

## Wayne County Board of Supervisors

Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors was held on the 21st day of October 2021, in the Conference Room of the Wayne County Courthouse, Corydon, Iowa, pursuant to notice duly given in compliance with Iowa Code Section 21.4. The Board noted due notice of meeting subject to said Code Section.

Present were David Dotts, Tom Swearingin, Don Seams members of the Board, Rhonda Bennett, Jen Reed and Michelle Dooley.

The Corydon Times Republican live streams the Board of Supervisors regular session meetings on their facebook page. **Unless otherwise noted, all motions are approved unanimously by all Board members present.**

Dotts called meeting to order at 9:00 AM and took roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Seams made a motion to approve the October 21, 2021, agenda, seconded by TSwearingin.

No public comments regarding agenda items.

Swearingin has contacted Andy Mullett about stripping and removing the metal building at the new Future Home of Public Health, down to the concrete slab for the cost of receiving the building. Mullett would not receive the heating and air conditioning units in the building. Mullett would complete the work by April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022 and is willing to sign a contract with the County regarding the details of the agreement. Secondary Roads would remove the concrete slab and would put filler back into the location at the going rate. Swearingin also presented a quote from Hershberger Construction for a new 40X80X10 insulated stud frame building. Hershberger's quote was \$100,431 which does not include the concrete slab (\$27,500), electrical quote (\$33,000) or plumbing (\$7,000). Seams believes that there is a lot of unknown cost associated with building new.

Drew Power, Lockridge Inc. was at the last meeting and gave an estimate of \$15 per square foot for a new building rather than remodeling the existing building. This cost did not include the concrete slab.

Swearingin also mentioned that SCICAP has office cubicles that could possibly be purchased and used in the new location. The cubicles would reduce the number of the offices required. Dotts will be attending a SCICAP meeting on Thursday and will follow-up with Brenda Fry about the cubicles.

Swearingin thinks new structure is the way to proceed and he recommends moving forward with getting the new building spec out and to hire a general contractor to oversee the project.

Dotts thinks that a new building is the best option as well even though the foundation contractor who jacked up the New Venture Home did a very good job because there is still a concern about the condition of the remaining concrete slab under the existing building.

3 Bids that were presented at the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting for renovating the existing building.

Kolby Washburn- \$154,648.17

A-Roe Construction LLC \$284,763

Tom Lenig- \$189,672.44 (Tom's bid includes Sub contractor, Andy Joiner's electrical bid of \$33,139.73)

All the above bids did not include \$35,000 (Anchored Walls bid to raise and level the north end of the slab)

Seams stated that if new construction is less than 20% over the remodeling cost an existing building then new construction is the best option. However, Seams wants to enter into his decision cautiously. Swearingin is concerned that being too cautious could lead to an increase material pricing.

Swearingin made the motion to spec out a new building and to investigate new construction over remodel, seconded by Seams.

Discussion Items:

Seams met with Randy & Mike about Title III Funding for on-the-job training.

Seams is also waiting on the engineering firm to respond with specs for the new Courthouse HVAC system. Dotts will contact Brenda Fry about the cubicles from SCICAP for the new Public Health Location. Swearingin apologized for his conduct during the October 18, 2021, meeting regarding the Turbine and Solar Ordinance. He referenced other ordinances that have been brought before the Supervisors over the last few years that were voted down because the county is not zoned. Swearingin also agreed with Seams that the health and well-being of Wayne County Residents is a top priority and that it weighs very heavily on him since the county has not implemented any policies or procedures for their employees regarding Covid pandemic. Seams discussed lawsuits pertaining to the turbines in Madison County with the county and with individual residents. He also discussed his concerns by allowing turbines into the county and the well-being for the Wayne County residents' health. Swearingin believes that this is not a decision for the Board of Supervisors to make and that it should go before the people to vote on. Swearingin also stated that a large amount of the energy used in Wayne County originates in Kansas by wind turbines. Dotts is also passionate about this topic and wants to protect Wayne County residents from landowners making a profit at their expense. And he is going to do everything possible to protect Wayne County.

Rhonda Bennett wants the Board to be thinking about how they are going to respond to the Federal Vaccination Mandate. Swearingin thinks that it is past the point where the county has any say in the matter. He also spoke about how the government has already purchased enough vaccinations to require every child from the age of 5 to 11 to receive the vaccination and how it will probably be a required vaccination before a child can attend public school. He stated that the City of New York mandated every city employee to be vaccinated or lose their job. Seams is taking a wait and see approach to see how it plays out in the court system and stated the sad reality is that it is forcing a lot of individuals to quit their jobs or take the vaccination.

There being no further business the next Regular Scheduled meeting of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors will be held on the 1st day of November 2021, at 9:00AM in the Wayne County Courthouse Conference Room.

Seams made motion to adjourn at 10:01AM, seconded by Swearingin.

  
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David Dotts, Chairperson

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Michelle Dooley, Auditor