

## **Minutes**

### **Cass County Board of Supervisors**

**Tuesday, March 5, 2024**

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

Richter moved, Pettinger second, to adopt the agenda. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pettinger moved, Green second, to approve the February 20, 2024 minutes. All ayes. Motion carried.

During public comments, Craig Meyer thanked volunteers who assisted with powder coating benches at the Cass County Freedom Rock Park.

Amanda McCall, with Zion Integrated Behavioral Health Services, asked the board to declare March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month. Richter moved, Pettinger second, to proclaim March as Problem Gambling Awareness Month. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pettinger moved, Green second, to approve a Class C Retail Alcohol License for Griswold Golf and Country Club. All ayes. Motion carried.

Green moved, O'Brien second, to set the date of public hearing for May 21, 2024 to approve a resolution declaring Emergency Medical Services to be an Essential Service. All ayes. Motion Carried.

Richter moved, Green second, to set the date of public hearing for March 26, 2024 on the proposed Fiscal Year 2025 tax levy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Pettinger moved, Green second, to authorize the chairman of the board to renew and sign the 28E Agreement with Juvenile Detention. All ayes. Motion carried.

O'Brien moved, Green second, to approve Resolution 2024-06 Allocating ARPA funds for the Atlantic Splash Pad project in an amount of \$10,000. Ayes: O'Brien, Baier, Pettinger, Green, Richter. Nays: none. Motion carried.

The board learned about Connections Area Agency on Aging and requested Richter look into other services provided within Cass County that may overlap with those provided by Connections and report back to the board on her findings at the March 19, 2024 board meeting.

Green moved, Pettinger second, to use ISAC's Plan 16 Iowa POS for employee health insurance in Fiscal Year 2024-2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chief Deputy John Westering explained that he is responding to questions from the Center for Immigration Studies confirming Cass County is not a Sanctuary City or County. Last week, nationwide news outlets reported a map listing Cass County as a sanctuary location. Concerned citizens contacted county officials which led them to investigate the source of the incorrect information. The Center for Immigration Studies' website was found to list a number of southwest Iowa counties. The website was contacted and requested to correct the inaccurate information and remove Cass County from the list. The Center for Immigration Studies requires a statement from a county official clarifying, "the county honors all detainees (and does not require a judge's

approval), allows ICE access to the jail, and does not have a policy prohibiting county officials from communicating with ICE (as per 8 USC 1311 and 1644).” Westering is providing the necessary information and Chairman Baier will send additional confirmation to the Center for Immigration Studies confirming Cass County is not a sanctuary city.

Richter moved, Green second, to table abatement of all taxes, penalty, interest and tax sale for 405 Cherry Street in Atlantic under Iowa Code 445.16 until the March 19, 2024 meeting. All ayes. Motion carried.

County Engineer Trent Wolken reported on weekly activities.

Richter moved, Green second, to appoint Ciara Hoegh to the Cass County Local Food Policy Council for the four-year term from January 1, 2024 – December 31, 2027. All ayes. Motion carried.

Green moved, Richter second, to appoint Mark Smith to the Cass County Conservation Board for the five-year term from January 1, 2023-December 31, 2027.

Green reported that an ambulance has been ordered.

**Reports filed: County Recorder and Sheriff**

The following claims were approved, and the auditor authorized to issue checks for the same:

General Basic Fund

Able Locksmiths Inc	Repair	245.00
Access Systems, Inc.	Copier Contract	941.31
Access Systems, Inc.	Service Agreement	926.88
Alliant Energy	Utilities	666.48
Amazon Business Amazon Capital	Office Supplies	241.71
Atlantic Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2047.80
Barbara Baier	Mileage	6.60
Black Hills Energy	Utilities	229.57
Brown Electric Company Inc	Electrical Repairs	787.61
Cappels	Supplies	6.46
Cass County Pest Control	Pest Control	40.00
Cass Health	Coroner Call	200.00
Cass County Public Health	Grants	13968.43
CenTec Cast Metal Products Co	Veteran's Markers	830.39
Central Iowa Dist. Inc.	Custodial Supplies	66.00
Century Link	Telephone Services	563.38
City of Atlantic	Ambulance Services	8333.33
Terry Duggan	Mileage	17.26
Ed's Lawn Equipment	Equipment Maintenance	61.00
Farmers Electric Cooperative	Utilities	53.61
Griswold American Forsyth Publ	Publishing	291.54
Griswold Communications	Telephone Service	306.78
Guthrie Co EnvironmentalHealth	Monthly Service	4200.27
Guthrie County Public Health	Grants	5502.83
Phillip Hascall	Mileage	2.40
Hy-Vee Pharmacy Attn: Store Ch	Prescriptions	128.34
Hy-Vee, Inc. Accounts Receivab	Provisions	2824.57
IACCVSO Attn: Tammy Rausch	Registration	60.00
Laverty Sanitation Brandon Lav	Sanitation Expense	224.00
Lewis Senior Homes Inc	Rent	300.00
James Mackey	Rent	300.00
Mail Services LLC	Postage	731.97
Chelsea McCunn	Mileage	11.65
Mediacom	Telephone Services	149.82
Mid American Energy	Utilities	326.62
Nishnabotna Valley R E C	Utilities	243.56

ODP Business Solutions, LLC	Office Supplies	75.59
Olsen Fuel Supply Inc	Generator Fuel	736.45
Pitney Bowes Inc	Postage Meter Lease	847.80
Christine Short	Mileage	9.20
Stamp Construction L.C	Clean Out Installation	375.00
State Hygienic Laboratory	Water Testing	16.50
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	1804.98
Visual Edge IT	Copier Contract	337.86
General Supplemental Fund		
ISAC	Registration	210.00
Weimer Law, PC Krisanne Corl W	Juvenile Services	2000.00
Rural Services Basic Fund		
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Evaluation	150.00
Sawyer Ocheltree	Uniform	208.00
Outfitters Plus	Uniforms	625.84
Radar Road Tech Jerry Eshelman	Radar Maintenance	509.00
Richter & Son Towing Inc	Towing Service	275.00
Xtreme Auto	Vehicle Maintenance	1152.63
Secondary Road Fund		
AgriVision, LLC	Parts/Service	2258.21
Akin Building Center	Supplies	56.93
Alliant Energy	Utilities	1968.63
Allied Oil & Supply, Inc.	Oil/Supplies	785.40
Atlantic Motor Supply Inc	Supplies	1046.62
Atlantic Municipal Utilities	Utilities	790.12
Leo Beschorner	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Brown Electric Company Inc	Electrical Repairs	291.45
Cappels	Supplies	653.35
Dave Christensen	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Curtis Welding & Fab Inc Curt	Supplies	911.28
General Fire & Safety Equip Co	Inspections	1517.75
Gregg Young Automotive	Parts/Service	95.38
Scott Holaday	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Curtis Holste	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Housby Mack Inc	Parts/Service	320.16
Industrial Supply SolutionsInc	Supplies	3715.61
JJ Design, LLC	Printing	350.00
Kimball Midwest	Supplies	154.68
Robert Kirchner	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Mark Knudsen	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Massena Telephone Company	Telephone Service	34.10
McAtee Tire Service Inc	Tires/Tire Repair	675.00
Mid Country Machinery, LLC	New Equipment	206574.00
Ethan Miller	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Jason Mitchell	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Nishnabotna Valley R E C	Intersection Lighting	40.35
RDO Truck Center, Co.	Parts/Service	1699.68
Andrew Steffen	Cellular Reimbursement	40.00
Steinbeck & Sons Inc.	Propane	336.00
Stone Office Products	Office Supplies	37.92
Truck Center Companies Inc	Parts/Service	183.95
Trent Wolken	Reimbursement	40.00
Ziegler Inc.	Parts/Service	2973.21
Local Option Tax Fund		
Cass/Atlantic Development Corp	Dues	7500.00
Capital Projects		
Atlantic Municipal Utilities	Utilities	2499.74
Local Emergency Mgmt Agency		
Mike Kennon	Fuel/Supplies	58.85
Verizon Wireless	Cellular Service	81.64
Environmental Control Agn		
Brown Electric Company Inc	Building Maintenance	633.66
Farmers Electric Cooperative	Utilities	1852.05
Road Machinery & Supplies Co	Parts	671.99

Secondary Road Fund	Reimburse Sec Rd Hours	500.00
Tradebe Env Services, LLC	HHW Expenses	7343.83
Consrv LandAcq/Cap Imprvmnt		
Pest Off Pest Control	Pest Control	55.00
Grand Total		304237.56

At 10:44 a.m. Richter moved, Green second, to adjourn. All ayes. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting Tuesday, March 19, 2024.