

**MONONA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
DECEMBER 12, 2023**

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. o'clock on Tuesday, December 12, 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 Brouillette to approve the agenda. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Present for the discussion on replacing the Monona County Attorney was Sharon Gries, Chief Deputy Assessor. It was discussed to accept applications for the position, interview times, and when to appoint. Motion was made by Fox, seconded by Phillips to accept applications until 4 p.m. on December 28, 2023, interview on December 29, 2023, and to appoint on January 2, 2024. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Secondary Roads Maintenance Superintendent Shawn Bellis was present for Secondary Roads business. Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of email/letter from Leif Erickson, Attorney for Justin Terrell. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to amend the personal protective equipment and clothing. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion items were Assistance Engineer I position, bridge work, equipment, and the budget. No action take.

Drainage Clerks Bryan Phillips and Amy Borchardt-Sick were present for Drainage business. It was moved by Fox, seconded by Phillips to approve the Change Order No. 3 for the McNeill Drainage District to Hendrickson Transportation, LLC in the amount of \$12,181.99. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Phillips and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Fox, seconded by Brouillette to approve the Pay App No. 7 for the McNeill Drainage District to Hendrickson Transportation, LLC in the amount of \$183,398.74. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Phillips and Brouillette. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Wendy Mueller and Kelly Mahlberg, West Central Community Action were present to update the Board on the programs that West Central Community Action provides to Monona County Residents and request FY 25 funding. The programs that they offer are Head Start, Child Care Resources and Referral (CCR&R), Low-Income Home Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP), I Care Black Hills Cares Assistance, Family Development and Self-Sufficiency (FaDSS), Child and Adult Card Food Program (CACFP), Embrace Iowa, Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP), Food Pantry, and Habitat Home Assistance. Discussion followed, no action taken.

Stephanie Hinrich, Executive Director for Centers Against Abuse & Sexual Assault was present to update the Board on the programs that their facility offers to Monona County Residents and to request funding for FY24-25. Discussion followed, no action taken.

Sharon Gries, Chief Deputy Assessor was present for the opening of the bids for the County owned properties. The bid for BLWM 8245-09-1-75-001 from Anthony Fontenot was \$150. The bid for CSMV 8444-24-4-00-007 bid from Beau Hanson was \$120.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve the bid of \$150 from Anthony Fontenot for BLWM 8245-09-1-75-001. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve the bid of \$120 from Beau Hanson for CSMV 8444-24-4-00-007. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Fox introduced and moved to adopt the following Resolution, seconded by Supervisor Phillips:

**RESOLUTION NO. 2023-31
FAMILY FARM APPLICATIONS**

WHEREAS, it is the duty of the Board of Supervisors to allow or disallow claims filed each year for Family Farm applications, and,

WHEREAS, the County Assessor recommends to the Supervisors, allowance or disallowance of Family Farm applications filed in their office,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors, with authority granted by Chapter 425A of the Iowa Code, do hereby approve the allowances of certain Family Farm Applications and disapprove the allowances of certain Family Farm Applications filed for ownership as of July 1, 2023 and applications filed by November 1, 2023, as recommended by the County Assessor.

Dated: December 12, 2023

Ayes: /s/ Bo Fox
/s/ Tom Brouillette
/s/ Vincent Phillips

Nays: _____

/s/ Bo Fox
Chairman, Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: /s/ Peggy A. Rolph
Monona County Auditor

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to authorize the Chairman’s signature on the disallowed Family Farm Application Letter. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to recess at 11:50 a.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to reconvene at 1:50 p.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Present from Monona County for the Maritime Grant kickoff meeting via zoom were the Supervisors, Auditor Peggy Rolph, Treasurer Abby Riesberg, and IT Director Jim Wigton. Donovan Murray, Senior Grants Management Specialist MARAD presented the many aspects of the grant including project overview. The project will consist of a new commodity handling facility, receiving and handling equipment, conveyors, elevating legs and additional infrastructure development such as internal road construction, site leveling to accommodate use of southern side of property for heavy industrial off loading, all of which will enable high-speed truck to barge load out and receiving operations. Pre-award phase requirements include environmental which includes NEPA and Section 106, engineering, grant management and civil rights completion of Title VI assessment. Federal Laws and Regulations which include the general terms, conditions, and exhibits, and Build America, Buy America Act. Discussion followed, no action taken.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve the minutes of December 5, 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 Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of resignation letter from Michele Hartman as the Monona County Attorney's Compensation Board Member. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Report of Fees collected for November 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 November 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 3:17 .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