

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2021

Be it duly noted that these minutes are UNOFFICIAL.

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Michael Nolte, Gary McVicker (via Zoom), Chris Vanness present.

Chairman Nolte led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Vanness, seconded by Nolte to approve the Board Minutes dated 2/16/21 and Drainage Minutes dated 2/16/21. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Reports: Nolte attended Mental Health Employee Meeting. Ryan Peterson, Head Custodian gave an update to the Board regarding the cracks in the glass at the 1<sup>st</sup> floor offices. The Board advised him to proceed with trimming the glass and setting it in an aluminum channel to prevent further cracking. Vanness attended FCDA. Vanness would like to discuss tile repairs & engineering firms at a future meeting.

Jay Waddingham, County Engineer met with the Board regarding various items. There will be an online auction of the equipment in the old agronomy building on March 12<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to open the Public Hearing for RCB Culvert Replacement – Single Box Culvert on Quail Ave from Rail Ave to 110<sup>th</sup> St at 9:15AM. All ayes. Motion carried. There was no comment received by Waddingham or in person regarding the project. Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to close the Public Hearing at 9:16AM. All ayes. Motion carried. Waddingham received 7 bids for the previously mentioned job. After opening all bids, only 3 were completed as required. Waddingham will tabulate & check all bids, returning next week with a recommendation.

The Board met with Darwin Meyer & Myron VanHorn from the Franklin County Historical Society & Jon Baltes Alan Brown, and Jacob Showalter from the Franklin County Fair Board regarding the possibility of expansion for the Historical Society. After lengthy discussion, the Board recommended looking into other areas to expand with the fair board as well as drawing to explain the benefit to the County. If no other area is possible, they can return to the Board to look at other options.

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to go into closed session at 10:06Am pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 for union discussions with Mike Galloway, Employment Attorney. Present in the closed session was Supervisors Nolte, Vanness, & McVicker; Auditor, Katy Flint; Mike Galloway; Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer; and Audrey Emery, Human Resource Director. Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to exit closed session at 10:35AM. All ayes. Motion carried. No action was taken.

Audrey Emery, Human Resource Director, met with the Board regarding the Health Insurance Renewal. Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to approve a Resolution setting the health insurance employee contribution rates. The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2021-18**

**HEALTH INSURANCE EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTION**

WHEREAS, Franklin County, Iowa (the "County"), does wish to offer and provide their employees with benefits such as health insurance; and whereas they do require the employees to pay a portion of the health insurance premiums, the following schedule is set there forth:

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Plan</b>	<b>Employee Portion</b>
2021/2022	Family	\$135.00
2022/2023	Family	\$145.00
2023/2024	Family	\$155.00

NOW, THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, does adopt the schedule set forth.

Roll call vote was follows, Ayes: Vanness, McVicker, Nolte. Resolution duly adopted.

Emery explained the renewal rate for 21/22 will be 6.43%. Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to approve the insurance renewal as presented with no changes. All ayes. Motion carried.

Joel McWilliams, EMA Director, met with the Board to give an update. The Law Enforcement, Fire, & School District employees have received their first round of COVID-19 Vaccinations if they elected to do so. He has received a drone along with FAA licensing so they can use it for emergency situations in all areas of the county. This was purchased with a grant from the Foster Barkema Foundation. There will be Hazmat Training coming up next week.

Rich Showalter & El Dean Madetzke from the Veterans Affairs Commission met with the Board to recommend the hiring of a Veterans Affairs Director. Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to approve the hiring of Adam Akers as Veterans Affairs Director at the salary of \$50,000 per year. All ayes. Motion carried.

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

Motion by McVicker, Seconded by Vanness to approve a resolution approving the Maximum Tax Levy Rate for FY21/22. The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION NO. #2021-17**

**APPROVAL OF FY21/22 MAXIMUM PROPERTY TAX DOLLARS**

WHEREAS, Franklin County Supervisors, preparing the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget, have considered the proposed FY21/22 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 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 FY20/21 shall not exceed the following: General County Services – \$5,023,032 Rural County Services - \$2,574,813 The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY21/22 does represent an increase of 102% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY2020/F20212. General County Services has an increase of 111.54% and Rural County Services has an increase of 101.67%

Roll call vote was follows, Ayes: Vanness, McVicker, Nolte. Resolution duly adopted.

Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution approving the drainage tree & shrub control contract. The resolution reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2021-12**

**THE AUTHORIZATION OF THE BOARD CHAIRMAN TO SIGN THE TREE & SHRUB CONTROL SERVICE CONTRACT BETWEEN JOE HARRAH AND FRANKLIN COUNTY DRAINAGE.**

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors, acting as trustees of the Drainage Districts, has reviewed the attached agreement in substantially the form now before the Board for a Tree & Shrub Control Service Contract between Franklin County and Joe Harrah and agrees to its terms.

Roll call vote was follows, Ayes: Vanness, McVicker, Nolte. Resolution duly adopted. The contract may be viewed in it's entirety in the Auditor's office.

Motion by Vanness, Seconded by McVicker to adjourn at 12:16PM until, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse. All ayes. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

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Michael Nolte, Chairman

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Katy A Flint, Auditor