

PROCEEDINGS OF O'BRIEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS

January 2, 2019

The Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Steensma appoint Sherri Bootsma as Chairperson for 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Vanden Hull to appoint John Steensma as Chairperson Pro-Tem for 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Steensma to approve the proceedings of December 18, 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by Steensma to appoint the following committees for 2019. Sherri Bootsma – 3rd Judicial Dist. Alt., 911 Alt., DECAT Alt., Early Childhood Alt., EMA, Alt., Hartley Econ. Dev., Health Committee, NW IA Care Connections Board, REAP & Wellness Committee. John Steensma – Compass Pointe, County Farm, Courthouse & Jail, Hazmat, Landfill Alt., NW IA Planning & Development, Seasons Center Alt., SHIELD, Value Added Ag & Workforce Development. Nancy McDowell – 3rd Judicial, 911, Cherokee MHI Citizen Advisory Alt., Economic Development, EMA, Health Committee, Housing Authority, Safety Committee, SHIELD Alt., Sheldon City Zoning, Tourism & YES Center. Dan Friedrichsen – County Farm, Courthouse & Jail, DECAT, Early Childhood, Local Emergency Planning, NW IA Housing Trust, OSCEMSA Alt. & Rides. Dennis Vanden Hull – Compass Pointe, Economic Development, Family Crisis Center, Landfill, NW IA Care Connections Alt., OSCEMSA, RIDES Alt., Seasons Center & YES Center Alt. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Vanden Hull to approve the following appointments and salaries: Katie Morgan, Part-time Assistant County Attorney at \$50,000 per year effective January 2, 2019; Jillian Jager, Full-time legal assistant and Office Manager for the County Attorney at \$49,500 per year effective January 1, 2019 and Nicole Steele, Full-time Legal Assistant and Fine Collection Representative at \$39,000 per year effective January 7, 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Steensma to adopt the Construction Evaluation Resolution for the use of the master matrix on animal feeding facilities for 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Steensma to appoint the following township clerks and trustees for a four year term ending December 31, 2022: Clerks - Baker Township – Nick Stallman; Caledonia Township – Fred Schuknecht; Carroll Township – Kathy Landhuis; Center Township – Dennis Heemstra; Dale Township – Steve Berntson; Floyd Township – Dennis Brouwer; Franklin Township – Kristie Ver Hoef; Hartley Township – Greg Mills; Liberty Township – John Friedrichsen; Lincoln Township – Harv Westerman; Omega Township –

Lynette Gable; Summit Township – Alan Hofman; Union Township – Robert Faust and Waterman Township – Mike Fisch. Township Trustees: Baker Township – Regnald Hain; Caledonia Township – Doug Koehlmoos; Carroll Township – Tom Youngers; Center Township – Lon Vogt; Dale Township – Jeff Grothaus; Floyd Township – Michael Hulstein; Franklin Township – Mary Gibbons; Hartley Township – Kenny Menke; Liberty Township – Marv Gerstandt; Lincoln Township – Tom Gonnerman; Omega Township – Stan Gable; Summit Township – Lowell Appleton; Union Township – Rich Jalas and Waterman Township – Jordan Jalas. Motion carried by all ayes.

The following newspapers submitted requests to be the official newspapers for 2019: The O'Brien County Bell-Times-Courier with The Sanborn Pioneer; The N'West Iowa Review and The Sheldon Mail-Sun. O'Brien County is required to appoint two official newspapers.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to hold a hearing at 10:35 a.m. January 8, 2019 on the contest to determine the official newspapers of O'Brien County and to direct the county auditor to notify the applicants in accordance with Iowa Code section 349.5. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Steensma, seconded by McDowell to authorize the Auditor to pay claims when presented and approved by the proper parties for postage, freight, utilities, contract estimates, salaries and payrolls. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to set Christmas Eve, December 24, 2019 as a holiday for 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Vanden Hull to appoint Dr. Jen Stubbe and Marlys Hartong to the O'Brien County Board of Health for 3-year terms. Motion carried by all ayes except Friedrichsen.

The Engineer informed the Board that the IA DOT has given the calculations for the use of detour during the repair of the railroad crossing on Highway 59 just south of Highway 18. The reimbursement for the use of the detour route is \$134.93.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Steensma to authorize the Chair to sign a contract with Graves Construction Co. Inc. for bridge replacement project BROS-SWAP-CO71(80)—SE-71 on Warbler Avenue for \$520,739.55. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to enter into executive session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(i) to interview a county engineer candidate at 11:41 a.m. Ayes: Friedrichsen, Steensma, Vanden Hull, McDowell & Bootsma. Motion carried.

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by Friedrichsen to adjourn the executive session at 1:46 p.m. Ayes: Friedrichsen, Steensma, Vanden Hull & Bootsma. Motion carried.

Nancy McDowell left the meeting at 1:30 p.m. for another meeting.

Moved by Friedrichsen to make an offer to the county engineer candidate of \$95,000 per year with the benefits to follow the employee handbook; with a 6-month probationary period and evaluated monthly during the probationary period. Motion seconded by Steensma. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by Friedrichsen to adjourn to January 8, 2019. Motion carried by all ayes.

Attest: Barbara Rohwer
Auditor

Sherri Bootsma
Chairperson