

BOARD PROCEEDINGS
July 13, 2021
REGULAR July SESSION

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

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

Public discussion was held.

Update was given by Secondary Road Foreman.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Loss to approve the agenda and minutes of the previous meeting dated July 6, 2021. Motion carried unanimously.

The board acknowledged transfers made by the Kossuth County Auditor from General Basic to Secondary Road in the amount of \$286.41 and Rural Basic to Secondary Road in the amount of \$2,788.71. The transfers were made on July 7, 2021.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Plathe to approve handwritten claim for Clerk of District Court, Kossuth County, Iowa in the amount of \$10.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Years of Service Awards were given to Dennis Higgins, Secondary Road for 30 years of Service and Kimberly Doughan, Recorder's Office for 20 years of Service.

Kossuth Regional Health Center presented their Financial Report and Monthly Report.

Motion by Loss and 2nd by Plathe to correct the amount of the Emergency Management Coordinator's salary that was approved last week from \$40,653.88 to \$58,000. The salary package offer given by the Emergency Management Commission and accepted by Charissa Mueller, the new Emergency Management Coordinator, was a salary of \$58,000. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Stecker: yes, Casey: yes, Loss: yes, Plathe: yes, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was held with Kossuth County EMS Coordinator. EMS Coordinator Phil Albers inquired on how CPR training for county employees should be paid as no funds were budgeted for FY 2021-2022. The board advised the bills he received for the training should be paid out of the EMS budget and an amendment to his budget would need to be made when the county has its first budget amendment. EMS Coordinator Albers also spoke with the board about the process of declaring EMS an Essential Service in Kossuth County. No action was taken on this item.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Stecker to let the Covid Emergency Family Medical Leave Act expire for Kossuth County employees. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Casey to authorize and give its permission to Iowa Communications Network, Des Moines, IA to install a fiber optic cable in the south right of way of 230th Street, starting 365 feet west to 700 feet east of 40th Ave. Work will be in Sections 33 and 34 of Lotts Creek Township. Permit number 07-20-2021 is on file in the Kossuth County Engineer's Office. Motion carried unanimously.

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

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Casey to appoint Rodney Jensen and Rich Rosenmeyer as commissioners for Drainage District 65 Reclassification. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Plathe and 2nd by Casey to have the supervisors handle their requests for drainage as follows: Supervisor Stecker: Request #2021-039 DD 133; Supervisor Tjarks: Request # 2021-038 DD 111. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Tjarks to appoint Bolton & Menk as Engineer for TRI 84 Open Ditch 2018 FEMA Repairs. Motion carried unanimously.

Bid consideration for DD 4 Open Ditch FEMA Repairs was held. Ten bids were received, nine of the ten bidders were responsive. Alt. 1: Conventional Seeding; Alt. 2: Hydraulic Seeding; Alt. 3: Conventional

Seeding with Erosion Control Blanket. Supervisor Stecker called Kossuth County Consultant, Leon, during the meeting who stated Alt. 1 and Alt. 2 would be common and similar seeding options, but Alt. 3 would be an improvement and would not be eligible for FEMA funding at this time. The Engineer's Estimate and the bids for alternate bids are summarized as follows:

Bidder	City	Alt 1 - All Divisions Total	Alt. 2 - All Division Total	Alt. 3 - All Divisions Total
Reutzel Excavating, Inc.	Burt, IA	\$1,346,414.00	\$1,473,402.00	\$1,762,564.00
McCarty Custom, Inc.	Linn Grove, IA	\$1,262,932.50	\$1,322,687.50	\$1,851,177.50
Anderson Drainage & Excavating	Rutland, IA	\$1,402,350.00	\$1,552,100.00	\$1,907,720.00
Cory Juergens Construction, LLC	Estherville, IA	\$1,704,548.00	\$1,808,774.00	\$2,011,382.00
CJ Moyna & Sons, LLC	Elkader, IA	\$1,800,864.00	\$1,890,714.00	\$2,079,090.00
Peterson Contractors, Inc.	Reinbeck, IA	\$1,950,721.50	\$2,040,571.50	\$2,228,947.50
H & H Construction & Development	Miles, IA	\$1,640,578.05	\$1,835,726.26	\$2,282,638.05
Wenthold Excavating, LLC	Elkhart, IA	\$2,521,016.00	\$2,613,861.00	\$2,951,691.00
S.M. Hentges & Sons, Inc	Jordan, MN	\$3,654,120.00	\$3,744,040.00	\$3,937,753.00
Zachary Laubenthal Excavating	Swea City, IA	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	Not Applicable
Engineer's Estimate		\$1,989,850.00	\$2,049,750.00	\$2,703,250.00

Motion by Stecker and 2nd by Plathe to move forward with Bid Alt. 2 as the board is not comfortable with Bid Alt. 1 and conventional seeding, but is comfortable with Alt. 2 and hydraulic seeding; and accept the Lowest Bid on Alt. 2 for DD 4 Open Ditch FEMA Repairs. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Stecker: yes, Casey: No, Loss: No, Plathe: yes, Tjarks: No. Motion failed.

Motion by Tjarks and 2nd by Casey to move forward with Bid Alt. 2 as the board is not comfortable with Bid Alt. 1 and conventional seeding, but is comfortable with Alt. 2 and hydraulic seeding; and accept the Second Lowest Bid on Alt. 2 for DD 4 Open Ditch FEMA Repairs due to the Engineer's concerns of lack of prior experience with projects of this size done by lowest bidder on Alt 2. Chairman Tjarks called for a roll call vote: Stecker: no, Casey: yes, Loss: yes, Plathe: no, Tjarks: yes. Motion carried 3-2.

Discussion was held with Kossuth County Auditor and Board of Supervisors.

Adjournment was taken at 10:38 A.M. until Tuesday, July 20, 2021.

Attest:

 Tammy Eden
 Kossuth County Auditor

 Roger Tjarks, Chairman
 Kossuth County Board of Supervisors