

August 10, 2021
Le Mars, Iowa

The Plymouth County Board of Supervisors met in the Boardroom on August 10, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. All members were present. All votes following are aye unless otherwise indicated. Board Chairman Don Kass called the meeting to order and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Horton, seconded by Meis, to approve the August 10, 2021 agenda. Motion Carried.

Motion by VanOtterloo, seconded by Horton, to approve the minutes of the August 3, 2021 meeting. Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Meis, to approve July 30, 2021 payroll. Motion Carried.

Motion by Meis, seconded by Horton, to approve the Williams & Co. engagement letter for FY 2020-21 audit services. Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by VanOtterloo, to approve a one-year liquor license for County Celebrations Event Center. Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Meis, to declare items as surplus property for County Auction to be at 10 am on September 18, 2021. Motion Carried.

Eric Jeanneret of Invenergy was present to discuss 2 property owners (Rick Delperdang and John Hodgen) seeking to withdraw from a previously established agricultural area.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by Meis, to approve the withdrawal documents for Rick Delperdang and John Hodgen from the agricultural area per IA Code 352.9. Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by VanOtterloo, to open the Plymouth County FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment public hearing at 10 am. Motion Carried.

No members were present from the public. An email inquiry was presented to Auditor Feldman from Mark Bohner and was addressed prior to the hearing satisfying his question.

Motion by Horton, seconded by Meis, to close the public hearing at 10:02 am. Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by VanOtterloo, to amend and appropriate the FY 2021-22 Budget Amendment as published. Motion Carried.

Evan DelVal of ISG Architects Inc. was present to discuss their services to the County, with no cost to the County, for future County inspections on proposed pipeline systems.

Bids were opened for the Plymouth County district courtroom renovation. Two bids were received.

Motion by VanOtterloo, seconded by Meis, to accept the low base bid from L & L Builders for \$604,200 and to address the additional alternate cost for the floor replacement for \$17,000 plus 21 additional calendar days as needed in the future if the County needs the additional alternate. Motion Carried.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the County Attorney's office renovation with County Attorney Darin Raymond and his staff with him informing the Board that they need additional office space for another assistant County Attorney that he has hired beginning September 1, 2021. Raymond stated the new office that is needed doesn't involve placing that new hire within their current office space nor would he be willing to consolidate offices or renovate within the current County Attorney's department to make room for the new hire. The Board of Supervisors and Raymond discussed some space options, such as buying a new building or taking the Treasurer's lower vault. Raymond or the Board of Supervisors eliminated them as options shortly after their discussions took place. Raymond, Asst. County Attorney Jason Bring and Victim Witness Coordinator Heidi Tritz explained the problems and the inconvenience it would cause to add this additional employee to their current office space or to alter their current offices in any manner due to the nature

of their work. Raymond and the Board of Supervisors' primary remaining option that was on the table was to take the election storage room space away from the County Auditor and to give it to the County Attorney to make into an additional office. Raymond and the Board of Supervisors said the election equipment could be moved to a back storm shelter room in the Annex basement with their understanding that it was no inconvenience to the Auditor or her staff. Auditor Feldman expressed her rejection to this option and did not receive support from the Board of Supervisors. Feldman conceded with the understanding she was being forced into conceding, as this was the only resolution the Board of Supervisors and Raymond would accept had it come to a vote or decision. The Board of Supervisors and Raymond were satisfied that the County Attorney's office space problem was resolved and did not object to Feldman conceding.

Motion by Meis, seconded by Anderson, to approve the agreement with the IDOT for detour of Hwy 3. Motion Carried.

Motion by Anderson, seconded by VanOtterloo, to approve the application certification for public agency regarding the C30/K-64 intersection application and K64 culvert replacement application. Motion Carried.

The Board of Supervisors adjourned the meeting at 11:31 am.

Stacey Feldman, Plymouth County Auditor

Don Kass, Chairman