

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 14th, 2022

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, February 14th, 2022, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Nolte, McVicker, & Vanness in attendance.

Chairman McVicker led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve the Agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Vanness to approve the Board Minutes from the regular meeting & drainage minutes both dated 2/7/22. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Reports: Prior to the public comment period, Chariman McVicker did let those in attendance know that this was one of many meetings regarding a possible wind ordinance. He commented that this process will take several meetings and as part of that, they plan to host a public forum at some point to allow citizens and landowners a chance to speak. Sheldon Jurgens spoke about sound and that it is the number one complaint they hear about wind turbines. He also provided additional information regarding this. Cory Eberling from Apex Clean Wind Energy mentioned that they are offering to come out to residences within 1 year after completing of the project and run sound studies to make sure they are complying. Drew Christiansen from Apex was also in attendance. Adam Akers, Veterans Affairs Director, was present to let the Board know that the Veterans Commission granted him a \$5,000 wage increase as of March 1st, 2022. Nolte reported that he attended E911 and EMA Commission meetings. McVicker attended the state Supervisor conference and also had the opportunity to speak with several state legislators.

Jay Waddingham, County Engineer, met with the Board and gave an update on his department.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve final project acceptance and final payment for FM-C035(107)-55-35 and FM-C035(108)-55-35, HMA Resurfacing of Olive Ave. (S43) from Highway 3 to Sheffield and C23 (210th St.) from Olive Ave. to Highway 65 with Mathy Construction Company. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve final plans, specifications, and form of contract for Bridge Replacement-CCS in the City of Sheffield on South Lincoln Street (S43) over Baily Creek. Project No BROS-SWAP-6940(602)-FE-35. All ayes. Motion carried.

The board met with members of the Franklin County Historical Society, Myron VanHorn & Darwin Meyer, to discuss possible expansion. The Society asked about the possibility of building on the old FS site on the fairgrounds. Chairman McVicker stated that until the old building comes down and the snow melts so they can stake out buildings, etc, the Board cannot commit to anything.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to open the public hearing pertaining to the FY23 Max Levy Rate. All ayes. Motion carried. There was no public comment, but Auditor Flint reviewed the levy rates for FY23 mentioning that the county levies will not be changing from FY22 to FY23. Motion by Nolte, seconded by Vanness to close the public hearing at 10:03AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jake Ketzner from Summit Carbon Solutions was present to speak with the Board about a proposed CO2 pipeline that crosses part of Franklin County.

There was extensive discussion regarding a possible Wind Energy Ordinance. The Board worked with Zoning Administrator, Dan Tilkes, to get an outline of a wind ordinance started. Vanness stated that this is simply a starting point and by no means a finished product. It will take several meetings to finalize everything. Tilkes will come back with a draft to the Board.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve a resolution approving the FY23 Budget Maximum Property Tax Dollars. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. #2022-11

APPROVAL OF FY22/23 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS

WHEREAS, Franklin County Supervisors, preparing the Fiscal Year 2022/2023 Budget, have considered the proposed FY22/23 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on county web site and/or social media accounts if applicable, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on February 14th, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT IS RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY22/23 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services – \$5,881,393

Rural County Services - \$3,339,824

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY22/23 does represent an increase of 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY22/23. General County Services has an increase of 117.09% and Rural County Services has an increase of 129.71%

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: McVicker, Nolte, Vanness. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

There was discussion regarding a possible Hansell Shooting Range Use Contract. The Auditor will make a few changes and then be in contact with the Shooting Range board to go over it.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve the submission & signing of the HAVA Cybersecurity Grant Application for the Auditor’s Office. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding Iowa Code 80.45A which pertains to human trafficking and lodging stays by County employees. There will be a simple authorization form developed and then adopted by the Board.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve a resolution Authorizing Corrective Transfers. The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2022-9
AUTHORIZING CORRECTIVE TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, Franklin County, Iowa (the “County”), pursuant to and in strict compliance with all laws applicable to the County, desires to transfer cash from one fund to another for the purposes of correcting a previously entered transfer. WHEREAS, the County previously transferred money in error and wishes to correct it as follows:

ORIGINAL TRANSFER – Resolution 2022-5			
CURRENT FUND	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	OPERATING TRANSFER TO	REASON FOR TRANSFER
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-886	\$150,000.00	Special Projects 60201-03000-9200-23	General Operating Budgeted Transfer
CORRECTING TRANSFER			
CURRENT FUND	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	CORRECTIVE TRANSFER TO	REASON FOR TRANSFER
Public Health 60201-10300-814-23	\$150,000.00	Special Projects 60105-10000-9000-51-189	Corrective Transfer

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, directing the County Auditor to proceed with the corrective transfer, the amount of transfer to the appropriate fund, mentioned above, due to the reason mentioned; said transfer is between budgetary funds.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: McVicker, Nolte, Vanness. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by Nolte, seconded by Vanness to approve a resolution Accepting a Merger of Franklin County into the Iowa Finance Authorize Certification of the NIACOG Housing Trust Fund as a Funding Housing Trust Fund. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2022-10

ACCEPTANCE OF MERGER OF FRANKLIN COUNTY INTO THE IOWA FINANCE AUTHORITY CERTIFICATION OF THE NIACOG HOUSING TRUST FUND AS A FUNDED HOUSING TRUST FUND

WHEREAS, the NIACOG Housing Trust Fund, Inc. (NIACOG HTF) is an established Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) serving Cerro Gordo and Floyd Counties; and, WHEREAS, Homeward Inc. will no longer serve as an established LHTF for Franklin, Hancock, Kossuth, Mitchell, Winnebago, and Worth Counties upon completion of the 2022 funding year; and WHEREAS, creating a joined Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) that is certified by the Iowa Finance Authority to receive funding, would permit NIACOG HTF to assist families under the State Housing Trust Fund for the entire 8-county region; and WHEREAS, beginning January of 2023 the State Housing Trust Fund dollars will be administered by the NIACOG HTF under the direction its Board of Directors, and NIACOG staff will provide day-to-day management that target the needs of the residents of respective counties; NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County hereby agree to the merger with NIACOG HTF and their existing certification as an Iowa Finance Authority funded agency, as related to the State Housing Trust Fund,

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: McVicker, Nolte, Vanness. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to adjourn at 12:16PM until Tuesday, February 22nd, 2022, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse. All ayes. Motion carried. The date change is due to County offices being closed in observance of President's. Day.

ATTEST:

Gary McVicker, Chairman

Katy A Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board