

**MONONA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MARCH 14, 2023**

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. o'clock on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, Monona County, Iowa with Chairman Fox presiding. Other, Supervisors present: Tom Brouillette and Vince Phillips. Supervisor Absent: None. Also, present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve the agenda. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Denise Ballard and Cindy Allen, IGHCP Insurance reviewed the health insurance renewal with the Supervisors. Kelly Parsley, Deputy Auditor was also present.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve the IGHCP Health Insurance renewal. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Secondary Roads Engineer Dustin Wallis was present for Secondary Roads business. Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to acknowledge receipt of resignation letter from Dustin Wallis effective May 12, 2023. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion items were bridges, rock, and roads. No action was taken.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to authorize the Auditor to publish public notice of intent to fill the vacancy in the office of the Monona County Sheriff by appointment. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Auditor Rolph reviewed the Sheriff's budget with the Board. No action was taken.

Personnel issue was resolved. No action taken.

Ian McConeghey, County Attorney, was present to discuss re-payment from TK Elevator. Ian will send a letter to TK Elevator requesting the county be reimbursed for payments that were made to TK Elevator when services had not been performed. No action taken.

Present for the discussion on the NEW Cooperative Port Grant opportunity were Frank Huseman and Jared Ehrp, NEW Cooperative; Brian Tapp, Iowa Area Development Group; Abby Riesberg, Treasurer; Ian McConeghey, County Attorney; Dustin Wallis, County Engineer; Tyler Wessling, Assistant to Engineer I; Zach Schrader, Assistant to Engineer II; and Jackie Schrader, county citizen.

Mr. Huseman presented the information on the Federal Grant Program opportunity to the Supervisors. As a private entity, NEW Cooperative cannot apply on their own behalf. They can apply jointly with the one following: a Port Authority, a state or political subdivision of a state or local government, an Indian Tribe, a public agency or chartered authority established by one or more states, or a special purpose district with a transportation function. The grants may be used for capital projects to improve the safety, efficiency, or reliability of the loading and unloading of goods at the port, such as for marine terminal equipment. The movement of goods into, out of, around, or within a port, highway or infrastructure, operational improvements, including projects to improve port resilience, or the purchase of cargo handling equipment and related infrastructure. The federal funding would be 80% with NEW Cooperative funding the other 20%. NEW Cooperative would like to apply for funding for project costs of approximately 8 to 10 million dollars and would like Monona County to be the applicant on their behalf. The County would be the clearinghouse. The grant money would essentially flow through the county with the County being reimbursed for administrative services. The deadline to apply for the grant is April 28, 2023.

Discussion followed with no action taken.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve the minutes of March 7, 2023 as read. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve claims. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve wage increase for William Keenan. He will be going from \$29.35 per hour to \$29.65 per hour per union contract. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve wage increase for Ashley Haynes. She will be going from \$16.82 per hour to \$17.94 per hour per union contract. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve wage increase for Megan Garule. She will be going from \$16.82 per hour to \$17.94 per hour per union contract. Vote on motion: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve Class B Liquor License renewal for Blue Lake KOA. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Report of fees collected for February 2023. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to acknowledge receipt of the Monona County Clerk of Court report of fees collected for February 2023. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to hereby adjourn at the hour of 1:11 p.m. o'clock. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

/s/Bo Fox
BO FOX, CHAIRPERSON MONONA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: /s/Peggy A. Rolph
PEGGY A. ROLPH, AUDITOR