

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
February 12, 2019
REGULAR FEBRUARY SESSION

The Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment. Present were: Donnie Loss, Vice Chairman, Galen Casey, Roger Tjarks and Kyle Stecker. Absent: Jack Plathe

Public discussion was held.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to approve the agenda and the minutes of the previous meetings dated February 5, 2019 and February 7, 2019. Vice Chairman Loss called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes; Plathe: Absent; Loss: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to approve the letter prepared by Kossuth County Attorney, Todd Holmes in regards to Kossuth County's Plan for MHDS Region Compliance and to authorize the letter to be sent to the Iowa Department of Human Services in Attention to: Jerry Foxhoven, Director, Rick Schults and Jan Heikes. . Vice Chairman Loss called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes; Plathe: Absent; Loss: yes. Motion carried

Scott Curtis was present to give the monthly presentation for Kossuth Regional Health Center.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Casey to approve the purchase of the K-9 hauler for the Sheriff's Office. Vice Chairman Loss called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes; Plathe: Absent; Loss: yes. Motion carried

Discussion was held in regards to the EMS Agreement. Gary Merrill and representatives from the City of Algona were present.

Discussion was held with the Kossuth County Engineer in regards to the railroad's request to close railroad intersection on 215th Avenue south of Highway US 18.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, does hereby authorize and give its permission to Titonka-Burt Communications, Titonka, IA, to bury a fiber optic cable in the right of way. Work includes plowing the traveled portion of gravel roads, shoulder of paved roads, boring all intersecting roads and drainage structures:

Work will be completed within the following right of way of:

Burt Township:

-90th Ave between 280th St and 290th St

Union Township

-90th Ave between 270th St and 280th St

Portland Township:

-150th Ave between 290th St and 300th St

-155th Ave between 300th St and 310th St

-160th Ave between 300th St and 310th St

-165th Ave between 280th St and 300th St

-180th Ave between 300th St and 330th St

-320th St between 180th Ave and 190th Ave

-310th St between 180th Ave and 190th Ave

-300th St between 150th Ave and 190th Ave

-290th St between 150th Ave and 160th Ave

Buffalo Township:

-200th Ave between 280th St and 320th St

-210th Ave between 280th St and Titonka

-220th Ave between 280th St and 300th St

-230th Ave between 280th St and 300th St

-320th St between 190th Ave and 210th Ave

-310th St between 190th Ave and 220th Ave

-300th St between 190th Ave and 250th Ave

-290th St between 210th Ave and 220th Ave

-280th St between 200th Ave and 210th Ave

Wesley Township:

-200th Ave between 270th St and 280th St

-210th Ave between 270th St and 280th St

Work will be in Sections 11-14, 21-24, 27, 29, 32-34 of Portland Township; and Sections 7-9, 16-25, 27-34 of Buffalo Township; Sections 4-6 of Wesley Township. Permit number 02-04-2019 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office, see map attached to permit for installation details. Vice Chairman Loss called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes; Plathe: Absent; Loss: yes. Motion carried

Motion by Casey and 2nd by Stecker that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, does hereby authorize and give its permission to MidAmerican Energy, Fort Dodge, IA, to retire existing single phase that feeds 1202 200th Ave, Lu Verne and replace existing pole with new 40' pole along an existing route of 200th Ave. Work will be in the west right of way of 200th Ave. Work will be in Section 20, Lu Verne Township. Permit number 02-05-2019 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office, see map attached to permit for installation details. Chairman Loss called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes; Plathe: Absent; Loss: yes. Motion carried

Discussion was held with Kossuth County Engineer/Kossuth County Zoning Administrator followed by Drainage.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the Letter of Support and **Resolution #02-12-19-01** which supports the INREC Proposal to IDALS. Chairman Loss called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Tjarks: yes; Plathe: Absent; Loss: yes. Motion carried.

Resolution #02-12-19-01

Resolution Approving the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors joining with the Boards of Other Counties to Support an Application for State Grant Funds to be Used to Create a Data Base of Actionable Water Quality Improvement Projects in Drainage Districts in the County Consistent with the Edge of Field Practices of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy

WHEREAS the State of Iowa has adopted the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy (the Strategy) to provide a framework of effective conservation practices to guide, support and expand voluntary efforts toward materially reducing the delivery of excess nutrients and other pollutants to waters of the state and to other waters.

WHEREAS the State of Iowa has made available long-term funding supporting the construction of edge-of-field water quality practices recommended in the Strategy.

WHEREAS the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) has solicited proposals to locate, conceptually design and provide viable projects to be entered into a database of tentatively actionable projects eligible for future funding by the IDALS, and

WHEREAS joint effort proposals from entities with proven abilities to deliver the desired projects will be favored.

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors (the Board) supports the means and goals of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy to reduce total nitrogen and total phosphorus loadings to the Gulf of Mexico from rural and urban lands in Iowa without government mandate.

WHEREAS the Board desires to support landowners in Kossuth County's drainage districts in the establishment, construction and maintenance of projects which create edge-of-field practices supported by the Strategy and which often involve multiple landowners.

WHEREAS drainage districts are authorized to construct improvements that trap sediment and other pollutants and which protect lands in the district and may protect the interests of the landowners to continue to farm said lands in a practicable and cost-effective manner; and

WHEREAS the Board may appoint engineers to conduct studies and prepare plans for the construction of such improvements for consideration by the drainage district's landowners.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED

- That the Board joins with the boards of other counties to support the Proposal of the Iowa Nutrient Research and Education Council, Iowa State University and Bolton & Menk, Inc. (the Project Team) in response to an IDALS Request for Proposals for offered funding to locate, design and submit to the IDALS for future funding consideration many eligible actionable water quality projects in and/or for drainage districts in the county.

- That if the Proposal is accepted and funded the Board will authorize the Project Team to review the records of the drainage districts, to conduct surveys in the districts and to complete the conceptual design of projects to be submitted for future funding to the IDALS.
- That if the Proposal is accepted and funded the Board will join with the other participating counties to establish a leadership committee to advise and assist the Project Team, to educate and inform landowners in participating counties about the Strategy and this local effort in support thereof, and to actively support the Project Team in participating in meetings with landowners in drainage districts toward securing tentative commitments for eligible water quality projects which will be presented to the IDALS as tentatively actionable projects for future consideration of funding assistance.
- That the water quality projects contemplated to be developed in the many drainage districts in the participating counties under the Proposal will, if constructed, improve water quality locally, achieve material reductions in nutrient loads to surface waters and complement and enhance existing efforts of the Iowa Nutrient Reduction Strategy.

Adopted and approved the 12th day of February, 2019.

Attest:

Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Kossuth County Auditor

Discussion with Kossuth County Auditor was held followed by Board Discussion and Committee Reports.

On motion adjournment was taken until February 19, 2019.

Attest:

Amber Garman
Kossuth County Auditor

Jack Plathe, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors