

## Wayne County Board of Supervisors

March 8, 2021

Meeting of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors was held on the 8th day of March 2021, in the Conference Room of the Wayne County Courthouse, Corydon, Iowa, pursuant to notice duly given in compliance with Iowa Code Section 21.4. The Board noted due notice of meeting subject to said Code Section.

Present were David Dotts, Don Seams, Tom Swearingin; members of the Board, Jen Reed, Gary Bennett, Terry Lee Wilhite, Tim Runyon, Amber Rodgers, Chris Moore, Stacy Gibbs, Keith Davis, Leroy Perkins, Sue Ruble, Bill Byrns, Randy Zerr, Angie Horton, Stephanie Grim, Burton Prunty and Michelle Dooley.

The Corydon Times Republican live streams Board of Supervisors regular session meetings on their facebook page.

Unless otherwise noted, all motions were approved unanimously by all Board members present.

Dotts called meeting to order at 9:01AM and took roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

TSwearingin made motion to approve the March 8, 2021 agenda, seconded by Seams.

Seams made motion to accept and approve February 22, 2021 minutes, seconded by TSwearingin.

TSwearingin made motion to accept and approve claims for March 8, 2021 as presented, seconded by Seams.

Seams made motion to approve March 5, 2021 payroll as presented, seconded by TSwearingin.

TSwearingin made a motion to open the public hearing for the FY22 Budget, seconded by Seams.

No written objections to the budget were filed with the Auditor's Office. Dotts read a letter written by Laura Henderson given to him stating her concerns regarding adding an additional staff member. TSwearingin stated that during Laura's last year of employment that she worked approximately 50% of the time which contributed to the current situation in the Treasurer's Office. Several residents of Wayne County were present and expressed frustration with the Treasurer's Office not being open for business and requiring appointments to do business transactions. The Board of Supervisors were asked 3 questions to consider before taking action regarding the Treasurer's request and the FY22 Budget. Was the newly hired employee in the Treasurer's office asked if she would be interested in running for the Treasurer's position when she was hired and if not, why? Also, has any alternative plans been considered rather than hiring a 3<sup>rd</sup> staff member? What if the 3<sup>rd</sup> employee is not elected by the people and Kim does decide to retire; what happens then? It was stated that the Treasurer's position is an elected position and needs to be chosen by the people of Wayne County. Other questions were asked, "What is the salaries of the office." Auditor Dooley stated that she wished the Kim was present at the meeting because she is the best one to answer the public's questions regarding her office. Seams responded to the salary question. He stated that the salaries with a 5% increase would be \$134,916.94. Dooley stated she did not think that Amanda is currently paid 85% of Kim's salary but Kim could adjust Amanda's salary to 85% if she chose to. It was also discussed that many county residents may not be proficient with technology and coming to the courthouse is more efficient for them. It was also stated public's time is valuable too. It was requested that the Treasurer's Office door be opened or a glass put in the door and that the office be open over the lunch hour from 12 to 1. By the Treasurer's office being closed to the public, the question is asked; does that create additional work for the office because of the follow-up required to complete business. Another question asked, at what point does other counties start requesting payments from Wayne County for services rendered to our residents? TSwearingin stated that payment for issuing Driver's License comes from the DOT there is no cost to the county. Printing, folding and mailing tax statements are outsourced now which should have reduce the workload in the office. Seams gave comparisons the staff in the Treasurer's Office of similar counties. Seams also read from the County Handbook that Wayne County Courthouse is here to serve the residents of the county and will remain open during regular scheduled business hours. The County Recorder Horton spoke stating that 90% of the Treasurer's customers who come to the courthouse are stopping at her window asking questions and expressing their frustrations with

the current situation of the Treasurer's Office. Horton also thought having the door open would help. It was stated there is conflicting information on the Treasurer's Facebook on the operations of the office. Seams also wanted to discuss that salary positions are paid for lunch hours. Therefore, he wants to see the offices open over the lunch hour. Sue Ruble spoke as the former Wayne County Auditor for 32 years, there is not one elected official that has not wished they had another employee and until you are there no one should be so quick to judge. Then the discussion went back to salaries and it was asked how the Shanee is going to feel if a new employee is hired at \$40,000 when she was hired at \$33,000. TSwearingin stated that \$40,000 probably included FICA, IPERS.

There being no further discussion; Seams made a motion to close the public budget hearing, seconded by TSwearingin.

Seams made a motion to deny the hiring of a 3<sup>rd</sup> employee in the Treasurer's Office and to reduce the FY22 Wayne County Budget accordingly, seconded by Dotts. TSwearingin abstained from voting for personal reasons. The Resolution 21-23 for approving and adopting the FY22 County Budget will be on the agenda for the next board meeting and will reflect the appropriate changes.

Bill Byrns, EMA & 911 Director informed the Supervisors that Wayne County received an additional \$113,000 CARES Funding. This is in addition to the previous \$81,000 funding received by the county earlier. Byrns is checking with the state to determine exactly what it can be used for. Byrns also communicated that Lindsey Gomez, ICAP Risk Control Officer has completed her annual site visit. She has 4 recommendations for the county which consist of installing panic bars on exit doors, installing emergency lighting, clearly marking AED & Fire Extinguishers locations and installing new security camera system on all entrances if security is a concern. These recommendations have been discussed previously and Aaron has a quote for new entrance/exit doors with the panic bars to be installed but the Board wants to review options for a card access program for the courthouse before moving forward with the placing the current doors. Aaron is also working on receiving quotes for a new security camera system throughout the courthouse.

Randy Zerr, County Engineer discussed that Iowa DOT will be working on Highway 65 from Highway 2 north to the Wayne/Lucas county line and as part of the joint contract, the DOT is willing to include fill-its/roadway approaches coming off the rock roads. The approaches will be 6 inches thick and 50 feet long. The cost to Wayne County is \$110,600. This work has been included in the budget. TSwearingin made a motion to approve the fill-it project with the DOT on highway 65, seconded by Seams. Zerr will share more information regarding the project as it comes available.

The February Recorder's Report was presented. Deposits totaled \$5,617.30. Seams made the motion to accept and approve the Recorder's February Report, seconded by TSwearingin.

#### Board of Supervisors Meetings

All supervisors attended the March Department Head/Elected Official Meeting.

TSwearingin attended the 1015 Transit meeting and everything is going well. 1015 Transit is still working with City of Ottumwa to get funding that is owed to 1015 Transit. Overall ridership is up from last month by over 2,000 and in Wayne County specifically it is up from 168 to 392 participants. Financials are available if anyone would like to see them.

Dotts attended DECAT meeting and he has several meetings coming up.

Seams, Dotts and Aaron met with the contractor, who is installing a video/audio system in the courthouse for the Judicial System. The video/audio system will help maintain social distancing while still allowing in-person trials to be held. This project is managed and paid for through the Judicial system and they have received Cares Funding to cover the expenses. Wayne County is only responsible for electrical outlets and some wiring. The estimated cost to the county is approximately \$600. Seams attended a Sign committee meeting for the courthouse. The committee is trying to clearly identify and mark floors and offices throughout the courthouse and communicate the services offered by each office. Seams attended a CROSS Access Center meeting for the Mental Health Center in Osceola. Seams does not believe that the center will be able to accommodate the needs of the sheriff offices of the region without changes in legislation. Dotts & Seams attended a zoom meeting for Iowa Public Employer Pool (IPEP) for employee health insurance. Currently, the increase for health insurance for FY22 Budget Year is set at 12.8%. Dotts & Seams would like to see the increase at 10% or less. Currently, the

county is paying approximately \$828,000 in single policy premiums annually. Seams predicts that premiums will be over 1 million in the coming years. Wayne County cannot sustain these premiums long term.

**Public Comments:**

Sue Ruble requested the Board of Supervisors to consider automatic door openers on the entrance/exit doors of the Courthouse when replacing the current doors for the elder who would still like to use the stairs. Ruble asked Dotts, why the Treasurer’s office was singled out in the Public Hearing Notice for the budget when there were other budget increases? Sheriff Davis stated that his office is funded largely by Local Option Sales Tax and is not coming from property taxes and that his office expenses that are supported by property taxes actually decreased. Dotts respond it was because of the large number of complaints from the public that he had received and that he did not think it was necessary to hire another employee for the Treasurer’s Office. Seams also tried to address the heating and cooling system of the courthouse which resulted in an increase in the budget. Salaries were discussed again. Dooley stated that Seams opposed the 5% increase for elected officials until he did his own research and discovered that the Wayne County Elected Officials were lagging behind the other counties of similar population size. Dooley also stated to Ruble that she has an insight of this budget that not very many individuals would have. And that when Ruble stated that Tort Liability increased by approximately \$88,000, that Ruble knew that it was presented in another line on previous budgets. Ruble stated that “yes” she was aware of that fact. Ruble wants further explanation to be given on the actions taken by the Board of Supervisors. Ruble explained the budget process while she was in office and stated that she believes some budget items needs further discussion and the public needs to know what is going on. Ruble believes that an Elected Official should be allowed to run their office the way they see fit. Ruble also thinks that the Board of Supervisors should discuss and strongly encourage Wayne County employees to receive the COVID vaccination. Sheriff Davis stated that he encouraged his employees but only 25% of his staff chose to receive the vaccination. The Board responded that they have discussed in the vaccination with the Department Heads and Elected Officials but that it is an individual’s choice. Ruble also asked if Public Health is still allowed to move unspent funds of their budget allowed to their reserve account. Currently that is not a practice that is being implemented. Amber Rodgers spoke on behalf of Wayne Community Foundation and reminded everyone that they are currently accepting grant applications. The deadline is April 2<sup>nd</sup> and there is \$81,457.50 of which 50% will go toward Municipalities, Safety and Environment. Also, Ms. Rodgers introduced Stacy Gibbs, the new City Clerk/Administrator. Ruble then followed up with another question to Dooley regarding Senator Sinclair as her representative on the Compensation Board. Dooley responded that she has not done the follow-up yet because the Compensation Board has already made their recommendation for this year and will not meet again until November or December but will be addressed before the next Compensation Board Meeting.

**Claims Paid March 8, 2021**

ABILITY NETWORK INC	SERVICE/PHN	206.05
ACCESS SYSTEMS LEASING	SERVICE/PHN	244.99
ADVANCED CORRECTIONAL, HEALTHCARE INC	INMATE CARE/SHERIFF	2,744.45
AGRILAND FS INC	FUEL/SHERIFF	897.37
ALEXANDER, KELLEY	MILEAGE/CELL/PHN	122.50
ALLERTON LUMBER COMPANY	MAINT/CTHSE	247.44
ALLIANT ENERGY	SERVICE/GEN RELIEF	150.00
ALLIANT ENERGY-IP&L	UTILITES/SHERIFF	824.85
ASPHALT PAVING ASSOC OF IA	SCHOOLING-RANDY/SEC RDS	450.00
B & D AUTOMOTIVE, (CARQUEST OF HUMESTON)	SHOP/SEC RDS	176.13
BAILEY OFFICE OUTFITTERS	SUPPLIES/RECORDER	894.14
BANKS, KENNY	CELL/CONSERVATION	25.00
BICKEL, SHELLEY	MILEAGE/CELL/PHN	145.00
BI-STATE ELECTRONICS	RADIO/ PROGRAMMING/911	1,769.00
BROOKS-JEFFREY MARKETING INC	WEBSITE/SHERIFF	8,865.00
BUTTZ, DEIDRE	MILEAGE/CELL/PHN	119.50

C & E TRUCKING	SERVICE/CONSERVATION	240.00
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSOCIATES INC	ER-CO93(95)-58-93 BRIDGE N-3328(363900)F	13,994.41
CANTERA AGGREGATE, LLC	ROCK/SEC RDS	13,562.32
CARQUEST OF CORYDON	SUPPLIES/SHERIFF	45.24
CENTURY LINK	SERVICE/911	381.32
CHARITON VALLEY PLANNING &	D&O INSURANCE/SEC RDS	168.93
CITY OF CORYDON	SERVICE/CONSERVATION	1,001.00
CITY OF LINEVILLE	SERVICE/CONSERVATION	23.55
CJ COOPER & ASSOCIATES INC	SAFETY WOOLLIS/SEC RDS	35.00
CLARKE COUNTY AUDITOR	SERVICE/DHS	1,966.99
CURRY PEST CONTROL	SERVICE/SHERIFF	120.00
DEPT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS	SERVICE/VA	30.00
GAMBLE'S	MAINT/CTHSE	206.06
GEOCOMM INC	LICENSING/MAINT/911	2,925.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	SUPPLIES/EMC	147.79
GRAND RIVER MUTUAL TELEPHONE C	SERVICE/CONSERVATION	420.89
GRATIAS INVESTIGATIONS INC	SERVICE/DIST COURT	75.00
HEALTHCARE FIRST	SERVICE/PHN	1,738.27
HILDING, TEDDY	MILEAGE/NV	158.00
HILLYARD/DES MOINES	SUPPLIES/CTHSE	416.08
HYSELL, JESSICA	CELL/PHN	25.00
HY-VEE FOOD STORES	SUPPLIES/GEN RELIEF	39.87
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS	CONTRACT/TREASURER	31.20
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	ENGINEER EQUIP/SEC RDS	100.03
IOWA OFFICE STATE MEDICAL EXAM	SERVICE/MED EXAM	2,027.00
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	SIGNS/911	40.20
ISAC	TRAINING	450.00
JOHNSON CONTROL INC	SERVICE/SHERIFF	1,707.90
LOCKRIDGE INC	SHOP/SEC RDS	100.97
LUCIS CORP	MARCH RENT/PHN	300.00
MARKO'S DISTRIBUTING INC	PROVISIONS/SHERIFF	210.89
MCKESSON MEDICAL SURGICAL	MED SUPPLIES/PHN	189.39
MEYER LABORATORY INC.	LEASE/SHERIFF	776.00
MIDWEST CARD & ID SOLUTIONS	SUPPLIES/EMC	269.27
MIDWEST OFFICE TECHNOLOGY INC	CONTRACT/EMC	589.06
MIDWEST SANITATION & RECYCLING	SERVICE/CTHSE	75.00
MIDWEST WHEEL	SHOP/SEC RDS	278.60
MOORE, SUSAN	CELL/PHN	25.00
NICHOLAS EMERSON, DBA, SECOND DRAWER DOWN	REMODEL/RECORDER	175.00
PERRY, JOELLA	CELL/MILEAGE/VA	74.00
PETTY CASH - RECORDER	STAMPS/RECORDER	7.95
PREMIER	CONTRACT/SHERIFF	133.04
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT, DEPT 93-1147114528	PARTS15/SEC RDS	6.70
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER ASSOC	SERVICE/CONSERVATION	47.98
RHODES, DAVID	CELL/SANITATION	50.00
SCANTRON TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	SERVICE/DP	4,268.54
SCC NETWORKS	SERVICE/SHERIFF	3,759.72
SHELTON, JENNIFER	MILEAGE/CELL/PHN	209.00
SHRED-IT USA, C/O STERICYCLE, INC.	SERVICE/AUDITOR	104.62
SNOW, BRITTANY	CELL/CONSERVATION	25.00

SOCIETY OF LAND SURVEYORS, OF IOWA	SCHOOLING-RANDY/SEC RDS	195.00
SOUTHWEST COMM COLLEGE, SWICC ADULT & CONT ED	TRAINING/NV	99.00
SPIDLE, HALIE	CELL/NV	75.00
STANLEY, LINDA	CELL/PHN	25.00
THOMAS FUNERAL HOME	SERVICE/GEN RELIEF	1,200.00
U.S. CELLULAR	UTILITIES/SEC RDS	771.10
VAN FLEET, CHARLOTTE	CELL/PHN	25.00
WALLACE JR, RON	CELL/MILEAGE/PHN	47.00
WASH-ECLAIR	SERVICE/SHERIFF	35.00
WAYNE COUNTY EMA	ADVERTISING OUTREACH/VA	500.00
WAYNE COUNTY HOME CARE, AIDE AGENCY	MEALS (32)/BOS	92.80
WAYNE COUNTY HOSPITAL	SERVICE/GEN RELIEF	522.40
WAYNE COUNTY HOSPITAL CLINICS	SERVICE/GEN RELIEF	982.00
WAYNE COUNTY NEWSPAPERS	LEGALS/ASSESSOR	1,563.86
WINDSTREAM COMMUNICATIONS, ATTN: CABS	SERVICE/911	569.12
WINDSTREAM LAKEDALE INC	SERVICE/911	261.36
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	LEASE/SHERIFF	128.25
ZIEGLER INC	PARTS/SEC RDS	7,967.10

There being no further business, the next regular session meeting of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors will be held on the 22nd day of March 2021, at 9:00AM in the Wayne County Courthouse Conference Room.

Seams made motion to adjourn at 10:08AM, seconded by TSwearingin.

  
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 David Dotts, Chairperson

Attested   
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 Michelle Dooley, Auditor

