

April 5, 2016

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Correctional Center.

Present: Ron Fedler, Matt Pflug, Don Hunold, Gary Folluo and Rick Larkin

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

The Board opened the meeting by reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Hunold, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to approve the March 22, 2016 Board minutes. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Folluo, to approve the payment of claims. Motion carried.

Public Input-Rodger Whitaker, Keokuk, asked the Board to arrange a meeting between Keokuk Area Hospital, Fort Madison Community Hospital, Lee County Health Department and Lee County Ambulance Service to see what kind of impact there would be to these entities if Keokuk Area Hospital should shut down. Whitaker said then after this meeting the Board should put the funding request from Keokuk Area Hospital on the agenda. Ron Becker, Wever, asked if the Board was considering implementing an ordinance to allow ATVs on County Gravel Roads. Fedler said that the Board had not been approached with this. Tali Froman, President of the Keokuk Area Hospital Auxiliary, is concerned about the loss of lives if the hospital closes. She said the hospital has an excellent ER Staff. Roger Payne, Keokuk, asked the Board what they are going to do about future economic troubles that are sure to come if KAH closes. Dan Winn, Keokuk City Council, said closing the hospital would have a far reaching impact. Marla Shafer, Montrose, thought that KAH would be turned around by now. She read a letter from a patient that had received care at KAH. Dorothy Cackley, Keokuk, didn't see any reaction to Whitaker's suggestion for a meeting. She asked the Board if they are willing to meet with these entities. She also read a statement from the Democratic Platform. Mary VanPelt, Montrose, supports KAH. She asked officials from KAH what they did with the 5 million dollars the State of Iowa loaned them. She also asked them why the County cannot see their financial books. Joe Whiting, KAH, said they used the \$5 million to retire liabilities, infrastructure improvements and they were able to give the employees a raise. They have been making payments to the State on a regular basis. They will be discussing a restructuring of the loan with the State. Al Nelson, Keokuk, thanked everyone for attending the meeting and for being concerned about the hospital. Whiting said they have been having discussions with Great River Medical Center in Burlington and the University of Iowa Hospital in Iowa City. Cindy Iutzi, Daily Gate City, asked Fedler why he is refusing to put the funding request on an agenda. Fedler said it was voted on at the last Board meeting to not put it on the agenda. Iutzi asked each Board Member why they voted in the manner they voted. Hunold, who voted not to put it on an agenda, said he wants to see the financial books. Pflug, who voted yes to put it on an agenda, said it is a matter of lives. Larkin, who voted no, thought he was voting on the funding. Folluo, who voted yes, said he is on the Lee County Economic Development Board and he is looking at it as retention of jobs. He also wants to listen to the citizens in his district. Fedler, who voted no, said he wants to see KAH survive but they should look at merging with another hospital. Whiting said there is a bill in Congress called the Reach Act that would help KAH out. Whitaker said KAH has doctors come from other hospitals. Folluo asked what the original turnaround time was. Whiting thought it was 3 years but now they have extended the contract with Fitch Healthcare Consulting to January of 2018. Marla Payne, Keokuk, said that the hospital has to appear

appealing to another hospital. In order to get solvent KAH needs to pursue every avenue of funding. Larkin asked if the hospital would close if the County does not give them the matching funding. Whiting said that it would not and he does not want to send that message to the employees. Pflug said how do you put a cost on lives and asked why Illinois and Missouri were not contributing when so many of their residents use the hospital. Our job is to provide good service. I would not let Fort Madison lose their hospital. I think territories are playing into this. Fedler said that Green Bay Drainage District came to the Board asking for money and they are in his district. After researching, he determined that it was not in the interest of the whole County to give them funds. Pflug said if you have level headed people at the table, this funding should be happening. Larkin asked if the hospital was optimistic about the Reach Act Bill passing. Whiting said he cannot get an answer from anyone on when they will be voting on it. Larkin asked if they have a plan if the bill does not pass. Whiting said that if this bill does not pass, Congressman Loeb sack has proposed another bill. Larkin asked Whitaker about the meeting he proposed. Whitaker said these entities would be affected and the financial problems that KAH are facing right now would move north. Pflug said it could affect FMCH. Whiting said FMCH would soon fail. Pflug said he thought the meeting between the Health Care entities is a good idea. Larkin agreed. Linda Atterberg, KAH employee, said people would move out of Lee County. VanPelt asked Whiting if the hospital is willing to open their financial books. Whiting said he would have to check with the hospital board. VanPelt then asked Fedler if this matter could be put back on a future agenda. Fedler said he would have to hear new information. Hunold said the meeting with the entities is a good idea but people are going to have to accept the outcome. Pflug asked Cackley and Froman if they would organize the meeting.

Arin Jones, Quad-County Community Partnerships for Protecting Children Coordinator, read the following Proclamation:

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, child abuse and neglect persists as one of the most serious public health problems and is a community condition and problem; and

WHEREAS, every Lee County child is entitled to be cared for, secure, and protected from verbal, sexual, emotional and physical abuse, and neglect; and

WHEREAS, social acceptance of myths about child abuse silences victims and encourages public denial about the true nature of this tragic epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the majority of child abuse cases stem from situations and conditions that are preventable in an engaged and supportive community; and

WHEREAS, child maltreatment occurs when people find themselves in stressful situations, without community resources, and without healthy coping skills; and

WHEREAS, the effects of child abuse and neglect are felt by whole communities and finding solutions depends on involvement among people in the community; and

WHEREAS, for real change to happen, child abuse prevention needs to be addressed by the entire community; and

WHEREAS, all citizens should be educated that child abuse prevention is possible and become involved in supporting parents to raise their children in a safe, nurturing environment; and

WHEREAS, effective child abuse prevention programs succeed because of partnerships created among families, social service agencies, schools,

government, faith communities, civic organizations, law enforcement, and the business community; and

WHEREAS, everyone in the community benefits from less child maltreatment which leads to happier, healthier, more productive communities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I Ron Fedler, representing the Lee County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim April 2016 as Child Abuse Prevention Month in Lee County, Iowa and call to the attention of our citizens, community agencies, religious organizations, medical facilities, schools, and businesses the issue of child abuse and its prevention. We urge all to dedicate their energies to cherishing and protecting Lee County children, thereby strengthening the communities in which we live.

Dated this 5th day of April 2016. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to approve the Board of Supervisors acting as Fiscal Agent for a Lee County EMS grant application. Motion carried.

Held a discussion on the Mooar/Powdertown Sanitary Sewer System.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to accept a quote from Wapsi Valley Archaeology, Anamosa, Iowa, for an Archeological Study for a bridge replacement over Sugar Creek in Charleston Township, in the amount of \$1,127.61. Motion carried. Other quotes were received from Bear Creek Archeology, Cresco, Iowa, in the amount of \$3,302.02 and Rolling Hills Consulting Services, Washington, Iowa, in the amount of \$1500.00.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to approve a contract and contractor's bond with Norris Asphalt Paving Company, Ottumwa, Iowa, for a resurfacing project on 205th Avenue, Project #C056(90)- -55-56. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunold, seconded by Pflug, to approve a contract and contractor's bond with Norris Asphalt Paving Company, Ottumwa, Iowa, for a shoulder widening project on J40, Project #FM-TSF-C056(94)- -5B-56. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Folluo, to approve an amendment to the FY16 County Budget and set Tuesday, April 19, 2016 at 9:01 a.m. at the Correctional Center as the date, time and place for a public hearing. Motion carried.

Received an update on safety from Safety Coordinator Michelle Reed.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to approve Resolution #2016-72. Roll call: Pflug-aye, Folluo-aye, Hunold-aye, Larkin-aye and Fedler-aye.

Resolution #2016-72

RESOLUTION ABATING CERTAIN TAXES AND DIRECTING THE TREASURER TO REMOVE THE PROPERTY FROM THE COUNTY SYSTEM

WHEREAS, the Lee County Treasurer has submitted a written application for removal of certain mobile homes from the county system and the abatement of the taxes as uncollectible; and

WHEREAS, Section 445.16 provides in its material part:

If the Treasurer determines that it is impractical to pursue collection of the total amount due through tax sale and the personal judgment remedies, the treasurer shall make a written recommendation to the board of supervisors to abate the amounts due. The board of supervisors shall abate, by resolution, the amount due and direct the treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system.

Accordingly,

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the written request by the Treasurer of Lee County pursuant to section 445.16 the Board of Supervisors hereby by this Resolution abates the amount due and directs the Treasurer to strike the amount due from the county system on the following mobile home. The mobile home shall be removed from the county system. 1969 NEM Mobile Home VIN125897

Dated and signed at Montrose, Iowa on this the 5th day of April, 2016.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Don Hunold, Member; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Hunold, seconded by Larkin, to approve Resolution #2016-71. Roll call: Hunold-aye, Larkin-aye, Folluo-aye, Pflug-aye and Fedler-aye.

Resolution #2016-71

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Lee County has by Ordinance Number VI-11 adopted a plan for a County-wide Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption District in Lee County, Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 404.4 provides for prior approval of eligibility for a tax exemption by the governing body of the County;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LEE COUNTY, IOWA, that they hereby approve the application of: **Matthew and Terri Rupert 2445 Carbide Lane Keokuk IA 52632**

For exemption from taxation according to the provisions of Iowa Code Section 404.3, §3. Said applications shall be forwarded to the County Assessor for review pursuant to the provisions of Section 404.5 Code of Iowa.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 5th day of April, 2016.

LEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. /s/ Ron Fedler, Chairman; /s/ Matt Pflug, Vice-Chair; /s/ Don Hunold, Member; /s/ Gary Folluo, Member and /s/ Rick Larkin, Member. Attest: /s/ Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Hunold, to approve a Class C Liquor License with Outdoor Service and Sunday Sales for Green Bay Bar and Grill, Wever, for the period April 20, 2016 through April 19, 2017. Motion carried.

Moved by Larkin, seconded by Folluo, to approve the following Personnel Actions: step increase for Health Department employee Rosa Haukedahl, Environmental Program Director, from \$23.91/hr. to \$24.39/hr., effective 4/8/16; step increase for Secondary Roads employee Chad Brotherton, Class II Road Maintenance, from Class II Step 2 \$20.02/hr. to Class II Step 3 \$20.58/hr., effective 5/28/16 and full time new hire for Sheriff's Office employee, Deryk Milks, Deputy, \$19.22/hr., effective 4/18/16. Motion carried.

Received and filed the following reports: Manure Management Annual Update for Donnellson Site in Charleston Township; Manure Management Annual Update for Marvin Holtkamp in Franklin Township; Lee County Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for February 24, 2016 and Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending February 29, 2016.

Committee Reports: Folluo reported on a Regional Planning Commission meeting, a Lee County Economic Development Board meeting and a Vietnam Veterans Ceremony. Larkin reported on an Emergency Management Commission meeting. Hunold reported on a Children First Board meeting. Pflug reported on a Decat meeting.

At 11:10 a.m., a motion was made by Folluo, seconded by Hunold, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Correctional Center.

Ron Fedler, Chairman

Attest: _____

Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor