

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM at the Franklin Law Enforcement Center with Board members Michael Nolte, Gary McVicker and Chris Vanness present.

Chairman Nolte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to approve the Agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to approve the Board Minutes dated 1/25/21 and Drainage Minutes dated 1/25/21. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Reports: Vanness attended the Regional 5-year planning meeting of the Soil & Water Conservation and attended FCDA. Ryan Peterson, Custodian, addressed the board on a few items including issues with the glass that was recently installed at the Courthouse. He is working with both the installer and the manufacturer rep. Nolte attended Public Health & Mental Health.

Jay Waddingham, County Engineer met with the Board regarding various items. There was also discussion regarding the property at the Fairgrounds. He had a meeting with Chris Diggins this past week regarding bridge projects.

Audrey Emery, Human Resource Director met with the Board regarding amending the County's FSA plan due to COVID-19.

- Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to amend the grace period of the 2020 FSA Plan due to COVID-19. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to allow employees to make a change in their FSA plan election without a special life event. All ayes. Motion carried.
- Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to amend the FSA plan to allow for a spend down option. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to open the Completion Public Hearing for DD10, Lat 2 at 10:00AM. All ayes. Motion carried. Lee Galentine, CGA, Drainage Engineer reviewed the project. Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to close the Public Hearing at 10:28AM. All ayes. Motion carried. Further details may be obtained in the Drainage Minutes.

Russell Wood, CEO of CICS met with the board regarding several topics. He provided a regional update. The region will be adding 3 counties that do not currently have staff. He will be hiring 7 new employees to cover those counties. They would be Franklin County employees, but they would not cause an increase in property taxes. The dollars would come from the regional counties to pay the expenses.

- Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to approve hiring regional staff as Franklin County staff granting years of experience and benefits as presented by CEO, Russell Wood. The CEO will come back to the Board if there are major concerns. All ayes. Motion carried.
- There was brief discussion regarding the Public Health helping with DHS applications.

There was discussion regarding the Bus Replacement request from Access, Inc for FY22. They are looking for \$18,500. NIACOG charges a total of \$36,000 between the county & Access.

The Board would like to speak with Joe Harrah regarding drainage ditch spraying.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to approve Resolution #2021-10 Residual Equity Transfer. Said resolution reads as follows,

**RESOLUTION 2021-10  
RESIDUAL EQUITY TRANSFER**

WHEREAS, Franklin County, Iowa (the "County"), pursuant to and in strict compliance with all laws applicable to the County, desires to clean one fund that has a balance and transfer to another appropriate fund;

WHEREAS, presently the County is showing the following funds with a cash balance and the intent where to transfer the cash balances:

CURRENT FUND	AMOUNT OF CASH BALANCE	RESIDUAL EQUITY TRANSFER TO	REASON FOR TRANSFER
Whispering Willow Rebate Fund 28004-10300-814-99	\$468,055	Whispering Willow East 28004-00051-1500-99	The Rebate Amount has been met. The balance should be used to pay down debt.

WHEREAS, Whispering Willow Rebate funds will be absorbed by the Whispering Willow East Fund;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, directing the County Auditor to proceed with residual equity transfers, the amount of cash balance now in the current funds to the appropriate fund, mentioned above, due to the reason mentioned; said transfer is between budgetary funds.

**BE IT DULY ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February 2021 said Resolution was adopted

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: McVicker, Nolte, Vanness. Resolution approved and adopted.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to approve Resolution #2021-11, Franklin County Elected Official Compensation. Said resolution reads as follows,

**RESOLUTION 2021-11  
FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION**

WHEREAS, the Franklin 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 Franklin County Compensation Board met on January 5, 2021, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Attorney	\$96,720	7.03%	\$103,520
Auditor	\$66,200	2.64%	\$67,950
Recorder	\$63,550	6.92%	\$67,950
Treasurer	\$63,550	6.92%	\$67,950
Sheriff	\$85,660	7.00%	\$91,660
Supervisor	\$38,800	6.44%	\$41,300

Chairman of the Supervisors receives an additional \$1,500 stipend.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors adopts the salary recommendations for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2021 as recommended by the Franklin County Compensation Board.

**BE IT DULY ADOPTED** this 1<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2021, with the vote thereon being as follows:

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: McVicker, Nolte, Vanness. Resolution approved and adopted.

Bruce Harris has resigned from the Conservation Commission effective February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021. The vacancy will need to be filled. The board will continue to discuss the vacancy at further meetings.

The board spent time discussion bond refinancing options. After discussion options, the board will not be taking any action.

Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to adjourn at 12:15PM until, February 8<sup>th</sup> 2021 at 8:30AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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Michael Nolte, Chairman

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Katy A Flint, Auditor