

September 6, 2016

The Lee County Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, September 6, 2016, at 9:00 a.m. at the Correctional Center.

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

All votes are unanimous unless otherwise indicated.

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

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Larkin, to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

Moved by Pflug, seconded by Folluo, to approve the Tuesday, August 30, 2016 Board minutes. Motion carried.

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

There was no Public Input.

There was discussion held on a possible study group on the impact of raising the minimum wage in Lee County. Input from the public was allowed. Jennifer Hauff, Keokuk, related her struggles with minimum wage jobs. Tracy VanHynning, Fort Madison, talked about the poverty she sees as a letter carrier. She said the raise in the wage would be in increments and should have little impact on businesses. Mike Bennett, Donnellson, said the current minimum wage does not lift people up out of poverty. If the Board approves the study group, it should be a cross section of residents in Lee County. Robert Cale, Fort Madison, said 29 states have a higher minimum wage than Iowa. It has been 9 years since the last increase. Tom Marion, Keokuk, said the City of Keokuk will support a raise in the minimum wage. Kathy Gabel, Keokuk, wants to be part of the study group. Becky Heagy, Fort Madison, said if she received more money it would go right back into the community. She worked in retail and has noticed shoplifting is on the rise as well as more EBT card use. Tom Cale, Fort Madison, said 80 percent of Iowans support a raise in the minimum wage. Todd Marshall, Keokuk, said some people have to choose between medicine or food. Chairman of the Board Fedler agreed to put a resolution on the September 13th agenda and appointed Supervisors Hunold and Pflug to the Study Group.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to approve an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2017 County Budget and set Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 9:01 a.m. at the Correctional Facility as the date, time and place of Public Hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Folluo, seconded by Hunold, to approve Resolution #2016-99. Roll call: Folluo-aye, Hunold-aye, Pflug-aye, Larkin-aye and Fedler-aye.

Resolution #2016-99

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING A PROPOSED RATE HIKE BY LIBERTY UTILITIES

**WHEREAS**, Liberty Utilities has proposed a forty-five percent (45%) rate increase to affect 4,000 homes and businesses in Keokuk and Montrose; and

**WHEREAS**, the proposed rate hike would have an adverse effect on families, businesses, school districts, and potential for economic development in Lee County;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Lee County Board of Supervisors goes on record as opposing the rate hike requested by Liberty Utilities.

Dated this the 6th day of September, 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 Folluo, seconded by Pflug, to approve Resolution #2016-98. Roll call: Folluo-aye, Pflug-aye, Hunold-aye, Larkin-aye and Fedler-aye.

Resolution #2016-98

**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: **Brock and Victoria Walker 1756 303rd Ave Fort Madison IA 52627**

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 6th day of September, 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 Larkin, seconded by Hunold, to approve the following Personnel Actions: new hire for RUSS, Deborah Breeden, Finance Manager, \$17.00/hr. plus a \$500 monthly stipend for health insurance, effective 8/13/16 and temporary new hire for the Auditor's Office, Linda Beck, Class III Step 1 Elections Clerk, \$13.96/hr., effective 9/6/16. Motion carried.

Received and filed the following reports: County Treasurer's Report of Fees Collected for the month ending August 31, 2016 and Lee County Commission of Veteran Affairs Minutes of Meeting for July 26, 2016.

Committee Reports: Hunold and Pflug reported on a meeting with the DNR regarding Mooar/Powdertown. Folluo reported on attending a meeting about a rate increase from Liberty Utilities. Fedler and Larkin attended a tour of the Iowa Fertilizer Plant. Larkin also reported on a Grow Lee Committee meeting.

At 10:05 a.m., a motion was made by Pflug, seconded by Larkin, to adjourn. Motion carried. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at 9:00 a.m. at the Correctional Center.

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Ron Fedler, Chairperson

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_

Denise Fraise, Lee County Auditor