

WAPELLO COUNTY BOARD PROCEEDINGS

DATE: 2-18-2020

TIME: 9:32 a.m.

PRESENT: Brian Morgan, Chair; Wayne Huit, Vice Chair; Jerry L Parker Supervisor; Danielle Weller, Deputy Auditor; Chiara Elena Romera, Ottumwa Courier; Tim Wright, Wright Contracting; Jason Fuller, Assistant Jail Administrator; Jeff Skalberg, County Engineer

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

Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Huit to approve the minutes of February 11, 2020 Board Meeting. Motion carried.

Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Huit to approve Resolution #10-2020 assigning a tax sale certificate and abating the remaining taxes to Aaron Barnett. Motion carried.

Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Huit to approve Resolution #12-2020 Military Disallowance for 2019 payable 2020-2021. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Huit moved, seconded by Supervisor Parker to approve Resolution #13-2020 Destroy Records over 10 years. Motion carried.

Vice Chair Huit moved, seconded by Supervisor Parker to issue a \$ 1,000 penalty to Tim Wright, 6052 Madison Avenue-Property Cleanup Contract. Motion carried.

Supervisor Parker stated that the county engineer recommended Tim Wright not be allowed to work on county projects for 5 years; and a \$10,000 due in penalties, which is more than the project was. Supervisors proposed that the county would pay the subcontractors (3 of them) & Mr. Wright has asked for an additional \$2,500 for work that he didn't anticipate when he bid the contract. Subtract out the subs-Parker Tree Service, Nichols Equipment and Steve Rocky Farms should be about \$2,500 plus \$917 due without penalties. Do we want to impose penalties if we do-how much? Supervisor Parker doesn't think they should bar Mr. Wright from being a contractor for 5 years, the end result of the project even though it took couple months longer than we had hoped it really look good. Mr. Wright stated Never heard of anyone being banned from working in the county the years that he's lived here. I never did anything intentionally. The weather wouldn't cooperate, there wasn't anything I could do. I'm trying to make money to get myself out of a hole, I don't want to be banned from bidding on jobs. It's tough enough to get these bids. I originally had this bid for \$7,000, it was to clear everything, all the garbage, debris that you could see, met with Jeff out there twice and we could see the concrete sticking out and no one knew how much concrete was there, Ron Harness was a witness to see how much that was dug out of NW corner. Between getting the skid loader stuck, it turned into a big nightmare. We finally got it done and it looks respectful and decent. Everyone should be entitled one time to a deferred judgement or forgiveness or something. This job should have been done on time. Everything would have been fine if the weather had cooperated. Should have been 2 or 3 weekends of cleaning up and been done with it. At the

time of bid it didn't require an excavator like you're tearing down a house. Bill of \$9,500 due a lot of people owed money.

Supervisor Parker stated you do understand when we take bids and we say it's got to be done by this date, there is an option for you because of weather I want an extension. You could have asked for more extensions. Only found one extension October 31, 2019. Mr. Wright thought he got 2 extensions. Vice Chair Huit stated the contract was signed September 10, 2019. There were many, many days I went by you weren't there working. They were nice days. As a contractor you took a job to do in 30 days. Is your contractor more important or to work for someone else?

Supervisor Parker stated the bid was \$7,000 subtract 3 subs out, he would be due \$917.51 for the \$7,000. So, if you add \$2,500 then it comes to \$3,427 if there are any penalties it would come from the \$3,427 or beyond. Sub-contractors may have given us a better view had they known that there wouldn't be penalties. Chair Morgan said to waive \$9,000 of the original penalty, penalize \$1,000 that gives him \$2,427.61. Chair Morgan appreciated the fact that he didn't walk away from the project, and that the project is cleaned up.

Supervisor Parker stated in the agreement have Mr. Wright sign that there wouldn't be any further action against the county to recoup any damages or money as a result of this project. No banning on bidding for county projects. It was acceptable to board of supervisors and Mr. Wright. Mr. Wright stated this would be the one and only time he would ask for forgiveness for anything. He gave his word on that. Supervisor Parker stated that they would draw up an agreement and let Mr. Wright look at it and let Mr. Wright look at it and sign it, the project would be considered complete. In the agreement there will be a statement that says "there won't be further responsibility of the county for paying anything to you after we pay you the \$2,427.61. The county will pay the 3 subcontractors".

Supervisor Parker moved, seconded by Vice Chair Huit to approve a request to hire Jesse Hannam as a Full-time Correctional Officer I in the Sheriff's Department, hire date 2-24-2020 at an hourly rate of \$17.43. Motion carried.

9:57 a.m. Vice Chair Huit moved, seconded by Supervisor Parker to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Kelly Spurgeon
Wapello County Auditor

R Brian Morgan, Chair
Board of Supervisors