

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
January 14, 2020
Regular January Session

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

Chairman, Jack Plathe called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public discussion was held.

Motion by Loss and 2nd by Tjarks to approve the agenda and the previous meeting minutes dated January 7, 2020. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Dar Elbert was present to give the monthly report for Kossuth Regional Health Center.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Plathe to have Kyle Stecker remain the appointed Supervisor to represent the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors on the Kossuth County EMS Board. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: abstain, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Stecker: abstain, Plathe: yes.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Loss to commit to funding the EMS Administrator for 3 years. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Plathe to direct the County Attorney to Research Options for Declaring EMS an Essential Service and Possibilities of Putting Funding Options to the Vote of the People. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Stecker that the Board of Supervisors of Kossuth County, Iowa, does hereby authorize and give its permission to Winnebago Cooperative Telephone Company, Lake Mills, IA, to bury 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:

Ledyard Township:

- 460th St between 150th Ave and 160th Ave
- 460th St between 170th Ave and 180th Ave
- 455th St between 150th Ave and 160th Ave
- 450th St between 150th Ave and 180th Ave
- 150th Ave (P50) between HWY 9 and 460th St
- 155th Ave between 450th St and 460th St
- 160th Ave between HWY 9 and 450th St
- 160th Ave between 455th St and 460th St
- 170th Ave between 440th St and 450th St

Springfield Township:

-470th St between 150th Ave and 160th Ave

-150th Ave between 460th St and 470th St

-160th Ave between 460th St and 470th St

Above locations exclude the City of Ledyard responsibility.

Work will be in Sections 2-5, 8-11 and 15-17 of Ledyard Township; Sections 28, 32-33, and 35 of Springfield Township. Permit number 01-01-2020 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office, see map attached to permit for installation details. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: yes, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Discussion with Kossuth County Engineer/Zoning Administrator was held.

Kyle Stecker left the meeting.

There were no drainage repair requests.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Loss to change the Interest Rate of Stamped Drainage Warrants to 5%. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote. Casey: yes, Stecker: Absent, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Casey to approve the Declaration of Iowa Honey Bee Day for Thursday, February 13, 2020. Chairman Plathe called for a roll call vote: Casey: yes, Stecker: Absent, Loss: yes, Tjarks: yes, Plathe: yes. Motion carried.

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, honey bees and native insects are important as pollinators for a third of the food we eat and honey bees are vital in production of over 90 crops grown across the nation, many of which are in Iowa. Honey bees contribute to a healthy Iowa environment by assuring availability of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and flowers for wildlife and all Iowans.

WHEREAS, Iowa's 45,000 or more honey bee hives produce about 4 million pounds of honey valued at over 8 million and honey bees provide an estimated \$92 million economic value to Iowa crops from their pollination.

WHEREAS, Iowa has over 4,500 beekeepers representing hobbyists, sideliners as part time businesses and full time commercial beekeepers. Hobby beekeepers have as few as one hive to commercial operations with thousands of hives.

WHEREAS, traditionally beekeeping occurred in rural areas of Iowa. Now beekeeping increasingly occurs in urban areas with the rising interest of hobby beekeepers for keeping beehives in Iowa cities and towns.

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has an active apiary inspection program to protect honey bees and beekeepers from introduction and spread of apiary diseases and pests.

WHEREAS, honey bees face serious threats from invasive pests, decreasing bee friendly forage, variable climate and increasing pesticide and herbicide pressure.

WHEREAS, our State and County roadsides comprise a total of almost 115,000 miles. Providing native plantings and reducing the mowing and spraying of herbicides on the roadsides are helping pollinator survival.

THEREFORE, I, Kim Reynolds, Governor of the State of Iowa, along with cities and counties, do hereby proclaim, Thursday, February 13, 2020 as

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and encourage all citizens, residents and visitors to join in observing this day and focusing on the importance of honey bees to our state economy, to enjoy the honey and other products of honey bees, to recognize the honey bees' role in maintaining our Iowa environment, and to assist in reducing the threats to honey bee survival in our state.

Jack Plathe, Chairman

Donnie Loss, Supervisor

Roger Tjarks, Vice Chairman

Galen Casey, Supervisor

Kyle Stecker, Supervisor

Attest:

Amber Garman, Kossuth County Auditor

Discussion with Kossuth County Auditor was held followed by Board discussion and committee reports. The Board held a Budget Workshop at the end of their meeting.

On motion adjournment was taken until Tuesday, January 21, 2020.

Attest:

Amber Garman, Kossuth County Auditor

Chairman, Kossuth County Board of Supervisors