

Wayne County Board of Supervisors

The Regular Scheduled Meeting of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors was held on the 3rd day of October 2023, in the Wayne County Courthouse Supervisor's Office (1st Floor), Corydon, Iowa, pursuant to notice duly given in compliance with the Iowa Code Section 21.4. The Board noted due notice of meeting subject to said Code Section.

Present were Lance Lange, and Chris Moore, members of the Board. Also in attendance: Dillon Davenport, Don Seams, Drew Power, David McElvain, Sue Ruble, Nancy Bennett, Todd Wilson, Joella Perry, Jenny Nickell, 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.

Lange called the meeting to order at 10:00AM and took roll call.

Pledge of Allegiance

Lance made a motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Moore.

Moore made a motion to approve September 19, 2023, Minutes, seconded by Lange.

Lange made a motion to approve September 29, 2023, Payroll, seconded by Moore.

Moore made a motion to approve October 3, 2023, Claim Set, seconded by Lange.

Public comment on agenda item. (3-minute limit)

Don Seams asked for additional clarification for agenda item #10) Joella Perry, Veteran Affairs Director, Staff Changes. Lange explained that Perry was requesting the Board's approval to hire Mendy Middlebrook and LuAnne Argetsinger as part-time assistance.

David McElvain and Drew Power were present on behalf of the Seymour United Methodist Church. The congregation recently purchased the property formerly known as Thomas Funeral Home in Seymour Iowa. Their tax-exempt status will not go into effect until September 2025 tax collection. McElvain & Power expressed that \$3,986 tax liability is very difficult for a congregation of their size, so they are requesting tax-exempt status to go into effect September 2024. Moore supported making the property tax-exempt status effective as soon as possible but Lange would like an opportunity to visit with the County Attorney before taking action. Lange made a motion to table until the October 17th meeting, seconded by Moore.

Engineer Dillon Davenport reported that the bridge crew is waiting on material for the 150th Street Bridge. The material is scheduled to ship October 19th. The Vibrator Pile Driver arrived Monday and is being installed today and tomorrow on an excavator. The Durapatcher has been used throughout the county and the crew is making improvements to Old Highway 2(west) however it is not ever going to be smooth. Currently, the Durapatcher is in the shop for warranty work. Davenport hopes that by purchasing the vibrator pile driver that the county crane can eventually be sold which should reduce the county's liability when building and repairing bridges. However, there still may be times when a crane is needed. At which point, it will be hired down.

Joella Perry, Veteran Director requested the Board's approval to hire Mendy Middlebrook for 20% of her work week at her current salary along with benefits. Middlebrook currently oversees the General Relief and Mental Health Programs for the county. Middlebrook would assist the Director with nursing home clients and administration duties. Director Perry also requested the Board's approval to hire Luanne Argetsinger for a total of 440 hours per Fiscal Year at \$18 per hour, along FICA, IPERS and no benefits. Argetsinger will be the Outreach Coordinator and Grave Registration Manager.

Lange stated that the FY24 Veteran Affair Budget increased by 40% which was more than any other department. He also mentioned that Director Perry was recently named by Governor Reynolds to serve as a commissioner on the State Veteran's Affair Board. And that although it is a great honor and privilege, he does not want the residents of Wayne County to pay the cost for her opportunity. Both Moore and Lange requested Perry to be prepared at the next board meeting to discuss her role as Veteran Affairs Director.

Moore made a motion to approve Mendy Middlebrook to be hired to assist the Director, seconded by Lange.

Lange made a motion to approve LuAnne Argetsinger to be hired for a total of 440 hours, seconded by Moore.

Lange made a motion to approve the Capital Asset Addition for the 2023 Chevy Tahoe purchased by the Sheriff's Office \$40,682.20 from Karl Chevrolet, seconded by Moore.

Lange read a letter from the Chariton Valley Housing Trust Fund requesting Wayne County to financially support their program with an allocation of \$20,000. These funds are matched 4 to 1. So, funds of \$100,000 could possibly be generated to assist with projects in Wayne County. Lange has reviewed the FY24 budget, no allocation has been made to date for this program. Lange made a motion to approve financial support of \$10,000 for FY24, seconded by Moore.

No Monthly Department reports.

Supervisor meetings:

Lange attended South Central Iowa Community Action Program (SCICAP) meeting. He reported that requests for assistance have already started coming in for this year and that it is an increase from last year.

Lange also attended a Wayne County Economic Development meeting. The Development board is very close to hiring a new Director to replace interim director, Nancy Bennett.

Lange also mentioned that Wayne County Conservation Department has closed Corydon Park to clear some trees. However, the other county parks will be open until November 1st. There have also been discussions with Congressman Zach Nunn and his team about securing funds to assist the county with cleaning up our county lakes and reservoirs.

Moore attended the County Rural Offices for Social Service (CROSS) meeting. There is nothing new to report concerning the negotiations pertaining to the actual building location of the access center. The new leadership of the Access Center is doing outreach with the different county sheriffs to discuss services offered. Communication between stakeholders is vital to improving the effectiveness of the crisis center in Osceola. The board members are also looking at some jail programs that could utilize OPIOID Settlement funding.

Moore also attended the 1015 Transit meeting. 1015 Transit is short on drivers/staff; some of the fleet is broken down and unable to get parts to fix and Wayne County still has the lowest ridership.

Public Comments: Sue Ruble stated Mendy Middlebrook has helped Veterans for years. But thought that volunteers could be better utilized for some Veteran programs. She also expressed again her concerns about brush/trees growing in the ditches on S40. Ruble discussed the lack of maintenance being done S40 compared to other county highways. She also stated that a sign is still lying in the ditch that she reported 2 weeks ago. Ruble also spoke of political signs, fences, horses and other objects in the county right-of-way and there should be a county policy regarding the matter. Ruble also asked why the ballot for the Special Election was not printed in its entirety in the newspaper as a common courtesy. Dooley stated the Candidate listing was part of the public notice and the actual ballot is no longer required to be printed by law.

Don Seams also visited about utilizing volunteers for the cemeteries and grave markers. He asked if the pile driver was attached to a county excavator. And the answer was "Yes, it is" from Engineer Davenport. Seams stated that Davenport has done exactly what he said he would do when the county hired him as Engineer. He is improving the county ditches by clearing brush and trees. Ruble stated that the public use to assist with keeping brush and trees maintained in the ditches and maybe that could be utilized again. Lange and Moore both stated that implementing such a program is challenging with the number of absentee landowners in the county.

Claims Paid October 3, 2023:

Vendor Name	Payable Description	Total Payments
4IMPRINT, INC	SUPPLIES/PHN	478.38
ALLIANT ENERGY	UTILITIES (JC)/GEN RELIEF	200.00
ALLIANT ENERGY-IP&L	UTILITIES/SHERIFF	9,894.74
AMERICAN MARKETING & PUBLISHING, LLC	RENEWAL/VA	805.00
ARGETSINGER, LUANN	MILEAGE/VA	17.11
B & D AUTOMOTIVE, (CARQUEST OF HUMESTON)	PARTS44/SEC RDS	208.38
BAILEY OFFICE OUTFITTERS	SUPPLIES/EMA	35.98
BANKS, KENNY	PHONE/CONSERVATION	25.00
BICKEL, SHELLEY	PHONE/PHN	25.00
BOB BARKER COMPANY INC	MAINTENANCE/SHERIFF	249.01
C & E TRUCKING	SERVICE/CONSERVATION	240.00
CANTERA AGGREGATE, LLC	ROCK/SEC RDS	35,727.59
CARQUEST OF CORYDON	MAINTENANCE/CONSERVATION	91.22

CIRCLE OF FREEDOM	FY24 ALLOCATION/BOS	10,000.00
CITY OF CORYDON	UTILITIES/SHERIFF	1,949.46
CITY OF LINEVILLE	TRANSFER JURISDICTION/SEC RDS	537.33
CITY OF SEYMOUR	UTILITIES (RP)/ GEN RELIEF	124.44
CLEMENTS, DUSTY	ATTY FEE/PROB OFFICE	204.40
COBB, HUNTER	1 FILLED WELL/TREAS	500.00
CODDINGTON INC	2 WELLS FILLED/ENVI HEALTH	1,000.00
CONTECH ENGINEERED SOLUTIONS	CMP/SEC RDS	727.15
DAVENPORT, DIANA	SERVICE/NV	22.00
DON'S JONS	MAINTENANCE/CONSERVATION	840.00
DOOLEY, MICHELLE	MILEAGE/AUDITOR	71.25
ELECTRONIC SERVICES SYSTEM	CONF REG/RECCORDER	100.00
EXCEL MECHANICAL CO INC	SERVICE/CTHSE	979.00
FIRST INTERSTATE BANK-MASTERCARD	LODGING-DILLON- MINK CONFERENCE/SEC RDS	129.53
FURLIN LANDSCAPING SERVICES	SERVICE/CTHSE	560.36
GAMBLE'S	SUPPLIES/CTHSE	336.34
GOBEN AUTOMOTIVE LLC	MAINTENANCE/SHERIFF	132.25
GTG CONSTRUCTION, LLC	HVAC PROJECT	147,250.00
GUARDIAN RFID	ANNUAL FEE/SHERIFF	1,815.00
HOLIDAY INN	TRAINING/SHERIFF	386.40
HUMBOLDT MFG CO	ENGINEERING EQUIPMT BEAM BREAKER& FORM 143/SEC RDS	5,278.00
HY-VEE FOOD STORE (CORYDON)	INSPECTION/NV	25.00
INCS; IOWA NEGOTIATION &, CONSULTING SERVICES	2ND QTR FEE/BOS	1,800.00
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS	SERVICE/TREAS	42.65
INOVALON PROVIDER, INC.	SERVICE/PHN	231.60
IOWA DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION	10 CASES OF PAPER/DP	432.80
IOWA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY, STATE FISCAL OFFICE	SERVICE/SHERIFF	50.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	PARTS9/SEC RDS	82.44
L & W QUARRIES INC	ROCK/SEC RDS	534.65
LOCKRIDGE INC	PARTS31/SEC RDS	83.42
LUDLOWS STEAKHOUSE LLC	RENT/BOS	24,000.00
MAIL SERVICES LLC	POSTAGE/TREAS	308.20
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS OF IOWA LLC	SERVICE/SHERIFF	2,827.00
MFA-NAPA AUTO PARTS	MAINTENANCE/CONSERVATION	15.60
MIDWEST OFFICE TECHNOLOGY INC	SERVICE/PHN	66.26
MILES LAW FIRM	POSTAGE/ATTY	4.29
MOORE, SUSAN	MILEAGE/PHN	274.38
PERRY, JOELLA	MILEAGE/VA	80.00
PITNEY BOWES INC	SERVICE/TREAS	117.00
PITNEY BOWES RESERVE ACCT	SERVICE/TREAS	1,000.00
PREMIER	SERVICE/SHERIFF	81.78
PRODUCTIVITY PLUS ACCOUNT	SHOP/SEC RDS	40.36
RESOURCE CONSULTING ENGINEERS, LLC	ENGG SERVICE/HVAC	4,063.58
SCANTRON TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS	VM WARE RENEWAL/DP	75.32
SEYMOUR HERALD	NOTICES/BOS	570.87
SHARP, HEATHER	MILEAGE/PHN	234.38
SHRED-IT USA, C/O STERICYCLE, INC.	SERVICE/DP	320.01
SMITH WELDING SUPPLY, S J	WELDING/SEC RDS	309.06
SNOW, BRITTANY	PHONE/CONSERVATION	25.00
SOUTHERN IOWA PLUMBING	MAINTENANCE/SHERIFF	947.08
STANLEY, LINDA	PHONE/PHN	25.00
STEELE JASON	1 FILLED WELL/ENVI HEALTH	500.00
THOMAS FUNERAL HOME	CO CREMATION (DN) /GEN RELIEF	1,950.00
TRI-COUNTY FIRE EQUIP.	SAFETY FIRE EXTINGUISHERS CHECKED/SEC RDS	2,205.75
U.S. CELLULAR	SERVICE/SHERIFF	1,143.68
VAN FLEET, CHARLOTTE	PHONE/PHN	25.00
VETTER EQUIPMENT CO	MAINTENANCE/CTHSE	173.69
WASH-ECLAIR	SERVICE/SHERIFF	38.00
WAYNE COUNTY HOME CARE, AIDE AGENCY	SERVICE/PHN	2,745.00
WAYNE COUNTY HOSPITAL	SERVICE/SHERIFF	143.00
WILLADSON, MAXINE	MILEAGE/PHN	236.29
WINDSTREAM CABS	SERVICE/911	427.24

WOOLLIS, JESSE
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES
ZIEGLER INC

UTILITY 10/2022-9/2023/SEC RDS
SERVICE/SHERIFF
PARTS/LABOR23/SEC RDS

600.00
128.25
5,482.53

Grand Total: 275,406.48

There being no further business, the next Regular Scheduled meeting of the Wayne County Board of Supervisors will be held on the 17th day of October 2023, at 10:00AM in the Wayne County Courthouse Lower-Level Conference Room.

Lange made a motion to adjourn at 10:55 AM, seconded by Moore.


Lance Lange, Board of Supervisor Chair

Attested 
Michelle Dooley, Auditor