## Tuesday, November 23, 2021

The Cass County Board of Supervisors met at 9:00 a.m. with all members present: Steve Baier chair; Stephen Green, John Hartkopf, Mark O'Brien and Bernard Pettinger. Agenda upon motion by Green; 2nd by Pettinger was approved. Minutes of November 16, 2021 upon motion by Hartkopf, 2nd by O'Brien were approved.

Copies of the WCCA 2021 annual report were filed with Board by mail and West Central Community Action director Wendy Mueller virtually presented annual report of activity in Cass County. WCCA is requesting match funding of \$4,000 for fiscal year 2023, same as current year. Taken under advisement.

County Engineer reviewed current road projects. Construction: roadway on Adair/Cass opened last Friday; bridge 208 on Indian Creek Road has one more concrete pour next week. Maintenance: continue clearing on some roads; placing planks on bridge on east side of Atlantic.

Motion by O'Brien; 2nd by Green: to adopt Resolution No. 2021-025 RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT. Carried unanimously.

Resolution #2021-025 RESOLUTION TO AWARD CONTRACT

**WHEREAS**, the following project is included in the approved Cass County Five Year Construction Program (2022-2026):

L-280-73-15 Bridge Replacement of Bridge #280 on 700th St., over Jim Branch of Turkey Creek, from Jackson Rd., South 0.8 miles, on the West Line S26-T76-R35; and

WHEREAS, this project was publicly let for bids on November 15, 2021 with the following results:

Cunningham-Reis LLC of Van Meter, Iowa \$ 69,500.00

A.M. Cohron & Son Inc. of Atlantic, Iowa \$83,428.80

Murphy Heavy Contracting of Anita, Iowa \$101,309.00

WHEREAS, it is the recommendation of the County Engineer to accept the bid from Cunningham-Reis LLC in the amount of \$69,500.00; and

WHEREAS, it will be necessary to temporarily close certain roadways along the project route to facilitate construction. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Cass County, Iowa does accept the bid and herein award this project to Cunningham-Reis LLC in the amount of Sixty-Nine Thousand, Five Hundred and 00/100 Dollars (\$69,500.00); and BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Cass County Board of Supervisors authorizes the Board Chair to sign the contracts on behalf of Cass County; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the Cass County Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Engineer to administer the terms of the contract and temporarily close certain project roadways as necessary to facilitate construction. Resolution adopted this 23rd day of November, 2021.

CADCO director Jennifer McEntaffer reported to the Board that Kim Comes has inquired regarding possible tax abatement for a property being developed – meeting facility. A discussion regarding the establishment of an abatement plan for property improvements for certain classes of property in the non-incorporated portion of Cass County ensued. After due discussion, chair appointed Hartkopf and Green to look into county-wide tax abatement plans already in place in other counties and how to establish a plan. Intent is to have establishment of a plan as an action item at the Dec. 7 board meeting.

Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Green: to allow/disallow family farm credits and to approve agricultural land credits as recommended by the Assessor and the Auditor in accord with Code of Iowa (Chapters 425A & 426) for taxes collectible FY2022-23. Carried unanimously.

TIME 10:18 Motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Pettinger: to adjourn. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Nov. 30, 2021.

/s/-Steve Baier, Chair Attest: /s/-Dale Sunderman, Auditor