

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

DATE: 1-12-2016

TIME: 5:30 p.m.

PRESENT: Greg Kenning, Chair; Jerry Parker, Vice Chair; Steve Siegel, Supervisor; Wanda Moeller, Courier; Carol Anderson, Duane Bass, Elaine Heisdorffer, Larry Minear, Eric Heisdorffer, Larry Sample, Brenda Jones, Jeff & Cindy Emery, Dan Weber, Jerry Ware, Margaret Skinner, James Clubb, Jonathan Graf, Todd Carroll, Russ Aslesen, Janet Jacobs, Becky Hellwig, Tom Dawson, Natalie Kopsieker, Dan Kopsieker, Lisa Richardson, Jennifer Joyce, Rubert Hull, Doug Hull, Mary Kivlahan, Kelly Spurgeon, Auditor; Pam Norton, Auditor's Clerk.

Chair Kenning opened the meeting. Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to approve the minutes of the January 4, 2016 Board meeting. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING ON THE SALE OF COUNTY-OWNED REAL ESTATE CALLED THE COUNTY HOME. Chair Kenning opened the sealed bid from 4-H Expo and read their proposal to purchase the Highland Place buildings and grounds. The proposal is to purchase the 16 acres including all buildings and grounds for \$1, plus any farm ground exceeding this would be purchased at fair market value at time of sale. Wapello County 4-H Expo Board intends to use this facility to house the Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Office and to be the grounds and home for the 4-H Expo.

Larry Sample said the 4-H Expo needs room to grow, and they see a lot of potential here. He said anyone involved with their group is ecstatic and excited and it's something they can look forward to. He further said the Extension Office has outgrown their facility, and this will be a big plus for them in what they do for the community.

Duane Bass, president of Poppin Johnnies, said this will probably make them of more interest and bring additional groups into Expo in the summer time.

Larry Minear, a neighbor, asked where they're going to put all this stuff and whether or not he'd have access to his land along that property. Also, were they going to take the gates down. He stated that his neighbor has an easement.

Vice Chair Parker said the motion he's making is that we authorize our Board to sit down with the Expo Board or their representative and work out final details. He said they don't want to create problems for anyone else. They'll formulate an agreement to be brought back to the Board for their approval. There'll be another meeting like this. There's one bid, no competition.

Supervisor Siegel said we'll figure out a time to go out there and walk around the building to see that they don't fix things that you'll end up tearing out six months later. He said they want to know about anyone's concerns and want it to work out for everybody. He's confident it will be a win win for the county and 4-H as well.

Lisa Richardson said she's a parent of a 4-H daughter that's been encouraged to grow both emotionally and spiritually and has expanded in areas she wouldn't have otherwise been able to, doing things by hand instead of all technology.

Chair Kenning thanked everyone for coming and feels it's a great opportunity to pass the building on and put it to good use. He said not so long ago they thought the only avenue was to tear it down and now they can recycle it.

Supervisor Siegel moved, seconded by Vice Chair Parker to close the public hearing. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to authorize the Board or their representative to meet with the Expo Board or their representative to formulate an agreement to bring back to the Board for their approval. Motion carried.

Supervisor Siegel moved, seconded by Vice Chair Parker to accept and file the Sheriff's 2nd Quarter Report from 10/1 through 12/31/15. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Parker moved, seconded by Supervisor Siegel to accept and file the Recorder's 2nd Quarter Report of fees collected 10/1/15 through 12/31/15. Motion carried.

Supervisor Siegel moved, seconded by Vice Chair Parker to accept and file the Treasurer's Investment Report for December 2015 and Semi-Annual Report for the period from 7/1/15 through 12/31/15. Motion carried.

Budget review department meetings scheduled this past week were General Assistance, Gothic House, GIS, Recorder, County Attorney, MHA, IT, DHS, Treasurer & Motor Vehicle and Secondary Roads.

5:52 p.m. Supervisor Siegel moved, seconded by Vice Chair Parker to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

Gregory M. Kenning, Chair
Board of Supervisors