

January 16, 2023

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors met in session on Monday, January 16, 2023 in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, at 8:30 a.m. Kammeyer, Hildebrandt, Cerwinske 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. Barb Meeker, HR Mgr., Missy Thurm, Recorder, Adam Hoffman, Treasurer, & Chris Holthaus, present.

Sara Dickinson, Cottingham & Butler Benefits Consultant, presented by phone the Wellmark Health Insurance Renewal quote and alternative benefit options for the board to consider.

Public comment: Chris Holthaus expressed concerns regarding the Assist. Co. Attorney potentially being hired by the County Attorney.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve the 1/9/23 minutes.
Holthaus exited.

Board met with Missy Thurm, Recorder, for a FY24 budget work session. Thurm exited.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to table until 1/23/23 the proposed payroll approval for an Assist. Co. Attorney.

Terri Matthews & Darius P. Robinson, Co. Attorney, entered.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to authorize Board Chair to sign a Concurrent Representation and Conflict Waiver with Ahlers & Cooney, P.C. for joint representation of Bremer, Butler, Emmet, Floyd & Kossuth counties in Iowa Utilities Board Pipeline Permit Proceedings. Meeker, Hoffman, Robinson exited.

Terri Matthews, representing Helping Services for Youth & Families, met with the board to make a FY24 funding request.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to approve payroll changes for Sandra Velador, Dispatcher, from \$20.40/hr. to \$22.06/hr., orientation over, effective 1/22/23; Nicholas Bright, Secondary Roads Bridge Crew, from 90% Laborer \$23.19/hr. to 95% Laborer \$24.48/hr., orientation over effective 1/25/23.

Cerwinske moved/Hildebrandt second to approve the application for liquor license renewal for Maple Hills Country Club, 2568 170th St., Tripoli.

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

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to authorize Board Chair to sign a Federal-aid Agreement between the IDOT and Bremer County for construction of a bridge on 260th St over Crane Creek BRS-CO09(93)—60-09.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to authorize Board Chair to sign a Federal-aid Agreement between the IDOT and Bremer County for construction of a bridge on 270th St over Crane Creek BRS-CO09(94)—8J-09.

David Deterding entered.

Public comment: David Deterding inquired about the county's role and authority in regard to the CO2 pipeline.

Board met with David Lehman, Roadside Vegetation Mgr., for a FY24 budget work session.

Finance Director, Kassandra Johansen, presented the quarterly health insurance fund report.

Board reviewed the rates suggested by Cottingham & Butler and discussed FY24 county and employee contributions for health insurance.

Board reviewed a written FY24 funding request from Bremer County Community Partners.

Board/Committee updates: Hildebrandt attended Together 4 Families.

Board met with Scott LaRue, GIS/Maintenance, for a FY24 budget work session and reviewed an updated Courthouse addition rendition from Align.

Waverly Senior Center representatives Cyndi Campbell & Sharon Abram, met with the board to make a FY24 funding request. Anelia Dimitrova, Waverly Newspapers Editor, entered.

Board recessed 12:10 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Board met with Andy Hockenson, Conservation Director, for a FY24 budget work session. Conservation Board members Larry Pavelec, Kevin Korman, Dick Harms, present.

Bremer County EMS Association representatives, Kip Ladage & Jim Schutte, met with the board to make a FY24 funding request. Adam Hoffman present.

Board met with Daniel Bonzer, Veterans Affairs Director & Kailey Heidemann, Assistant VA Director & Transportation Coordinator, for a FY24 budget work session.

Elizabeth Burns-Thompson, Navigator CO2 V.P. Government & Public Affairs, Craig Schoenfeld, Public Affairs Consultant for Navigator, in person and Monica Howard, V.P. Environmental & Regulatory by phone, met with the board to review and discuss Bremer County's proposed Hazardous Liquid Pipeline ordinance. Darius P. Robinson, County Attorney, Lindsey Lambert, B & Z Admin., Kip Ladage, EMA/Safety & Risk Mgr., David Deterding, present.

No action taken on setting a date for a Public Hearing on the Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Ordinance.

Hildebrandt moved/Cerwinske second to adjourn 3:29 p.m.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular session of the January 16, 2023 meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

Ken Kammeyer, Chairman

Attest: _____
Shelley Wolf, Auditor