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MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, 2024 (UNOFFICIAL)

Board members present: Byrnes, Keatley and Reiser. All members voting "AYE" unless noted. Meeting held at Waterville Community Center City Council Chambers.

Meeting called to order by Byrnes, followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

24.294-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to approve today's agenda and minutes from September 9, 2024 meeting. Motion carried.

The following people were present at various times throughout the meeting in person or via Zoom: Joseph Moses – Standard newspaper, Denise Beyer – Auditor, Tom Clark, Val Reinke, Heather Bente, Dave Monserud, Ross Kolsrud, Clark Mellick.

Public Comment: Val Reinke reviewed the weekend events in the county and upcoming Luster Heights open house, Lansing ATV/UTV ride and Windy Pines Greenhouse fall open house; updated on next steps on apartment complex project on SW side of Waukon and duplex project on NW side of Waukon.

Dave Monserud gave update on community center activities and Country on the Creek; everything has been converted to forced air heat at Community Center. Heather Bente, librarian, works closely with Park & Rec Board and they plan events at same times; more money being spent on programming rather than materials due to that being where the demand is. Library hours are Tuesday and Thursday nights. Supervisors presented a NACo storybook, The Marvelous Adventures of Countyland, to Bente for the Waterville library. Bente encourages people to use Interlibrary Loan if they want a popular book – there is a courier service that delivers the requested book from a library that has it and this can be

quicker than waiting for an eBook to become available.

Auditor Beyer requested permission to hire temporary part-time election help.

24.295-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to approve hiring temporary part-time election help at \$13/hour. Motion carried.

Auditor Beyer presented 2 Certificates of Adjustment from Assessor for AY2023 value changes, for taxes paid in 24/25.

24.296-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to approve Certificates of Adjustment as presented. Motion carried.

Environmental Health requests to use county credit card for meeting registration and IEHA membership dues.

24.297-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to approve use of county credit by Environmental Health for conference registration of \$150 and membership dues for IEHA of \$80. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mellick notified Supervisors of letter of resignation from Ross Kolsrud, effective September 29, 2024. Kolsrud is going to be the Chief of Police in Lansing and will maintain a relationship with the Sheriff's office.

24.298-Motion Keatley/Second Reiser to approve resignation of Deputy Ross Kolsrud from Sheriff's Office effective 9/29/24. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mellick and Kolsrud discussed the K-9, Tyr, and the bond and training with Tyr and Kolsrud. Given Tyr's age and the amount of training they have been through together, the recommendation from the company Tyr was purchased from is keeping Tyr and Kolsrud together. Following transfer of Tyr to City of Lansing, Tyr and Kolsrud would still be available to assist County law enforcement upon request, when available. Lansing would take over K-9 expenses and responsibilities related to Tyr and the county would not be billed by Lansing for use of Tyr. Tyr

has roughly 3 years of service left. Sheriff's intention is to allow Tyr to go with Kolsrud – Kolsrud has put a lot of time into Tyr. Kolsrud has continued to fundraise to be able to replace the K-9 when the time comes and there is currently enough donation funding to replace the K-9. Mellick recommends no pro-rated charge to Lansing, but a \$1 purchase price for Tyr, with an agreement to make the K-9 available for county use for remainder of useful life. Mellick will run the agreement by Attorney Kistler and bring it back next week for approval. Since Kolsrud took over the K-9 program in 2019, the expenses have been 100% covered by donations and adequate donated funds are available at this time to purchase the next K-9.

Mellick has been in contact with Tank Depot, supplier of fire suppression water storage tank, and has a cost of \$66,350.50, with estimated freight \$12,071.00. This entire amount is part of the total amount obligated from ARPA funds for the Public Safety Center water system project that has been discussed in prior meetings.

24.299-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to approve fire suppression water storage tank for \$66,350.50 for Public Safety Center water system. Motion carried.

Department Head updates: Sheriff Mellick gave department update. Auditor Beyer gave election update - ballots are approved; reminder to public to sign up for text reminders on elections website; election articles will run in newspapers again.

Supervisors traveled to Dalaco on Elon Drive for a tour/visit before adjourning.

24.300-Motion Reiser/Second Keatley to adjourn. Motion carried. Dan Byrnes, Chairperson

ATTEST: Denise Beyer, Auditor

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