association Commission meeting & Northeast Iowa Community Action Board meeting.

Board met with Landon Moore, County Engineer, for a weekly department update. Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to authorize the Board Chair to sign the contract between Bremer County and Heartland Asphalt, Inc. for Bremer County HMA Resurfacing Project L-L-10-323—73-09 (Joplin Ave) bid awarded 3/12/24. Ayes: Kammeyer, Cerwinske. Nay: Hildebrandt due to difficulties with the company in 2023.

Ron Lenth, Bremer County ISU Extension Program Director, presented an annual update.

Board met with Lindsey Koehler, B & Z Admin. Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to open the Public Hearing for the Third Reading of Ordinance #24-04, an ordinance amending Bremer County, IA Zoning Ordinance Title 5, Chapter 3, Articles 3.23 and 14.02. No one present from the public, no comments received. Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to close the Public Hearing. Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to concur with the Planning & Zoning Commission, approve the Third Reading and adopt Ordinance #24-04.

Board met with Adam Hoffman, Treasurer, to consider an updated Investment Policy. Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to adopt the updated Bremer County Investment Policy as presented by Hoffman.

Board discussed the CO2 pipeline.

Board continued discussion on the rates and alternate rate options for FY25 Wellmark employee health insurance plans. Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to establish the Wellmark final renewal rates and alternate rates that increase the family deductible and OPM by \$500 for high deductible plans.

Board considered sample county vehicle policies presented by Barbara Meeker, Human Resource Mgr. at their request. Darius P. Robinson, County Attorney, Dan Pickett, Sheriff, Braeden Goding, Auditor's Office PY/AP Clerk, Jan Heidemann, Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities Coordinator, General Assistance Director, Substance Abuse Admin., & Landon Moore, Engineer, present.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to adjourn at 11:49 a.m.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular session of the Tuesday, April 23, 2024, meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

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Corey Cerwinske, Chairman

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Shelley Wolf, Auditor