

Minutes

Cass County Board of Supervisors

Tuesday, June 27, 2023

The Cass County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the board room at the courthouse with members present: Steve Baier, chair; Stephen Green, Wendy Richter, Mark O'Brien and Bernard Pettinger. Absent: none.

Green moved, Pettinger second, to adopt the agenda as amended. All ayes. Motion carried.

Richter moved, O'Brien second, to approve the June 20, 2023 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:03 a.m., the Chair recessed for a public hearing in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306 on vacating a section of Pella Road, a Cass County secondary road. Comments included concerns about the easement for power lines on the property. The easement will remain. Green moved, Richter second, to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. At 9:06 a.m., Baier closed the public hearing.

Green moved, O'Brien second, to approve Resolution 2023-24 Closing Portions of Pella Road in Union Township. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:08 a.m., the Chair recessed and a public hearing was conducted on a proposed amendment to the Cass County Zoning Ordinance to change zoning classification for Russell Lange from General Agricultural to Light Industrial District for real estate in Brighton Township in accordance with 7.11 of the Cass County Zoning Ordinance. There were no objections to the change. Green moved, Pettinger second, to close the public hearing. All ayes. Motion carried. At 9:13 a.m., Baier closed the public hearing.

O'Brien moved, Green second, to approve the Zoning Commission's Recommendation to change the zoning classification for Russell Lange from General Agricultural to Light Industrial District for real estate in Brighton Township under 7.11 of Cass County Zoning Ordinance. All ayes. Motion carried.

Green moved, O'Brien second, to approve Resolution 2023-25 Appropriating Transfers for Fiscal Year 2022-2023.

General Services Fund

To Secondary Roads	\$190,896
To Capital Projects	\$400,000
To General Supplemental	\$770,000

Rural Services Basic Fund

To Rural Services Supplemental Fund	\$250,000
To Secondary Road Fund	\$2,376,499
To Flood and Erosion	\$24,000

Local Option Sales Tax Fund

To Rural Services Fund	\$400,000
To Secondary Roads Fund	\$200,000

Agribusiness TIF Fund

To Local Option Sales Tax Fund	\$55
To 2017 Agribusiness Long Term Debt Fund	\$479,945

Total **\$5,091,395**

Ayes: Baier, Pettinger, Green, Richter, O'Brien. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Green moved, O'Brien second, to approve the FY2024 Collective Bargaining Agreement Addendum with sheriff's deputies contingent upon approval and signature of the union representative(s): Deputies at \$34.08/hour, Civil Deputy at \$32.08/hour, Deputy Investigator at \$36.08/hour, Jailer at \$23.75/hour, Head Jailer at \$25.75/hour, Dog Handler at \$35.10/hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

O'Brien moved, Green second, to approve the FY2024 Employee Group Agreement with Secondary Roads: Road Equipment Operator 1 at \$25.00/hour, Road Equipment Operator 2 at \$26.25/hour, Dragline Operator 3 at \$26.50/hour, Working Foreman at \$27.00/hour, Yardman at \$25.25/hour, Shop Foreman at \$27.60/hour. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Beginning in FY2013, the sheriff and board of supervisors determined the position of jail administrator should be given to the first deputy sheriff rather than hire a jail administrator. Supplemental pay was authorized for the first deputy to perform jail administration duties at the rate of \$5,000, including social security and IPERS. The sheriff has requested the supplemental pay be continued. Green moved, O'Brien second, to approve the Jail Administrator's position at the same rate as the prior year (base salary at \$4,285.96 and total at \$5,000 with social security and IPERS in accordance with Iowa Code 331.904(2)(e)).

Green moved, Pettinger second, to approve the hire of LaJean Fajen as Jailer at \$21.94/hour. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Green moved, Richter second, to remove Edna Becht, DO as Deputy Medical Examiner Investigator effective June 30, 2023. All ayes. Motion carried.

Green moved, Richter second, to appoint Veteran Affairs Commission Members as follows: Terry Duggan reappointed for a three-year term expiring June 30, 2026, Dawn Walton to complete Roger Barbero's term through June 30, 2025. All ayes. Motion Carried.

County Engineer Trent Wolken reviewed current road and equipment projects.

Green moved, Pettinger second, to extend the Crooked Creek 5C pipe replacement project deadline, that was previously extended through June 30, 2023, until June 30, 2024. Ayes: Green, Richter, Baier, Pettinger. Nays: O'Brien. Motion carried.

Committee reports: Baier on Juvenile Detention; Green on the landfill; Pettinger on Southwest Iowa Mental Health.

At 9:38 a.m. Richter moved, Pettinger second, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting July 11, 2023.