

Tuesday, April 19, 2022

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 via telephone, Bernard Pettinger. Agenda upon motion by Green; 2nd by Hartkopf was approved. Minutes of April 12, 2022, upon motion by O'Brien, 2nd by Green were approved.

Iowa Firearms Coalition is requesting the board to take action declaring Cass County, Iowa to be an 2nd Amendment Sanctuary County. It was reported that 35 other Iowa counties have done so. Cary Short spoke and was concerned that it was a political venture and urged the board to not participate. He also requested that we hear from Sheriff McLaren and get his input on this matter before a decision is made. After lengthy discussion it was decided to table this matter until more information and research could be done. It was the consensus to have Sheriff McLaren attend the April 29, 2022 meeting.

Jotham Arber, Executive Director of the Guthrie County Health Services, presented his quarterly report. They have begun working with local realtors to educate new home buyers on maintenance of wells. They are also applying and working with grants to help citizens cover costs. He also emphasized that water testing is free for county residents.

Matt Leighton, board member for the Noble Township Initiative, reviewed building, and fundraising activities for the new daycare center in Griswold. Currently they have raised half of the 2.3 million dollars that is needed. The facility will be able to serve 100 kids and 12-15 employees. They are asking for the county to contribute the same as the City of Griswold, which is \$150,000.00. It was the decision of the board to wait until they get more information and requests from the other daycares in the county before making a decision. Taken under advisement.

County Engineer reviewed current road projects. Engineer Trent Wolken recommended the end of the probationary period for Myles McDermott, hired in January 2022, be ended and payrate be increased. Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Hartkopf to approve that the end of the probationary period status for Myles McDermott end effective April 18, 2022, and payrate be set at \$22.30. Carried unanimously. County Engineer also presented the Five-Year Construction Plan for Cass County. Motion by O'Brien and seconded by Green to approve resolution #2022-019 for Cass County Secondary Roads Five Year Construction Program. Roll Call Vote. Resolution Adopted this 19th day of April 2022.

Cass County Auditor Sara Harris presented a resolution to approve for ARPA reporting purposes. Motion by Hartkopf, seconded by Green to approve Resolution #2022-018 to Approved Allocation of Funds from the American Rescue Plan Act. Roll Call Vote. Resolution adopted this 19th day of April 2022.

Cass County Treasurer, Tracey Marshall has hired an employee as a Driver's License Examiner and has requested approval from the board. It was the consensus of the board that there was a concern on the hiring process to stay within the legal perimeters. After discussion, motion by Green, seconded by Hartkopf to approve the employment of Ann Jones as Treasurer's Drive Examiner effective April 12, 2022 at \$18.00/hour with full benefits. A performance review will occur on June 30, 2022, whereas they will review wage setting. Carried unanimously.

Committee reports: John Hartkopf: Willow Heights and Zion/SW IA Mental Health

TIME 10:49 a.m. Motion by O'Brien, seconded by Hartkopf: to adjourn. Meeting adjourned.
Next meeting April 29, 2022.