

Story County
Board of Supervisors Meeting
Minutes

10/1/2013 - Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER: 10:00 A.M.

The Board of Supervisors met on 10/1/13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Story County Administration Building. Rick Sanders, and Paul Toot, with Rick Sanders presiding. Wayne E. Clinton absent. (All audio of meetings: www.storycountyiowa.gov or call the Auditor's Office: (515) 382-7210).

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

none

3. PUBLIC COMMENT #1:

none

4. Discussion With Residents Regarding Possible Improvements To North Dakota Avenue

Sanders stated the purpose of today's discussion is to hear residents and talk about possibilities. Terry Reilly, Ames, stated a widening of the road would affect at least 1,500 feet of his land. Mr. Reilly stated the entire road needs resurfacing. If a portion is to be widened, the whole road should be widened. Sanders reported on previous conversations with Reilly in the past year.

Joe Lynch, Ames, reported his concerns about public safety, for both motorists and bicyclists, due to increased traffic, the curves in the road and the lack of shoulders. He thinks the road is worse further south. Lynch stated the issue requires an extended conversation on how best to spend County resources. Sanders agreed. Marcia Prior-Miller, Ames, stated concerns about a lack of transparency from the County, the possible condemnation of land to widen the road, impacts to private property, and ditch maintenance. Sanders stated no decisions have taken place and no projects have been approved. The road needs resurfacing so straightening the curves and widening the road have been explored by the Engineer. Prior-Miller shares her neighbors' concerns. Sanders asked Darren Moon, County Engineer, to speak about possible improvements. Moon reported on procedures. Widening the road and straightening the curves would require condemnation of private land and the Board has taken no action to do so. If the Board does decide to condemn land to widen the road, the project starts from scratch, beginning with a public meeting. Toot asked Moon to describe the condition of the road. The road is in poor shape due to lack of shoulders. The width is standard for a gravel road but not a paved road. Adding an additional paving overlay without a shoulder creates a hazard.

The County relies on Farm-to-Market (FTM) funds and federal aid to pave roads. North Dakota is not a federal route so federal funds cannot be used. North Dakota is a FTM road but to access FTM funds, the road would have to be brought up to current FTM standards, including the addition of six-foot shoulders and shallower slopes. An additional 17 feet is required on each side.

Seal coating the road could not be funded with FTM funds and does not address the public safety issues. It is not an effective solution. Sanders asked Moon what a long-term solution looks like. Future development of the area, including the possible annexation of the southern portion of the road by the City of Ames as well as the dictates of the Urban Fringe Plan, complicate the issue. The bridge over Onion Creek will be done next year. Moon stated the flags in the ditch were for a drainage tile project. Sanders stated the importance of providing better information to the public. Moon recommended at least exploring the possibility of condemnation by holding a public hearing. The Board can always analyze the situation, gather public input and then decide against condemnation. Sanders would like to see a comprehensive plan, laid out in stages. Prior-Miller stated the County should look at other options, including building an alternate route. Moon reported that would have to be funded by County funds. Tom Thielen, Ames, expressed concern about speeding. Reilly spoke about safety.

5. CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

I. 09/24/13 Minutes

09/24/13 Minutes. Toot moved, Sanders seconded the approval of minutes. Roll call vote. (MCU)

6. CONSIDERATION OF PERSONNEL ACTIONS:

I. Action Forms:

1) new hire in Attorney's Office-temporary effective 10/2/13 for Mitch Koepping @ \$8.00/hr. 2) pay adjustment (alternate rate-out of classification) in Secondary Roads effective 9/23/13 for Samuel Huey @ \$19.98/hr; 3) pay adjustment-longevity in a) Facilities Management effective 10/6/13 for Todd Sullivan @ \$1,696.07/bw; b) Planning & Development for Leanne Harter @ \$2,573.34/bw; c) CLP (union) for Kathy Kinyon @ \$12/67/hr; d) Sheriff's Office (union) for Randy Stoeffler @ \$2,001.00/bw; Timothy Schoppe @ \$2,235.81/bw; effective 11/3/13 for Micah Andersen @ \$2,828.67/bw; Jeffery Scott @ \$2,058.47/bw; 1 yr step increase effective 10/6/13 for Kylee Harrill @ \$1,580.13/bw; effective 10/20/13 for Abigail Brend @ \$1,580.13/bw; e) Treasurer's Office effective 10/6/13 for Lori McDonald @ \$1,242.93/bw; e) Auditor's Office - lump sum longevity effective 10/6/13 for Danielle Dunham @ \$20.00/bw; 4) promotion in a) Attorney's Office effective 10/6/13 for Crystal Rink @ \$2,353.84/bw; b) Secondary Roads effective 10/6/13 for Samuel Huey @ \$19.98/hr. Toot moved, Sanders seconded the approval of personnel actions. Roll call vote. (MCU)

7. CONSENT AGENDA:

Toot moved, Sanders seconded approval of the consent agenda adding Utility Permit #14-12 as follows:

- I. Acknowledgement Of Updated Manure Management Plan For Paul Cook Finisher, Hardin County
- II. Acknowledgement Of Updated Manure Management Plan For Royal Pork, Howard Twp
- III. Acknowledgement Of Updated Manure Management Plan For Sansgaard Feedlot, Hamilton County
- IV. Consideration Of Agreement Between The Boone County Veterans Affairs And The Story County Veterans Affairs For Services Effective 10/1/13 – 12/31/13
- V. Consideration Of Utility Permit(S): #14-12
Motion carried unanimously (MCU) on a roll call vote.

8. PUBLIC HEARING ITEMS:

None

9. TABLED ITEM:

- I. Consideration Of Revised Service Agreement Between Communications Engineering Company (CEC) And Story County, IA For The Service And Maintenance Of Security Cameras Effective 7/1/13-6/30/14, Revision Includes The Addition Of The Security Cameras For The Treasurer's Office, With A Reduction In Cost With Cost Totaling 20,360 - John Asmussen
Sanders stated for this to remain tabled.

10. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- I. Consideration Of Resolution #14-29 Setting A Public Hearing For October 15, 2013, For First Consideration Of Ordinance No 223 Amending Chapter 8 – Urban Renewal Of The Story County Code Of Ordinances - Leanne Harter
Sanders pointed out a typographical error. Leanne Harter, Planning & Development Director, reported on the ordinance procedure. Toot moved, Sanders seconded the approval of Resolution #14-29, setting a public hearing for October 15, 2013, for First Consideration of Ordinance No. 223, amending Chapter 8 - Urban Renewal of the Story County Code of Ordinances.
Roll call vote. (MCU)

11. AGENCY REPORTS:

None

12. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

- I. Animal Control - Sue McCaskey

Will report at later date.

- II. Environmental Health - Margaret Jaynes

- Margaret Jaynes, Director, reported on statistics for septic systems and wells, lead inspections, pool/tattoo/tanning statistics, cryptosporidium reports, complaints, training, confined animal feeding operations, and proposed changes to the zoning application review policy.

13. OTHER REPORTS:

None

14. LIAISON ASSIGNMENTS & COMMITTEE MEETINGS UPDATES:

None

15. PUBLIC FORUM #2:

None

16. ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SUPERVISORS:

None

17. Closed Session Pursuant To Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(C)

Jessica Reynolds, Assistant Attorney, reported on the relevant Iowa Code section to convene a closed session. Toot moved, Sanders seconded to adjourn for closed session at 11:11 a.m.

Reconvened in open session at 11:22 a.m. Reynolds asked for the Board to give the Attorney's Office authority to enter into settlement negotiations with Nationwide Insurance and also requested permission to sell the totaled vehicle for no less than \$7,750.00 and to enter into negotiations regarding the vehicle. Toot moved, Sanders seconded approval. Roll call vote. (MCU)

18. ADJOURNMENT:

Toot moved, Sanders seconded to adjourn at 11:23 a.m. Roll call vote. (MCU)