

BOARD PROCEEDINGS

FIFTY-SIXTH DAY

DECEMBER 23, 2003

REGULAR DECEMBER SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were: Don McGregor, Chairman, Eugene Elsbecker, Bob Cink, Don Besch and Lee Froehlich. Absent: none.

Motion by Besch and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elsbecker to approve minutes of previous meeting as read. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Cink and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Froehlich to approve the agenda. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous.

Public Discussion & Committee Report:

Lee Froehlich attended a Workforce meeting and reported 125 people laid off in Spencer, December 12. Quality Pork has taken over and will take workers back. The BSI Plant in Hartley will reopen. He also attended a Community Health Meeting. Bob Cink held a conference call with NIACOG as he is on the nominating committee. Kossuth County needs one new member on their board. Bob, Lee, Don and Gene helped get toys out at Toys for Tots and had a real good turnout. Don Besch reported the Mental Health Board did not meet this month. Bob Cink reported Merryman Construction will build a handicapped dock that will be 45' long and 12' wide with a cement sidewalk. This is in conjunction with the Conservation and RC&D. The minutes of the Compensation Board were passed out to the Board. Gene Elsbecker and the county treasurer shared information on railroad property in Bancroft and the assignment of property certificates and map of property. This includes five parcels of railroad property with back taxes of \$3334. If interested the board will proceed with steps. Don Besch reported some railroad crossings are getting very bad in the Wesley area.

Motion by Froehlich and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cink to amend and appropriate the budget amendment for Emergency Management. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Cink and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Elsbecker to approve amendments and appropriation of funds in current county budget.

***Budget Amendment 2003/2004  
December 23, 2003***

**REVENUES**

Intergovernmental	Crime Victim grant	27,000
	Response 20/20 Program Grant	6,000
Miscellaneous	Additional Revenues for Conservation Reserve	9,000
	<b>Total Additional Revenues</b>	<b>42,000</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Public Safety	Assistant Attorney Salary	27,000
	EMS Programs	6,000
Mental Health	Move unemployment from Administration	60,000
County Environment & Ed.	Economic Development Revolving Fund	50,000
Roads & Transportation	Equipment purchases, road clearing, edge painting	250,000

Administration	Unemployment to mental health	(60,000)
	Drainage Dues	7,725
Capital Projects	Conservation trees and handicapped dock	9,000
	<b>Total Additional Expenditures</b>	<b>349,725</b>

**Added to beginning fund balance to reflect actual: 1,723,081**

Roll call vote: Besch, no Cink, yes Elsbecker, yes Froehlich, no McGregor, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Elsbecker and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cink to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 12-23-03

Auditor's Resolution to transfer \$50,000 from MGP General Obligation Bond Fund to the General Basic Fund for the Kossuth County Economic Development Revolving Loan. Roll call vote: Besch, yes Cink, yes Elsbecker, yes Froehlich, yes McGregor, yes Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Cink and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Froehlich to approve amended #2 Secondary Road Budget for fiscal year 2004. Roll call vote: Besch, no Cink, yes Elsbecker, yes Froehlich, yes McGregor, yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Besch and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McGregor to approve agreement with the Lakota Snow Eagles and Kossuth County Drift Skippers to groom snowmobile trails and adding clause 17 to agreement that any deviation contact County Engineer. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Cink and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Froehlich to approve the quotation of Wayne T. Hansen Corp., Algona, Iowa for crushing and stockpiling aggregate material for calendar year 2004. Quotation on file at the County Auditor's office and the County Engineer's Office. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous.

Motion by Froehlich and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cink to direct the county attorney to accept the settlement of \$30,000 with the Bond Company of Old Republic Insurance Company. Ayes: all Nays: none. Motion carried unanimous.

Kossuth County Extension Council met with the Board of Supervisors and reviewed some of their programs. Bob Behnkendorf congratulated the board for their support. 1391 young people were impacted by extension programs.

Karen Helderfer gave a presentation regarding the Speak up program. It has reached every 5<sup>th</sup> grade in Kossuth County Brenda Schuster gave a presentation on farm day camp at the fair grounds for 3<sup>rd</sup> Graders, teaching safety around the farm and tractors, bins, and wagons. They have reached 273 kids in the last year. This program also includes West Bend and Buffalo Center. Dean Benschoter explained EPAK which includes Emmet, Palo Alto and Kossuth Counties. This is about Corn and soybean products and insects. This program takes four days to run everyone through. Bob is going for his Masters so creates more work on office staff. He has been having schools for Manure Management applicators, as we have 130 from Kossuth County from a total of 1100. Would like to involve more young people in programs regarding financial concerns, environmental concerns, and money management in schools. Perhaps the bus trips could involve a school program. For the 2004 budget, they are requesting \$25,000.

Request for Class C Road, 160<sup>th</sup> Street between Section 3 of Sherman Township and Section 34 of Irvington Township. Motion by Cink and 2<sup>nd</sup> by McGregor to direct county engineer to develop an ordinance on Level Class C Road and have hearing for the whole county. Roll call vote: Besch, yes Cink, yes Elsbecker, yes Froehlich, yes McGregor, yes. Motion carried unanimous.

Discussion on Master Matrix was conducted. Many spoke on behalf of and felt Kossuth County should adopt the Resolution. At the present time 87 counties have adopted and allows them to use the Master Matrix to review application for new or expanded confined animal feeding operations. This Resolution must be filed between January 1, 2004 and January 31, 2004 with the Department of Natural Resources. Chairman McGregor stated, The decision Board made was right at the time and had an unanimous vote. This will be discussed and put on the agenda again for a decision.

On motion adjournment was taken until December 30, 2003.

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joann Bormann  
Kossuth County Auditor

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Don McGregor, Chairman  
Board of Supervisors