

LYON COUNTY AUDITORS OFFICE
December 16, 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.

Jen Wippert, President, and Kandice Koll, member of the Lyon County Compensation Board, and joined the meeting to present the FY2023 Elected Official Salaries. Wippert updated the Board on the discussion the comp board had which included Back the Blue legislation. The Comp Board recommended the following for FY2023: Supervisors 4% (\$28,882), Sheriff 4% (\$97,066), Treasurer 4% (\$68,219), Recorder 4% (\$68,219), and Auditor 5.5% (\$69,203). The Board thanked Wippert for coming and for the work the comp board does each year. Wippert noted that 2022 meeting is tentatively set for the 2nd Wednesday in December.

The Board reviewed the December 10, 2021 minutes. Motion by Birkey, second by Altena to approve minutes. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the liquor license renewal application for the Dollar General Store #19990. Motion by Herman, second by Altena to approve liquor license renewal. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the Christmas Eve holiday. It was decided that for 2021 and moving forward the 4 hours given for Christmas Eve will only be given when the holiday falls Monday through Thursday. Motion by Altena, second by Herman to change the handbook wording to reflect Christmas Eve holiday hours starting in 2021 to be given when Christmas Eve falls Monday through Thursday. Motion carried. Smit will send out an email with this information along with a handbook amendment sheet to department heads this afternoon.

Chairman Feucht opened the public hearing for comment on Ordinance 2021-06 Precinct Boundaries at 8:50 a.m. Present were: Mecinze Sittig New Century Press. There were no comments and hearing was closed at 8:52 a.m. The Board held the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2021-06. Motion by Birkey, second by Herman to waive the 3rd reading and approve Ordinance 2021-06. Motion carried. This is a summary of Ordinance 2021-06. The complete text of the ordinance can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online at www.lyoncountyiowa.gov under Supervisors and Ordinances. With the passage of the ordinance and the approval of the joint city/county agreement, Smit will submit the precinct plan to the Secretary of State. They will review and then pass it onto the Legislative Services Agency who will draw the supervisor districts.

Motion by Vanden Bosch, second by Altena to approve and sign joint city/county agreement with Rock Rapids in regard to precincts 3 & 4 of new precinct map. Motion carried.

Shane Walter with Sioux Rivers Mental Health Region and Lisa Rockhill, Lyon County DSC were present to discuss changes in budgeting for FY2023 due to the legislation changing the funding of Mental Health starting 7-1-2022. Counties will no longer levy for mental health and any money in the mental health fund as of July 1, 2022 will be transferred to the fiscal agent (Sioux County). Walter asked that the county would remain as the employer of record for Rockhill as they have in the past years. A new fund will need to be established to pay Rockhill and to receive the reimbursement funds into from

the Region. The region will be determining what the salaries will be for their employees and will be set at the region board level. Walter discussed how the region employees will be paid on a scale of years of service and duties. Rockhill will be 100% region employee. The Region would like to contract with counties at a per capita rate for General Assistance duties that Rockhill currently performs. Walter would like to see that per capita rate be the same for all counties in the Region. The Sioux Rivers ending fund balance will need to be at 40% of their expenditures, anything over the 40% will go back to the state. The Board thanked Walter and Rockhill for coming.

The Historical Society was present to give an annual report and request funding for FY2023. The Society noted that the Heritage house needs repairs for roof, siding, porch damage and back steps, and would like updated signage for the buildings. In the past years they have requested \$7,000 and would request the same for FY2023. The Society thanked the Board for their past support.

Dave Jackson Road Superintendent joined the meeting. The Board discussed bridge project L-CO-60 (FEMA 87Y)-73-60 at 260th and Larch Avenue. Winter work is allowed on this bridge. This is a project that FEMA money was moved to from another project. Motion by Birkey, second by Altena to approve and Chairman sign contract. Motion carried.

The Board discussed how to move forward with the leasing of tillable acres at the gravel pit property. Attorney Oetken noted that in making the decision once the bids received, the Board can consider all items they wish. The Board decided to choose the renter from the top three bidders, and would like to see a Lyon County resident rent it. The Board would like to get the notice in the paper to give those interested in bidding time to plan for the upcoming crop year. Oetken will prepare the public notice and get it to the paper. Engineer Albertson will be the contact person regarding questions on the bids.

Lyon County has agreed to be involved in the opioid litigation settlement for the State of Iowa. Attorney Oetken states that there is estimated \$170 million for the State of Iowa. The county would receive a percentage of half of the amount that the state receives. The county would be required to use 85% of it for opioid abatement. There will be guidelines and requirements for the use of the dollars received coming with the settlement. Attorney Oetken recommends approving Resolution 2021-34 authorizing the entering into a settlement agreement and agreeing to the terms of the Iowa Opioid allocation MOU. Motion by Herman, second by Altena to approve and Chairman sign Resolution 2021-34. Motion carried. This is a summary of Resolution 2021-34. The complete text of the resolution can be obtained at the Auditor's Office or online at www.lyoncountyiowa.gov under Supervisors and Resolutions.

The Board discussed the needed agreement with the DNR and Board of Health for Environmental Health services. Motion by Altena, second by Vanden Bosch to approve and sign the agreement. Motion carried.

Deputy Hilt, Chief Deputy VerMeer and EMA Arden Kopischke joined the meeting to discuss the request for ARP funding for a new PSAP, deputy radios, repeaters, and towers. The quoted cost of the upgrades was presented at \$798,000. Hilt is recommending moving to the state radio system to save cost as moving to their own system has an estimated cost of over \$2 million

dollars. It was asked if 911 had funds they could put towards this project. Kopischke was not aware of the idea of moving to the state system and noted that the money 911 has is governed by the 911 Board and the 911 Board would have the say about those funds and where they are used. Deputy Hilt fielded many questions regarding why the change in heart towards the state system, and what would be needed for a county system. It was noted that there was only one quote from Alpha Systems and Feucht requested having at least 2 competitive bids that compares the systems for the next meeting.

The Board held the canvass of the Special Election held on 12-14-2021. In Lyon County Mark Allen Lemke (DEM) received 72 votes, Dave Rowley (REP) received 407 votes, and scattering receiving 1 vote for a total of 479 votes. Complete results can be obtained at the Auditor' Office or online at www.lyoncountyiowa.gov under Auditor/Elections and election results.

Motion by Altena, second by Vanden Bosch to approve claims. Motion carried.

Supervisor correspondence: none.

Employment changes: none received.

Payroll dated 12-15-2021 was reviewed and approved.

Payroll Warrant Register in the amount of \$83,285.11 is listed by fund.

General Basic Fund	11,658.60
Rural Service Basic Fund	20,820.74
Secondary Road Fund	50,805.77

Payroll Disbursement Register in the amount of \$32,951.10 is listed by Fund.

General Basic Fund	3,731.92
Rural Services Basic Fund	8,958.36
Secondary Road Fund	20,260.82

Claims dated 12-16-2021 in the amount of \$2,525.83 were reviewed and approved. Check sequence #155731-155739.

Allen Blauwet	12/2/21 LCED Mtg Mileage	15.00
Rod Borer	12/2/21 LCED Mtg Mileage	15.50
Pam Hawf	12/2/21 LCED Mtg Mileage	9.00
IBC Innovative Business Consul	12/9-12/12/21 Flex Plan	644.68
Colette Nath	2020 Mileage Allowance Ad	54.90
Reserve Account/Pitney Bowes	Postage for Meter-MV	1500.00
Marilee Schleusner	Overpaid Mileage (86)	43.04
SEAT Treasurer	9/21/2021 SEAT CE-Denison	65.00
Pamela R. Tille	2020 Mileage Allowance Ad	178.71
Grand Total		2525.83

General Basic Fund	1,565.00
Economic Development Fund	39.50
Co. Assessor Agency Fund	276.65
Flex Benefits Account	644.68

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

ATTEST

County Auditor

APPROVED

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.