

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
August 13, 2019
REGULAR AUGUST 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.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to approve the agenda, the minutes of the previous meeting dated August 6, 2019 and to approve the handwritten claim. 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 monthly report for KRHC, presented by Dar Elbert.

Motion by Loss and 2nd by Casey to Establish the Board for Recommending Avenues for the Restructuring of the Kossuth County EMS System. Mark Davis will be representing Kossuth Regional Health Center, Kyle Stecker will be representing the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors and the following appointments were made by each Supervisor within their district:

Casey: Ryan Nelson

Stecker: Phil Elbers

Loss: Rick Murphy

Tjarks: Lisa Tjaden

Plathe: Gib Busher

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 Stecker to go into closed session per request of the County Attorney pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation, as well as the case law on attorney client privilege as codified in Iowa Code Section 622.10. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion Carried.

No decision was made following closed session.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the applications for Exemption from Buffer Strip Ban in Drainage District Facilities. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the liquor license for Racers LLC. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Casey and 2nd by Stecker to approve the liquor license for St Joseph Catholic Church. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion about Drainage was held with Drainage Clerk Marjorie Mergen.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Casey to have the Supervisors handle their requests for drainage as follows: Supervisor Stecker, 1 request (#136). Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Loss to approve the Law Enforcement Contracts for FY 19-20 and authorize the Chairman to sign the contracts. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion was held with Louis Nixt from Washington National, on what they have to offer in Supplemental Benefits. No decision was made.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plathe to approve the disallowances for the 2019 Homestead and Military tax credits as presented by Judy Samp, Kossuth County Assessor. 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.

Discussion was held with the City of Wesley on a Moratorium on WECS. No Decision was made.

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

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker to go into closed session to discuss the issue pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5.1.c, to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation, as well as the case law on attorney/client privilege as codified in Iowa Code Section 622.10. 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 Plathe to set the date, time and place for a Public Hearing for the proposed Windfarm by Kossuth Wind Energy LLC as; September 5th, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Columbia Hall at 1501 East Walnut Street, Algona, Iowa 50511. Chairman Plathe called for a reverse roll call vote: Tjarks: yes, Loss: yes, Stecker: no, Casey: no, Plathe: yes. Motion carried 3 to 2 with Casey and Stecker being the no votes.

Attest:

Amber Garman
Kossuth County Auditor

Jack Plathe, Chairman
Kossuth County Board of Supervisors