

LYON COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE
October 20, 2020

ROCK RAPIDS, IOWA

Chairman Mark Behrens convened the adjourned session with Feucht, Birkey, and Herman present. Motion carried assumes unanimous vote unless otherwise stated. Supervisor Koedam absent.

The Board has received an oral request to enter closed session per IA Code Section 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Motion by Birkey, second by Herman to move into closed session. Rollcall vote: District 1 Feucht Support, District 2 Koedam Absent, District 3 Behrens Support, District 4 Birkey Support, and District 5 Herman Support. Motion carried. Closed session started at 8:31 a.m.

Motion by Birkey, second by Herman to move out of closed session. Rollcall vote: District 1 Feucht Support, District 2 Koedam Absent, District 3 Behrens Support, District 4 Birkey Support, District 5 Herman Support. Motion carried. Closed session ended at 9:37 a.m.

The minutes of the October 20, 2020, meeting were reviewed. Motion Feucht made by to approve minutes, seconded by Birkey. Motion carried

Supervisor Koedam joined by phone at 9:45 a.m.

The Board discussed the applicants for county attorney. Motion by Herman, second by Birkey to offer the County Attorney position to Amy Oetken. Rollcall vote: District 1 Feucht Support, District 2 Koedam Support, District 3 Behrens Support, District 4 Birkey Support, and District 5 Herman Support. Motion carried. Auditor Smit will contact Oetken. The Board would like to have a decision by Friday, October 23 from Oetken.

As there is no current county attorney, the Board discussed not strictly enforcing the preapproval process of overtime in the county attorney's office only, and only until a county attorney is appointed and in place. Motion by Feucht, second by Koedam to approve that process. Motion carried. Smit will talk with the attorney office regarding the Board's decision.

The Board discussed REC's financial request for REC's powerline project. Steve Simons joined the meeting as well. After much discussion, there was a motion by Feucht to decline REC's financial request to replace power lines, second by Koedam. Rollcall vote: District 1 Feucht Support, District 2 Koedam Support, District 3 Behrens Support, District 4 Birkey Support, District 5 Naye. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the request from Conservation for an additional \$375,000 for the nature center project. The Board discussed options for funding the request. Motion by Feucht, second by Birkey to give \$75,000 from hotel/motel dollars to not be repaid, and \$300,000 from the General Basic SubFund to be repaid in \$100,000 installments by June 30 of each fiscal year starting with June 30, 2022. Motion carried. This would be a loan over fiscal years and will need to be done by resolution and a public hearing will need to be held.

Motion by Birkey, second by Herman to set a public hearing date for November 10th at 8:45 a.m. to take public comment on noncurrent debt.

There being no further business, there was a motion by Birkey, seconded by Feucht 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.