

**MONONA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
APRIL 11, 2023**

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. o'clock on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, Monona County, Iowa with Chairman Fox presiding. Other, Supervisors present: Tom Brouillette. Supervisor Absent: Vince Phillips. Also, present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

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

John Thomas, Hungry Canyons Alliance was present to update the Board on the Hungry Canyons Alliance program. Hungry Canyons Alliance was formed locally to research and implement solutions to the problem of stream channel erosion and degradation in a 19 county area of the deep loess soils region of western Iowa. Channelization of streams and land use changes during the first half of the 1900's caused stream channels to erode. A proven affordable solution to this problem is to build grade control structures in streams. Hungry Canyons Alliance provides state and federal money available to the 19 counties through a cost share program for grade control structures. County governments provide a minimum of 20% match for each grade control structure. Since 1992, the program has provided \$27 million in state and federal appropriations and the technical assistance needed to complete 421 grade control structures in 19 counties in western Iowa. Another 11 grade control structures are in progress. Monona County has utilized Hungry Canyons Alliance program for 36 projects. Discussion followed, no action taken.

Secondary Roads Engineer Dustin Wallis and Zach Schrader, Assistant to Engineer II were present for Secondary Roads business. Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve wage adjustment for Anthony Mahlberg. He is going from an operator II to an operator III his wage will go from \$22.98 to \$23.98 per union contract. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette, Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve internal posting for operator II in the Soldier Shed. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, and Brouillette, Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve the FY 2024 Secondary Roads Budget for IDOT. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette, Nays: None. Motion carried.

FY 2024 Secondary Road Construction Program was approved last week.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve miscellaneous utility permit for Telcom Construction for Lumen to bore 85ft. 3 pair 24 gauge copper cable from PED to customer property at 10092 Teak Avenue, Danbury. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion items were E-16, rock, Mechanic's Shed, motor graders, repair of buildings, open projects, Drainage-culverts and tubes. No action was taken.

A petition was filed on 4-11-2023 by Brent Miller in the NE quarter, Section 28, Sherman Township, requesting permission to install irrigation bridges across the Crane ditch.

It was moved by Fox, seconded by Brouillette to approve the permit, subject to the approval of the Harrison County Board of Supervisors, joint trustees of the Crane Inter-County Drainage District. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Fox. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Brent Miller was instructed to notify the District upon completion of the installation of the bridge crossings.

In reference to the petition filed by William L Noble on the Fletcher Drainage District on 3/2/2023, in which a letter was sent out on March 15, 2023 to the landowners of Parcel #824509275002 in Sherman Township, Monona County, Iowa, contact has been made with the tenants by Chairman Fox and they have agreed to keep the ditch open so it can flow and check in the spring and fall to insure it is working properly.

Chairman Fox was contacted by a landowner along Gray Lateral B informing him of CRP along the lateral that is scheduled for cleanout. Engineer Mouw was contacted and he has taken care of this and will have the spoils placed on the other side of the lateral.



Peggy A. Rolph, Monona County Auditor

Kevin Ewing, Sheriff and Cindy Melby were present. Sheriff Ewing asked for authorization to post interoffice for a sergeant position.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to give Sheriff Ewing permission to post interoffice for the sergeant position. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to remove Jeffrey Pratt and Rick Deen from the US Bank Account and to add Sheriff Kevin Ewing, Sgt. Jeremy Bellis, Jailer Megan Garule, and Dispatcher Ashley Haynes. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette, Nays: None. Motion carried.

Sheriff Ewing discussed his plans with the jail going forward, no action taken. The 28E Agreement with Lonnie Maguire was not discussed.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to recess at 12:15 p.m. and reconvene at 1:25 p.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Frank Huseman, New Cooperative; Charlie Persinger, Monona County Economic Development; Sandy Bubke, Zoning Administrator; and Abby Riesberg, Treasurer were present for the Maritime Grant. Mr. Huseman stated that the grant is not complete; when it is completed, Monona County will receive a copy to review. The sub-recipient agreement was sent to Ian McConeghey, County Attorney to review. If the sub-recipient agreement is approved, New Cooperative would like the County to submit the Maritime Grant by April 24, 2023. SIMPCO will assist the County Auditor in submitting the Maritime Grant. Communication will be the key in getting this process completed. Sandy Bubke, Zoning Administrator stated that they would need building permits and to make sure the site is not in the floodplain. If approved for the Maritime Grant New Cooperative will have three years to complete their project. Discussion followed, no action was taken.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve the minutes of April 4 and 6, 2023 as read. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve wage increase for Lisa Meadows she is going from \$19.46 per hour to \$19.76 per hour per union contract for promotion to a step 3 dispatcher. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette, Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to acknowledge receipt of Monona County Zoning/Environmental Health quarterly report FY2023 January-March 2023. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to acknowledge receipt of Monona County Sheriff's report of fees collected for March 2023. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of Monona County Recorder's quarterly report. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve class B liquor license for Dollar General Corporation. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

It was moved by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to hereby adjourn at the hour of 3:00 p.m. o'clock. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion Carried.

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

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