

The Board of Supervisors met on 6/19/20 at 8:30 a.m. in the Story County Administration Building. Members present: Linda Murken, Lisa Heddens, and Lauris Olson, with Murken presiding. (all audio of meetings available at storycountyiowa.gov). Murken read the special note to the public: due to recommendations to limit gatherings to no more than ten (10) people in order to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus, public access to the meeting will be provided via Zoom meeting originating from the Story County Administration Building.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA: Heddens moved, Olson seconded adopting the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously on a roll call vote.

PROCLAIMING JUNE 19, 2020, AS JUNETEENTH IN STORY COUNTY, IOWA – Murken read the proclamation. Olson moved, Heddens seconded the approval of the Proclamation of June 19, 2020 as Juneteenth in Story County, Iowa. Roll call vote. (MCU)

Heddens moved, Murken seconded approval of the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Outside Legal Counsel Request for Personnel Matter

Roll call vote. (MCU)

PROPOSAL FOR RADIO GRANT PROGRAM – Linda Murken reported on the history of StoryComm. Story County has 15 surplus radios that are potentially available for smaller jurisdictions. The jurisdictions would still be responsible for activation fees and expenses. Applications will be due 7/15/20. Heddens moved, Olson seconded the approval of the Proposal for Radio Grant Program for Local Jurisdictions. Roll call vote. (MCU)

PROPOSED RESPONSE TO THE IOWA UTILITIES BOARD ON RMU-2020-0028 RELATED TO RENEWABLE ENERGY AND ITS POTENTIAL IMPACT ON STORY COUNTY – Lisa Heddens reported on the drafted response to proposed rules regarding renewable energy. Olson moved, Heddens seconded the approval of the Proposed Response to the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) on RMU-2020-0028 Related to Renewable Energy and its Potential Impact on Story County. Roll call vote. (MCU)

Heddens moved, Murken seconded to adjourn at 8:55 a.m. Roll call vote. (MCU)

Story County
Board of Supervisors Special Meeting
Agenda
6/19/20

1. Originating From Administration Building, Story County Public Access Provided Via "Zoom" Meeting

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2. CALL TO ORDER: 8:30 A.m.
3. ADOPTION OF AGENDA:
4. PUBLIC COMMENT #1:
This comment period is for the public to address topics on today's agenda
5. Proclamation For June 19, 2020, As JUNETEENTH In Story County, Iowa

Department Submitting Board of Supervisors

Documents:

PROCLAMATION JUNETEENTH COMMEMORATION.PDF

6. CONSENT AGENDA:
(All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a request is made prior to the time the Board votes on the motion.)

- I. Consideration Of Outside Legal Counsel Request For Personnel Matter Consent

Department Submitting Human Resources

Documents:

OUTSIDE COUNSEL.PDF

7. ADDITIONAL ITEMS:

- I. Discussion And Consideration Of Proposal For Radio Grant Program - Linda Murken

Department Submitting Board of Supervisors

Documents:

RADIO GRANT APPLICATION.PDF

- II. Discussion And Consideration Of Proposed Response To The Iowa Utilities Board On RMU-2020-0028 Related To Renewable Energy And Its Potential Impact On Story County - Lisa Heddens

Department Submitting Board of Supervisors

Documents:

IUB.PDF
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULES.PDF

8. ADJOURNMENT:
9. Instructions For Participation In Meeting Discussions

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- Meeting participants will be able to watch and hear the meeting as it takes place. For portions of the meeting where public input is accepted, participants interested in speaking can press the button called "Raise Hand." This will notify the staff that you wish to speak. When it is your turn, staff will announce your name and notify you it is your turn to speak.
- You will need to press the "unmute" button and provide your comments. Once you are complete, you will be muted again by the staff.

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- During the meeting, you will be able to hear the discussion live, but will not be able to see any content (e.g., maps, text, or other visual materials) that may be displayed for video conference users. For portions of the meeting where public input is accepted, participants interested in speaking can press *9 on their phone." This will notify the staff that you wish to speak. When it is your turn, staff will announce the last three digits of your phone number and notify you it is your turn to speak. You will hear an automated announcement that your line has been unmuted, then you can begin your comments. Once you are complete, you will be muted again by the staff.
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Story County
Board of Supervisors
Special Agenda
6/19/20

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Sandra King
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PROCLAMATION

Juneteenth Commemoration

WHEREAS, on January 1, 1863, President Abraham Lincoln's Emancipation Proclamation went into effect, declaring 3.5 million enslaved African Americans in Confederate states to be free; and

WHEREAS, the Civil War ended two years later, in April 1865; and

WHEREAS, two months after the Civil War concluded, when Union Army General Gordon Granger landed at the Texas port city of Galveston in 1865, one of his first actions was to read General Order #3, which stated that all slaves are free and that former masters and slaves have absolute equality of personal and property rights; and

WHEREAS, following his statement, June 19 (Juneteenth) became the emancipation date of those long deprived of freedom; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth celebrates the end of slavery in the U.S. as the proclamation reached the last remaining enslaved African Americans in the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, Juneteenth is a time for reflection and rejoicing, it is also a time for assessment of progress still needed, and

WHEREAS, the Story County Board of Supervisors acknowledges this shared history and commits itself to the principles of equity and justice.

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Story County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim June 19, 2020, as "JUNETEENTH" in Story County, Iowa and urge all citizens to recognize this day, participate in dialogue with one another about its significance and collectively help further the promise of freedom and equality for all.


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6/17/2020

Dear Board of Supervisors,

In consultation with County Attorney Tim Meals and Assistant County Attorney Ethan Anderson, I am requesting to use outside legal counsel for a personnel matter. This is consistent with County policy and funds are budgeted within the Board of Supervisors' contractual services line item for this purpose.

Sincerely,

Alissa Wignall
Director of Internal Operations and Human Resources

APPROVED **DENIED**

Board Member Initials: AM

Meeting Date: 6-19-2020

Follow-up action: _____

APPLICATION FOR SURPLUS STORYCOMM EQUIPMENT

Agency for which requesting _____

If questions, please contact _____ Phone Number _____

Email Address _____

1. How many portable radios have you purchased to-date for this agency?
2. How many law enforcement officers or first responders are there in this agency?
3. How many mobile units have you purchased to-date for this agency?
4. Number and type of apparatus operated by this agency (squad car, engines, tankers, brush fire trucks, ambulances, rescue unit, etc. – please specify number of each).
5. How many XL-185P and/or XG-25M radios are you requesting for this agency?
6. Please briefly explain why these radios were not budgeted for and purchased during the original radio purchasing processes.
7. Please provide a brief justification for the radios requested and its designated purpose. Be specific in describing the immediate need and the role the item will play in maintaining the standard of service for citizens of Story County.

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By signing this application on behalf of our jurisdiction, I agree that:

1. Any radios our jurisdiction receives from Story County will be placed in active use, and our jurisdiction will pay the monthly StoryComm subscriber fees and annual maintenance fees from our budget.
2. If at any point, our jurisdiction no longer is actively using any of these radios, we will notify the Story County Board of Supervisors and return the equipment if requested.

Signature _____ Date _____

(Please complete appropriate title below)

Mayor, City of _____

Chair of Trustees, _____ Township

Board Chair for _____ Fire Agency (if separate from City or Township)

Board Chair for _____ EMS Agency (if separate from City or Township)

Board Chair for _____ Fire/EMS Agency (if separate from City or Township)



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June 19, 2020

Iowa Utilities Board
RE: RMU-2020-0028

Dear Iowa Utilities Board Members,

Renewable energy plays an important role in Iowa. In addition to protecting our environment, wind and solar provide gainful employment for thousands of workers across the state. For these reasons, it's understandable that the Iowa Utilities Board (IUB) would seek to refine the process by which wind, solar, transmission, and storage projects are developed in Iowa. However, the recent proposed rule changes would create significant burdens for Story County as well as other jurisdictions through the state that encourage deployment of renewable energy.

The IUB's proposed rules will likely impose administrative challenges for Story County, and many others in our state. As it stands right now, Story County is the final authority regarding the construction of new wind and solar projects under 25 megawatts within our jurisdictional boundaries. Our adopted regulations address both wind and solar energy systems, and projects are processed through an intensive Conditional Use Permit Process whereby developers know the regulatory issues that are needed to be addressed for approvals. Per the proposed change, the IUB would become another such authority in the state. In the past, the one-stop nature of the county's authority has proved useful to developers and investors. But a change in this relationship might strain our limited administrative resources, as well as add opportunities for conflicting priorities and standards for approval.

Changes within the IUB's proposed rule might discourage energy developers from choosing Iowa as the location for their next renewable energy project. Wind energy has provided counties in Iowa with useful revenue. In 2019, wind energy projects provided \$61 million in state and local tax payments, and Story County has benefited with the Story County I & II Wind Energy Center, in addition to smaller projects county-wide. This revenue is vital to communities in Story County and the state as a whole as we continually seek to improve our schools, roads, bridges, and emergency services. We have received these dollars as a result of our ability to attract investors to develop wind projects in our county. In turn, Story County has re-invested back into our communities. Any further oversight may hamper our efforts to do so in the future.

Additionally, the timing of this decision is difficult for the County as well. Story County, like many others, has altered programs in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The economic downturn has certainly played a role in our administration and will continue to do so. The IUB's proposed new direction would force us to further rethink the allocation of our resources in this year of uncertainty.

Story County is committed to providing its citizens with the highest quality of living possible. Renewable energy is a big part of that promise. We hope that the Iowa Utilities Board considers our resources and concerns when deciding on the recent proposed rule, remaining cognizant of the trust placed in local governments through home rule authorities.

APPROVED **DENIED**

Board Member Initials: gm

Meeting Date: 6-19-2020

Follow-up action: _____
