

**July 3, 2024**

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

Also present: Mandy Berg and Doug Holliday. Mandy Billings – KSOM, Ric Hansen - KJAN, Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph and 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 Baier to approve the minutes from June 28, 2024. Approved.

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

AUXIANT	HRA INS TRUST CLAIMS	\$1,209.90
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,209.90</b>
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST		\$1,209.99
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,209.99</b>

Approved.

**ICAP INSURANCE RENEWAL:** Auditor Berg stated that the ICAP renewal invoice wasn't received in time to pay in FY24 and that the County has been receiving the invoice later and later each year. Berg stated that we can either do a budget amendment this year to move money back into departments' budgets that was originally budgeted for in FY24, or moving forward, we can continue to pay in the month of July for the current fiscal year. As long as the County signs the Commitment Page to pay the invoice, the County has the month of July to pay it. Moved by Twombly and seconded by Hoadley for the Chair to sign the ICAP Insurance Renewal and Commitment Page stating the County will pay their invoice in July and going forward, the County will continue to pay the renewal invoice in July after it is received. Approved. Nick Kauffman entered at 9:04 a.m.

**RAGBRAI DISCUSSION:** Auditor Berg stated that she had been receiving a lot of questions regarding the Courthouse and whether it would be open during the RAGBRAI event on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2024. Greenfield Chamber Mainstreet would like to know if parking needs to be blocked off for County workers that day as there will be events in the Courtyard and streets surrounding in the courtyard will be blocked off. In the past, the County has closed the courthouse and given the employees the option to take a vacation day or to volunteer for the event and receive pay. Berg stated she was concerned about the courthouse being open to the public with an extra 30,000 people in town and the use of the courthouse restrooms. Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to lock the courthouse doors and not be open to the public, but for employees to continue to work unless a vacation day is approved by their department head. Approved.

**TOWNSHIP CLERK WAGES:** Moved by Baier and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the township clerk wages for Lorene Grubbs for \$120.00. Approved. Tiffany Warrior entered at 9:11 a.m.

**BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT & PLANNING & ZONING APPOINTMENT:** The Board discussed who they would like to appoint to the Greenfield Board of Adjustment and Planning and Zoning Commissions. The City of Greenfield sent the Board a letter asking that the member appointed live within the City of Greenfield or within the two mile radius of the City as they feel it would best for the member to have a personal stake in the City. Supervisor Hoadley who currently sits on the Planning and Zoning Commission talked about the work need to get the City's comprehensive plan updated and things zoned right and stated she would like to continue to be on the commission even though she doesn't live in the City. She feels like she still represents all the residents in the County. Supervisor Wedemeyer asked if we even needed to have a representative on the Commission and Supervisor Twombly discussed that the Board has an interest in the matter when the two mile radius of the City is included. If the County develops planning and zoning at the County level, the County would take over that two mile radius. Supervisor Baier mentioned that he didn't like to be dictated on how they should make their appointment and thought having checks and balances in place is a good thing, so even if someone not in the City of Greenfield is appointed, it may be a good thing. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Twombly to appoint John Twombly to the Greenfield Board of Adjustment and the Greenfield Planning and Zoning Commission per the City's request of having a representative from Greenfield on the Commissions. Baier, aye; Hoadley, nay; Twombly, aye; Walker, aye; and Wedemeyer, aye. Approved.

**PRELIMINARY TAX ABATEMENT DISCUSSION:** Supervisor Hoadley stated that she would like the Board to consider a tax abatement similar to what the City of Greenfield is doing for people rebuilding in the rural part of the County. Supervisor Wedemeyer doesn't think the County would be able to do something just for tornado victims and thinks we would have to do it for everyone in the County. Assessor Warrior explained that properties are assessed as of January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year and that constituents would see a change in their values until their 2025 values with taxes paid in 2026-2027. Warrior surveyed surrounding Counties and Adams County does a three year 100% tax abatement and Union County also has an area where they provide an abatement to encourage people to come in. Supervisor Wedemeyer stated that this is usually an incentive to bring in more people to the County and doesn't necessarily agree that this is needed in the rural part of the county; the City is a different situation and they need those people to come in and rebuild. Supervisor Twombly has seen several people that want to rebuild in the rural part of the County instead of the City. Supervisor Hoadley thinks we should think about those people that may not work in the County that may want to build somewhere else, but this may be something to keep them in the County and invite other people to come into the County and invest in the Community. Doug Holliday asked if it wasn't different if you took the rebuild component out of it and look at offering it to someone starting a project in the County to attract more people to the school system

and add to the tax base. Supervisor Wedemeyer thinks it depends on the project and the County's investment including maintaining roads and setting up a sewer system, etc. He thinks it would have to be looked at on an individual basis. Supervisor Twombly stated he agreed with Wedemeyer. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Twombly to table it in order to think about it further and gather more information. Approved.

**ENGINEER: Greenfield Tornado Assistance** – Engineer Kauffman stated he was contacted yesterday to see if the County would help with hauling dirt to fill basements. Kauffman stated that they would only be able to haul the dirt, but would be bringing in the heavy equipment and do any work within the City. Jeremy Cooper, EMA, will be trying to line other people to assist and that they would be last resort. Kauffman stated they are falling more and more behind on normal duties, but would probably provide a few trucks if needed. Moved by Twombly and seconded by Baier to leave the decision up to Engineer Kauffman on if and when they could help to haul dirt. Baier, aye; Hoadley, aye; Twombly, aye; Walker, aye; and Wedemeyer, nay. Approved. Warrior exited at 9:38 a.m. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – started with Adams county on Monda, starting to get thing backs from insurance; request for assistance from FEMA was approved, bridge inspections, road closure, Murphy working on west pier should start on west abutment, haven't heard from Henningsons on Henry A Wallace, FM rock close to being done, Rock at fairgrounds done before fair, Grinding – Iowa Demolition is going to do it – meet Monday morning to talk about it, they will do final cleanup and seed. Lake – five different piles will grind, but some will just sit and rot, DNR will be there to discuss as well.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Twombly and seconded by Baier to adjourn at 9:58 a.m. Approved.

**ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Walker, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mandy Berg, Auditor