

June 5, 2024

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were Baier, Twombly, Walker, Wedemeyer, and Hoadley.

Also present: Timber Woosley, Jeff Vandewater, Dominic Johnson, Ashlynn Schubert, Brittany Rockwell, and Brenda Saranafki. Ric Hansen – KJAN, Mandy Billings – KSOM, and Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph, Caleb Nelson – Adair County Free Press joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

MINUTES: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the minutes for May 29th, 2024. Approved.

CLAIMS: Moved by Twombly and seconded by Baier to approve the following claims:

ISAC GROUP DENTAL	DENTAL INS PREMIUMS	\$42.92
ISAC GROUP HEALTH PROGRAM	HEALTH INS PREMIUMS	\$623.00
AUXIANT	HRA INS TRUST CLAIMS	\$7,206.55
	GRAND TOTAL	\$7,872.47
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST		\$7,872.47
	GRAND TOTAL	\$7,872.47

Approved.

RESOLUTION APPROVING HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN: Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to approve **Resolution 2024-40:** Resolution Adopting Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. A Resolution Of The Adair County Supervisors Adopting The Adair & Guthrie Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan 2024. Whereas, The Board of Supervisors of Adair County, IA has authorized the development of a multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation plan; and, Whereas, the Adair County Supervisors participated in the multi-jurisdictional hazard mitigation planning process; and Whereas, the Adair & Guthrie Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared in compliance with the Hazard Mitigation Planning Requirement of the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 provided by the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Adair County Board of Supervisors adopts the Adair & Guthrie Counties Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, incorporating citizen comments and recommendations. Roll Call Vote: Twombly aye, Wedemeyer aye, Baier aye, Hoadley aye, and Walker aye.

REPORT OF THE PLATFORM COMMITTEE FOR ADAIR COUNTY DEMOCRATIC PARTY: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to acknowledge receipt of the platform report. Approved.

CONSERVATION: Dominic Johnson introduced Ashlynn Schubert, the Seasonal Naturalist. She has been posting on Facebook the activities that will be offered this summer. The Board welcomed her. Johnson and Schubert exited at 9:06 am.

SENATOR ERNST'S OFFICE AND STATE VA: Brittany Rockwell and Brenda Saranafki gave the Board some fliers for citizens about disaster resources and FEMA has a fact sheet to hand out to help survivors. Brittany said the town is looking great all things considering and it's great to see small town lowans coming together. Hoadley mentioned how it has been confusing to citizens to not get the same info from FEMA and frustrating. Brittany said the SBA and FEMA were not communicating well. Hoadley mentioned how some citizens thought they were signing up for help or grants when it was small loans. Brittany said that Senator Ernst is not happy about the communication not being the same information being put out there. Brittany said that they care and she will be back because people will have questions in 6 months also. Walker mentioned that it is not just Greenfield, that there have been some rural homes destroyed also. There are some people who have not met with insurance adjustors yet. Hoadley asked why the National Guard hasn't come to help. Vandewater replied maybe because we didn't ask for help specifically to the Guard and that would have been through the State and not the County. Engineer Kauffman arrived at 9:13 am. Caleb Nelson arrived at 9:15am, he was previously on the conference phone for the meeting.

ENGINEER: Nick Kauffman -Sign Right of Way Contract for W12 Harrison Culvert Project L-LRCBW12H-73-01 Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to approve the Chair to sign the Contract. Approved. **Approve Interim Engineer Agreement with Adams County** This will be discussed at next week or the following week's meeting due to Adams County not signing the Agreement yet. **Tornado Debris Cleanup Update and Agreement with the City of Greenfield for Debris Removal** Engineer Kauffman received an email from the White House and he called them back. He stated if this tornado disaster is going to be like the January snowstorm where we got nothing in return yet in return that is not good. FEMA told the county that they would get reimbursed and we have not seen anything yet from that January snowstorm. Kauffman was told that Biden would call at 10am on May 22nd and has heard nothing other than the White House was wanting to know info on who the Chair and EMA persons are. Rick Hart the 3rd is who Kauffman talked to and he said we should receive that money. The city has limited resources and the Schildberg's and Secondary Roads have stepped in to help. The county cannot be the direct recipient of FEMA reimbursement, it has to go through the city and we would like to get reimbursed for what we've done. The bulk of the expenses is in the city limits and there was very little expense in rural areas because most of the private rural citizens cleaned up or hired on their own. The county was put in charge of debris removal and the city has not participated. The #1 issue right now is how will the county and Schildberg's get reimbursed? This seems to be the elephant in the room per Engineer Kauffman. Other contractors and counties have

helped and in most cases the counties have more resources than cities. Secondary Roads has worked very efficiently and Engineer Kauffman does not want to be penalized for this. Brittany with Senator Ernst's office will look into this FEMA situation and report back to Chair Walker. Thank you to these counties for sending equipment: Webster, Adams, Union, and Cass. Jeremy Cooper, Emergency Management arrived at 9:30am. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – Engineer Kauffman gave an update to the Board on the following projects: working on culverts and bridges, and plans to haul contract rock soon. Schildberg's are hauling debris now and they have been a tremendous help. Reimbursement is DOT rates and actual labor rate. At this point in time Kauffman is working through the claims. Kauffman mentioned that his contract is up at the end of this month if the Board would like to put something on the agenda for that.

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: Jeremy Cooper gave a disaster update. In Jeremy's meeting later today with FEMA he will pose the question as to why the city has to reimburse the city only and why the county must be reimbursed from the city. Secondary Roads and Schildberg's has made the state contractor look silly because of their efficiency and getting the roads cleared right away and just getting things done. In the FEMA meeting Jeremy will review A-Z and should know more answers to questions after this. Hoadley mentioned that FEMA has been the topic of discussion with many because people feel when they help themselves that is held against them as far as getting help from FEMA. Debris may be out of town if not this week, but the middle of next week. Many are still waiting on insurance adjustors and 1 of the hurdles is that a dozen or more homes did not have any insurance. There should be a state's emergency plan also and Cooper is waiting on information from that. The city and county cannot afford to be liable for all of the destruction. Waivers for asbestos etc. each load gets very taxing. Cooper has good communication with the Governor's office and has worked with Homeland Security. Cooper said there was around \$47,000 damage done to a rural cemetery in Richland township and he will be getting ahold of Richland's clerk and trustees.

Reminder that next week's meeting is on Tuesday.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Twombly and seconded by Baier to adjourn at 9:47 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Jerry Walker, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Timber Woosley, Deputy Auditor