

LYON COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE
February 10, 2021

ROCK RAPIDS, IOWA

Chairman Josh Feucht convened the adjourned session with Altena, Vanden Bosch, Birkey, and Herman present. Motion carried assumes unanimous vote unless otherwise stated.

The Board started with the Pledge of Allegiance.

EMA Director Arden Kopischke was present to go through Dept 19 EMA budget. Kopischke did not request more dollars from the county for funding than what was received in FY21.

The Board also talked to Kopischke regarding the E911 budget. Not much changes with this budget except revenue continues to increase. These dollars cannot be used for anything besides E911 equipment. Switching to digital for services was discussed as well and Kopischke estimates it will cost around \$750,000. Kopischke reports that the State is working to keep the revenue the county currently receives each year and in exchange will pay the County's phone surcharge bill. The County currently budgets \$29,000 to expend for those costs, however the revenue budgeted is at \$214,000. Kopischke states that the fund balance currently in the fund the county would keep if this happens. The Board thanked Kopischke for coming.

The Board continued budget work by looking over department budgets.

Public Health Director Melissa Stillson joined the meeting to present the public health budget. Chairman Feucht asked Stillson about the Governor's release of mask mandates. Stillson noted that the President's mask mandate covers federal workers, with the Governor's release, this allows county governments to determine whether or not to extend the mask mandate in their buildings. The Board would like to move to masks being strongly recommended but not mandated. Smit will send this to department heads and will consider new signage on the buildings. Stillson gave a short update on vaccine supplies, immunizations given and how doses are shared with Avera and Sanford.

In budget work Stillson noted that the FY21 expenditure Re-Estimates are coming in below the originally budgeted numbers. Stillson also discussed the expenditures for FY22. Stillson noted the increase for FY21 in revenue was largely due to dollars received from the State for COVID-19.

Ambulance Director Amy Borman met with the Board to discuss the FY22 budget and salary line items. Borman requests an increase to EMT and Driver "scheduled" call pay by \$1.00 to \$5.50/hour for 7-1-2021.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:00 p.m.

The Board reconvened at 1:00 p.m. to continue budget work.

Engineer Albertson joined the meeting to review the FY22 budget. The Board asked Albertson to bring a completed expenditure budget to a meeting on February 17th.

The Board discussed using general basic subfund revenue to pay the general obligation bonds for 2022. This payment will be \$570,000 in fiscal year 2022. There was much discussion as to the effect of moving the payment from debt service to the general basic subfund, lowering the levy, possible

increase to the levy in future years due to needing those dollars for unforeseen expense. Motion by Birkey, second by Vanden Bosch to pay the general obligation bond payment, \$570,000, for FY22 out of department 50 Board control using general subfund revenue. Motion carried with Feucht Nay. This will decrease the debt service levy to zero (0) for fiscal year 2021/2022. The general basic subfund is where all revenue the County receives due to the casino being in Lyon County is directed. These are not property tax dollars collected. The current debt service levy for FY2020/2021 is 0.52343 per \$1,000 dollars of taxable value.

The Board also discussed the rural service levy for FY2022. It was determined to use the allowed maximum after removing the LOST dollars estimated to be received in FY2022.

The Board also talked about where the general supplemental levy should be set for fiscal year 2021/2022. The max proposed levy is set to raise \$800,000. Auditor Smit feels that can be lowered. The Board asked Smit to lower it to raise \$595,000. This will lower the levy that was be used in the published max proposed levy notice in the paper this week. This levy will also be discussed at the public hearing on the proposed max levies on February 23.

There being no further business there was a motion by Vanden Bosch, seconded by Herman to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
County Auditor Chairman

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.