

January 10, 2023

The Benton County Board of Supervisors met in regular session with Supervisors Seeman, Primmer and Bierschenk present. The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the conference room at the Benton County Service Center. Members of the public were provided the zoom access capability to join in during open session and livestream at <https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>. *Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously. Summarized Resolutions will be available in the Auditor's office and at: www.bentoncountya.gov (<https://www.youtube.com/bentoncountyiowa>)*

Throughout the meeting, the following departments presented their budgets for discussion: Recorder, Transportation, Department of Human Services (DHS), Treasurer and Veterans Affairs.

Emily Parker and Melody Kosobucki, representing Riverview Center came to discuss their \$4,000 funding request. Last year they assisted 5 children and 17 adults in our area. The funding is kept within the county.

Bierschenk moved/Primmer seconded: To approve the minutes of January 3, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve payroll checks numbered 142673 through 142709, ACH Deposits 51678 through 51821, handwrite #244927 done on 12/29/22, vendor checks 244928 through 244934 and claims numbered 244935 through 245063. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve the claim for All Temp Refrigeration, LLC using ARPA funds in the amount of \$3,343.00 for the courthouse boiler project. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint Dr. Brian Meeker as the Medical Examiner and Elana Janss-Johnson, Tyler Henkle, Braxton Morrison, Kim Koeler-Rayman, Katie Stetzel, Amanda Seiler and Mindy Icenbice as Investigators with a term ending December 31, 2024. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint Nancy Jensen, Jon Kaestner, Amy Boddicker, Terry Hertle, Jennifer Zahradnik, Erika Hodgson and Supervisor Tracy Seeman to the Solid Waste Commission. Motion carried.

Tracy Achenbach, East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund presented the FY 24 Budget Request. Last fiscal year it was \$4,484, this year they are asking for \$5,387. Their total overall budget is \$498,048.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve 75 hours of vacation carryover for Myron Parizek to be used by May 1, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To set land use hearing date for Tanner and Lyndsey Davis for Tuesday, February 7, 2023 for a part of the SW ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 22-85-9. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve General Assistance Quarterly Report ending January 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Auditor's Quarterly Report ending January 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To approve Sheriff's Quarterly Report ending January 30, 2023. Motion carried.

Seeman moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint George Haefner as the Weed Commissioner for 2023. Voting aye were Bierschenk and Seeman. Primmer abstained. Motion carried.

No action for the Historic Preservation. Peggy Schott did not want to be re-appointed, so will need to fill this vacancy.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To appoint the following persons to the respective listed township positions for four-year terms. Motion carried.

Cedar- Larry Moody, Clerk and John Lee, trustee
Fremont-Andrew Jones, Clerk and Daniel Massman, trustee
Homer-Randy Schirm, Clerk and Don Callahan, trustee
Kane-Michael Silhanek, Clerk and William Selken, trustee
Monroe-Leland Schrader and Gary Reed, trustee
Union-Dean Werner, Clerk and Jacqueline Werner, trustee

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded; To approve Treasurer's Semi-Annual Report ending December 31, 2022. Motion carried. County Attorney Ray Lough met with the board and gave a quick update of his first few days in office. Lough did advise the Supervisors on his concerns with the recent compensation board proceedings and is waiting for the Attorney General's office for guidance. Lough also brought up a security concern and wanted to go into closed session. Supervisor Primmer suggested he get on the Security Committee's agenda first and then the security committee could report back to the Board.

Supervisor Seeman provided his committee report regarding the E-911 Radio Tower Project and reported how there were some concerns on bent rods on existing towers that have been there since they were originally constructed.

Primmer moved/Bierschenk seconded: To Adjourn. Motion carried.

Tracy Seeman, Chairman

ATTEST: _____

Hayley Rippel, Benton County Auditor