

September 17, 2024

Present: Supervisors: Nin Flagel, Mike Steines, Don Schwenker; Deputy Auditor Shelley Hoye; IT Director Bjorn Beck; Executive Assistant LuAnn Goeke; Media: Mary Hayward – Maquoketa Sentinel Press. Guest: Travis Woodhurst. Resolutions and Ordinances are available in the Auditor’s Office – Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and at: www.jacksoncounty.iowa.gov

Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Meeting brought to order by Chair Steines at 9:00 a.m. and opened the public hearing on the 90th St Level B Road Improvement Plan. The applicant is no longer seeking to improve the road therefore no action will be taken today.

Motion Schwenker, second Flagel to close the public hearing on the 90th St Level B Road improvement plan as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Schwenker to reject the 90th St Level B Road Improvement project as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Engineer Jayden Scheckel presented county business.

Motion Flagel, second Schwenker to approve a utility permit to Cascade Communications to bury new fiber to 20481 267th St as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Schwenker, second Flagel to approve a residential entrance permit to Jayden Scheckel in section 9 of Bellevue Township on Sieverding Ridge Rd as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Schwenker, second Flagel to table action on the Level C Rd 584th Ave, Sabula to maintain the fences at the right-of-way width of thirty-three feet from center of the road as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

IDOT Funding agreement has not been received for the \$2 million yet for Iron Bridge replacement but the three-year timeline will start once the agreement is signed. The County will also apply for a RAISE grant.

Josh Boldt presented an engagement letter from Ahlers and Cooney to discuss moving forward on investigating the County levying for the E911 expenses regardless of the State passing legislation.

Motion Schwenker, seconded Flagel to approve Chair signature on the E911 engagement letter from Ahlers and Cooney as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Veterans Affairs Administrator Ruth Eltrich updated the Board. Office will be closed on Friday for training. On November 8th they will be having an Outreach program.

Deputy Auditor Hoye presented county business.

Motion Flagel, second Schwenker to approve the minutes of the September 10, 2024 Board proceedings written by Auditor Smith and authorize publication in the official newspapers as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Schwenker to accept and place on file the Veterans Affairs Commission meeting minutes for the August 14, 2024 meeting as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Zoning Administrator Lori Roling presented a resolution for a moratorium on data mining development and construction. There is a company interested in locating in Jackson County to build a data center for data mining. Grundy County has a similar company. The company operation doesn’t generate much money or taxable value.

Motion Schwenker, second Flagel to approve amended Resolution #1066-09-17-2024 to approve a moratorium on data mining development or construction in Jackson County through June 30, 2025 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Roling has set up a public hearing at the Ohnward Fine Arts Center on October 21, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. for the Wind Energy Ordinance.

Executive Assistant LuAnn Goeke reviewed the Board calendar and business.

Recess the meeting.

Reconvene the meeting.

Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Board Executive Director Miranda Swafford, Compliance Officer Mandy Tripp and Strategic Partnership Specialist Tyler Lanz updated the Board and presented a slide show presentation.

Jackson County Disability Coordinator Lynee Burken and Eastern Iowa Mental Health and Disability Services Member Jack Willey updated the Board on the Regional Board meeting held on September 16, 2024. They presented information on fiscal year 2024/2025 budget reductions of \$4 million. Jail medications are being cut so the County will have to pay for 100% of those which is about \$5,000 for Jackson County. The Region is applying for State dollars to assist with fiscal year current expenses.

Motion Schwenker, second Flagel to adjourn the meeting at 10:38 a.m. until the next board meeting on September 24, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the courthouse in Maquoketa.

Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Clerk _____
Shelley Hoye, Deputy Auditor

Chair _____
Mike Steines, Board of Supervisors

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Work Session with Supervisors: Nin Flagel, Mike Steines, Don Schwenker; Deputy Auditor Shelley Hoye; Human Resources Director Becki Chapin, County Sheriff Brent Kilburg, Jail Administrator Andrew Long, Jailer Tracy Frederichsen

Chair Steines opened the work session at 11:00 a.m.

The Jail is requesting one additional full-time jail staff member. Chapin presented a schedule with current staff showing gaps which need an additional person to fill. Right now, minimum of three people on schedule but requesting an additional person on each shift to reduce the necessity of calling in additional personnel.

In our new facility, will we have the same issues we have now? If there is an issue, one or two would deal with the issue while someone else checks whole facility. If the outside emergency personnel have to be led to the location of situation, then still need someone else to monitor facility. Frederichsen explained what happened in Clinton County when they had a suicide attempt.

Budget constraints will be an issue this fiscal year. Schwenker said we can open the facility and then look at hiring personnel if they can prove they need them and we get out-of-county inmates housed in our jail. After advertising for the 3 ½ jailers, there might be enough applicants to make sense to hire the extra full-time jailer.

When will the department move over to the new jail? Long said he would be training any jailers or if they go through state school then they could open the jail. Sheriff would prefer full-time jailers versus PRNs. They should be hiring the three full-time jailers that were approved regardless of whether asking for a fourth.

Supervisors told them let's see what happens after the advertisement and hiring process and moving over to the new jail before looking at adding a fourth jailer.

Adjourned at 11:46 a.m.

Clerk _____
Shelley Hoye, Deputy Auditor

Chair _____
Mike Steines, Board of Supervisors