JEFFERSON COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' PROCEEDINGS
August 5, 2024

At 8:30 A.M., Chair Sandquist called the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors to order.

Board members present were: Dee Sandquist, Chairman; Susie Drish, Supervisor.

Board members absent were: Lee Dimmitt, Vice-Chairman

Public comments: None

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist that the minutes for the July 29th, 2024 and July 31st, 2024 meetings be acknowledged. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with the County Engineer.

Supervisor Dimmitt arrived at 8:34am.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Dimmitt to approve an application for State of Iowa Transportation Safety (TSIP) grant for STP-S-C051 (96)-5E-51-110th Avenue Street Improvements. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to approve an application for State of Iowa Transportation Safety (TSIP) grant for HDP-C051(89)-6B-51 Libertyville Road (H43) Pavement Rehabilitation. All "Aye". Motion carried.

It was moved by Drish, seconded by Sandquist to approve funding of electrical for CTI project in Magistrate Courtroom. Drish "Aye". Sandquist "Aye". Dimmitt "Nay". Motion carried.

Dimmitt moved, seconded by Drish to approve the allowance and disallowance of homestead and military as presented by the Assessor. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with Interim Ambulance Director.

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It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to set the start date for the Ambulance Director as August 1st, 2024. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with Nick Adam regarding a tax abatement on new construction.

At 9:02 A.M., Dimmitt moved, Drish seconded that the public hearing on the Wind Ordinance be opened. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Chair Sandquist called for public comments. Public comments received were as follows:

Julie Greeson would like to see some setbacks put in. She expressed that there is buyers' remorse from people who wish they hadn't allowed wind turbines on their property. She has found zero people in favor of this and says that the fire department isn't equipped to handle something that tall if it caught on fire.

Adrian Dickey is against wind turbines. He would like to know who benefits from them on their property tax. He also has found zero people in favor and knows the fire department couldn't handle a fire on a wind turbine.

Melanie Carlson wanted to make sure that the Supervisors had received the City's comments on their Comprehensive Plan. The City would also like notice of applications within one to two miles of the City and would like an increased setback on all public land, not just conservation lands.

Brent Adam asked about the other small towns setbacks. If the City of Fairfield gets one mile, he feels like all other towns (incorporated and unincorporated) should too. He would like Pekin school to also be taken into consideration with the mile setback too.

Julie Johnston is against wind turbines. They are an eyesore and a health concern.

Amanda Adam asked about the end of life of wind turbines. Dimmitt responded that per the ordinance, no wind turbine graveyards are allowed in Jefferson County. Amanda also asked if the ordinance says where the energy produced gets to be used.

Julie Greeson asked if the ordinance protects Jefferson County if a new wind company buys the current company.

Brent Adam asked about lines running between two farms and if those lines could be run in the right of way. The County Engineer says that the lines could be run in the right of way as long as they aren't in the way.

Troy Adam expressed concern about road infrastructure. He has talked with several farmers and 10 out of 11 are not happy that they allowed wind turbines on their land. Weather patterns change where wind turbines are and there is a negative impact on crops. GPS also doesn't work in the fields around wind turbines.

Cory Eberling talked about the benefits of the wind turbines.

Jared Hershberger said that he would be happy to talk to anyone about their concerns.

Nick Martin asked where this ordinance can be found. Sandquist said that it will be put on the County website.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to close the public hearing at 9:39am. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Sandquist moved, seconded by Dimmitt to set the second public hearing on the Wind Ordinance for August 26th at 9:00am. All "Aye". Motion carried.

Supervisors met with Dave Thomas regarding dog bite procedures.

The board discussed the septic system process when properties are sold.

The supervisors discussed improving the safety of the Zoom set-up.

Sandquist reported on the Active Intruder training and that she has been working with the new Ambulance Director on orientation. She also reported that more opioid money has been received.

It was moved by Dimmitt, seconded by Drish to allow the claims in the amount of $154,503.08 against the county and to direct the county auditor to issue checks against the various funds of the county in payment of the claims allowed. All "Aye". Motion carried.

There being no further business, it was moved by Sandquist, seconded by Drish to adjourn. All "Aye". Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Scott D. Reneker	Dee Sandquist, Chairman
County Auditor	Board of Supervisors