

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
March 26, 2019
REGULAR MARCH SESSION

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

Public discussion was held.

The following Years of Service were presented to Kossuth County Employees:

Todd Runge	25 Years	Secondary Road
Billie Wille	15 Years	Conservation
Jayne Kriepps	30 Years	Auditor
Marlys Jennings	30 Years	Treasurer
Mike Sankey	35 Years	Sheriff
Nick Larson	30 Years	Sheriff
Steve Kollasch	25 Years	Sheriff
Dean Simpson	20 Years	Sheriff
Pamela Polley	15 Years	Sheriff
Elaine Davis	15 Years	Sheriff
Ronald Reefer	25 Years	Custodian
Judy Samp	20 Years	Assessor

Motion by Loss and 2nd by Casey to approve the agenda and the minutes of the previous meeting dated March 19, 2019. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Letter to DHS to appeal reassignment to County Social Services Region had no action taken.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to approve replacing three Sheriff's Office Toughbooks and to purchase one docking station. The total amount for these items is \$22,802.90. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Loss to approve purchasing Response Technologies Service Plan. It is the Gold Plan and it is for the term of three years in the amount of \$6545.01. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the tax suspension presented by Kossuth County Treasurer, Nick Rahm on parcel numbers 970-07-281-001 and 970-07-281-002.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Stecker to approve the Community Health Services Agreement for FY 19-20 and to authorize Chairman Plathe to sign the agreement. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the Safety Committee Meeting Minutes for the month of March, 2019.

The Board of Supervisors acknowledged the Wellness Committee Meeting Minutes for the month of March, 2019.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Casey to approve Resolution #03-26-19-01 which is a resolution opposing Senate Study Bill 1045 and Senate File 184 passed by the Senate Committee on transportation. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION # 03-26-19-01

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE STUDY BILL1045 AND SENATE FILE 184 PASSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee in the Iowa Senate has passed Senate Study Bill 1045 (SF 184) which would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 related to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways, and;

WHEREAS, Kossuth County owns and maintains nonprimary highways, and is fiscally and legally responsible for the nonprimary highways within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Kossuth County owns and maintains approximately 250 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and;

WHEREAS, some of the bridges owned by Kossuth County are aging and structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, the nonprimary roads and bridges owned by Kossuth County serve a critical need for residents, agricultural users, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to issue annual permits to forestry industry haulers for loads up to 130,000 pounds on nonprimary highways throughout Iowa, without knowledge of or notice given to the agencies which own these highways and the structures thereon, and;

WHEREAS, bridges within Kossuth County have been designed for loads that were legal on Iowa roads at the time of their construction, and bridges have only been rated or posted with weight restrictions for loads that are currently legal on roads, and;

WHEREAS, each bridge within Kossuth County is unique based on its age, design, and current condition, and;

WHEREAS, load rating to ensure safe passage of loads greater than 80,000 pounds would be unique for each load on each individual bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the traversing of Kossuth County bridges by loads up to 130,000 pounds without the County being afforded the knowledge of or the ability to restrict each occurrence, would result in gradual and possibly sudden failure of bridges within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Kossuth County would likely bear legal and financial liability for subsequent failure of its bridges, even if such failures are caused by loads they did not permit, and;

WHEREAS, Kossuth County is not financially able to repair or replace bridges which would be subject to accelerated deterioration by increased loads, and;

WHEREAS, Kossuth County and its residents, farmers, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, would be subjected to undue operational and economic hardships by further degradation of its road system and the structures thereon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to this legislation.

Resolved this 26th day of March, 2019.

KOSSUTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jack Plathe, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Roger Tjarks, Supervisor
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Donnie Loss, Vice Chair
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Kyle Stecker, Supervisor
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Galen Casey, Supervisor
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors

Attest: _____
Amber Garman, Kossuth County Auditor

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Tjarks that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, does hereby authorize and give its permission to Midland Power Cooperative, Jefferson, IA, to replace underground electric with overhead electric along the east right of way of 80th Avenue from US Hwy 18 to north side of 250th Street. Work will be in Sections 17, 20, 29, and 32, Union Township. Permit number 03-09-2019 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Kossuth County Engineer/Kossuth County Zoning Administrator.

Drainage was held and the following motion was made:

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to set the date and time to accept the Engineer's Report for Joint DD PAK #1 for Tuesday, April 16th at 10:00 a.m. (On the 16th we will set the date and time for the public hearing) Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

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

On motion adjournment was taken until April 2, 2019.

Attest:

Amber Garman
Kossuth County Auditor

Jack Plathe, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors