

February 27, 2023

Board met as the Community Based Housing Board for a special meeting at 8:45 a.m. in the Board Room in the Courthouse Waverly, Iowa. Minutes recorded by Cassandra Johansen, Recording Secretary.

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors met in session on Monday, February 27, 2023 in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m. Kammeyer, Cerwinske, Hildebrandt, present. Cassandra 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 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 Kammeyer. Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve the agenda after adding a food service contract for the jail. Adam Hoffman, Treasurer, Missy Thurm, Recorder, present.

John Torbert, CAE Executive Director Iowa Drainage District Association, met with the board for an annual update. Jennifer Bremner, Deputy Auditor/Drainage Clerk, present. Darius P. Robinson, County Attorney, entered.

Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to approve the 2/20/2023 minutes.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve: a payroll correction for Tom Leonard, CBS Direct Care Staff, from \$17.93/hr., \$11.15/hr. sleep time to \$18.93/hr., \$11.65/hr. sleep time, pay scale change correction effective 2/12/23; a payroll addition for Reed Palo, Attorney’s Office Victim Witness Coordinator, part time, \$20.30/hr., effective 2/28/23; payroll changes for Shane Buchholz, Deputy Sheriff, from \$63,321/hr. to \$65,961/hr., orientation over effective 3/2/23; Logan Martzahn, Jailer, from \$22.76/hr. to \$24.72/hr., step increase effective 3/4/23.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to authorize the Board Chair to sign a consent form between Bremer County, the Limited Partner, and Community Based Housing Corporation, the General Partner, of Community Based Services Service Enriched Housing I, LLLP, authorizing prepayment of the Partnership’s Veridian mortgage.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve additional Community Based Services ARPA HCBS Retention grant payments to office staff who also work in the homes.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to authorize the Board Chair to sign Amendment #15 to the Food Service Partnership Agreement with Summit Food Service, L.L.C. for food service for the jail.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to open the Public Hearing for the Third Reading of Ordinance #23-02, proposed to amend various sections of Bremer County Zoning Ordinance #22-07, for the purpose of regulating and restricting the use of land for transport of Hazardous Liquid through a pipeline. Present: Lindsey Lambert, B & Z Admin., Kip Ladage, EMA/Safety

& Risk Mgr., Darius P. Robinson, County Attorney, Robert Whitney, Chief Deputy Sheriff, Adam Hoffman, Treasurer, Missy Thurm, Recorder, Steve & Penny Kohagen, Jo & Ron Danielsen, Kathy Folkerts, Kim Folkers, Jo Porter, Lavern Fails, present. Jo Porter read the letter she sent to the Iowa Utilities Board requesting the permit not be granted to Navigator CO2 for the Heartland Greenway pipeline project. Ron Danielsen expressed his agreement with the letter. Steve Kohagen thanked the board for what is being accomplished with the Ordinance. Penny Kohagen highlighted the lack of farmer's mental health being addressed. Kathy Folkerts stated she is very thankful the board is moving the Ordinance forward. Ron Danielsen expressed that something needs to be done for the environment, but the CO2 pipeline is not it.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to close the Public Hearing. Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to approve the Third Reading and adopt ORDINANCE #23-02 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF THE BREMER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE 2207 FOR THE PURPOSE OF REGULATING AND RESTRICTING THE USE OF LAND FOR THE TRANSPORT OF HAZARDOUS LIQUID THROUGH A HAZARDOUS LIQUID PIPELINE.

Public comment: Lavern Fails asked the board to consider putting an embargo on 250th St. very soon to keep the road in good shape.

Kassandra Johansen, Finance Director, presented reductions some Elected Officials & Department Heads turned in as requested by the board, reducing their original FY24 budget request. Darius P. Robinson, County Attorney, Adam Hoffman, Treasurer, Missy Thurm, Recorder, present for discussion.

Board met with Landon Moore, Engineer, for a weekly department update.

A proposed Ordinance & Application for construction of utilities within Bremer County ROW was discussed.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve a utility permit for Aureon Network Services for installation of fiber optic cable along Midway and 260th St in Maxfield and Jefferson Townships.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to add Envirokleen to the approved dust control materials list.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to open the Public Hearing for the Bremer County 5 Year Secondary Roads Construction Program. Moore presented the 5 Year Plan.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to close the Public Hearing.

An Exempt Session was held in accordance with Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss upcoming Union negotiations.

Kip Ladage, Emergency Management/Safety & Risk Mgr. & Tim Meeker, Convenience Ctr. Mgr., met with the board to discuss pre-employment screenings for customer convenience center employees. Ladage also presented a county employee seatbelt safety policy.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to adopt an Employee Seatbelt Safety Policy created to protect the safety of employees while operating official vehicles, equipment, personal and rental cars on official business.

Darius P. Robinson, County Attorney & Scott LaRue, GIS/Maintenance, presented a contract for architectural services. Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to authorize the Board Chair to sign

a Standard Form of Agreement between Bremer County and I & S Group, Inc. for architect services for an addition to the Courthouse.

Board discussed FY24 budget requests.

Board/Committee updates: Cerwinske attended a Northeast Iowa Response Group meeting; Hildebrandt attended Bremer County Safety Committee meeting & East Central Region Mental Health & Disability Services board meeting; Kammeyer attended INRCOG Ec. Development Board meeting.

Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to adjourn at 12:22 p.m.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular session of the February 27, 2023 meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

Ken Kammeyer, Chairman

Attest: _____
Shelley Wolf, Auditor