

**July 10, 2024**

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

Also present: Mandy Berg and Caleb Nelson – Adair County Free Press. Mandy Billings – KSOM, Ric Hansen - KJAN, and Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to approve the minutes from July 3, 2024. Approved. Brenda Wallace, Kelly Mitchell, and Nick Kauffman entered at 9:02 a.m.

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

Access Systems	Service Contracts/Phones	\$279.38	ISCTA	FY25 Dues	\$250.00
Access Systems Leasing	Courthouse Computer Lease	\$613.40	Jensen, Randall	Pest Control	\$189.00
Adair Co Home Care	@ I4 Grant	\$81.08	Karl Chevrolet Of Stuart, LLC	@Parts-#177 & Labor #177	\$264.90
Adair Co Sanitary Landfill	Per Capita Census	\$10,226.25	Kinzie Service	@ Service/ 1-4 Balance Tires	\$36.00
Ahlers & Cooney P.C.	@ Commercial Ordinance Matter	\$2,782.50	Klemish, Marykaye	@ Township Meeting	\$120.00
Alliant Energy - IES	@ Utilities	\$183.51	Lumen	@ Phone Charges	\$0.05
Ascendance Trucks, LLC	@Parts-#502	\$23.35	Mangels, Mike	@ Grove Township Mowing	\$50.00
Auxiant	@ HRA Ins Trust Fees	\$745.50	McMorran Lawn Services	@ Lawn Work/ Weed Control	\$129.00
Black Sheep Garage	@Oil-#500 & Labor #500	\$1,169.76	Moody's Investors Service	@ Series 2024 Bond Rating	\$14,500.00
Central Iowa Detention	@ Juvenile Detention Services	\$6,165.97	Moore, Randall	@ Township Meeting	\$160.00
Cintas	@Uniforms, Mops & Mat Service	\$47.14	Murphy Heavy Contracting Inc	Lfm-Lbrn19--7x-01	\$67,776.55
Cost Advisory Services	@ Fy23 Cost Allocation	\$3,300.00	Northland Products Co	@Oil & Other Equipment Supplies	\$2,712.30
Creston Publishing Company	@ Special Election	\$93.39	ODP Business Solutions, LLC	Highlighters	\$23.78
Daida	@ Cloud Backup & Recovery	\$40.00	Orient Municipal Light	@Utilities-Electric (Orient Yard)	\$17.06
Daughenbaugh, Cole	@Tire Labor, Tires & Tubes	\$895.00	Orient Municipal Water	@ Lo Water, Dump Station	\$185.20
Dept. Of Inspections, Appeals	@ Annual Inspection & Permit Fee	\$225.00	Pictometry International Corp.	Pictometry Flight	\$19,586.67
DLT Solutions Inc	3 Year Subscription Renewal Civil	\$3,816.24	Pearson Do, Timothy C	@ Medical Examiner Fees	\$150.00
Earlham Savings Bank	Building Rent, July 2024	\$1,280.12	Quill	@Office Supplies-Copy Paper	\$27.98
Fareway Stores	Food Inmate	\$123.45	Reed, Nathan	@ Mileage, Parking	\$178.72
Farmers Lumber Company	@Signs-Bolts (Tornado -Rural)	\$82.91	Richter & Son Towing, Inc.	@ Contractor Reimbursement	\$15,338.08
Fastenal Company	@ Fire Extinguisher Cabinet & Sign	\$441.65	Roberts, Christopher	Medical Examiner Fees	\$150.00
FNB Bank	@ Ach Origination Fees	\$130.60	Roberts, Scott	Mower Gas	\$38.69
Fontanelle City	@Electric- Fontanelle Yard	\$36.00	Schwinger Lawn Service, Inc.	@ Ash Tree Injections	\$880.00
Gettler, Tom	@ Township Meeting	\$120.00	Sickles Lawn Care	@Misc Yards-Mowing Greenfield	\$245.00
Govco Inc	@Lost Bridge Repair-N6 Grand River	\$76,300.00	Sickles Trucking & Repair, LLC	@ Labor/Tire Replacement	\$190.00
Grantham Sanitation	Trash Collection	\$280.00	Southern IA Council of Govt	Fy25 Membership Fees	\$5,866.70
Greenfield Lumber Company	@Engineering Supplies-Lathe	\$164.97	Southern IA Rural Water	@ Utilities	\$576.00
Greenfield Municipal Utilities	@Utilities - Water, Sewer & Electric	\$3,909.93	SW Contracting Inc	@ Contractor Reimbursement	\$19,554.90
Gus Construction Co Inc.	@Contractor Reimbursement	\$6,254.44	Tires & Service Inc	@Tire Labor #155	\$58.00
Guthrie Co Envir Health	@ May, June 2024 Services	\$5,266.44	Union Co Auditor	@ 3rd Quarter Dhs Expenses	\$3,477.44
IA Comm Assurance Pool	FY25 Insurance	\$136,155.00	Warrior, Tyler	@Mowing Bridgewater Yards 8x	\$144.00
IA St Medical Examiner	@ Medical Examiner Fees	\$4,195.00	Western Iowa Tourism Region	FY25 Matching Funds	\$500.00
ICUBE	FY25 ICUBE Dues	\$200.00	Wex Bank	@ Gas Co Cars	\$322.29
Imaging Spectrum, Inc	Passport Media Kit	\$166.47	Windstream	@ Phone Bill	\$34.40
Infomax Office Systems	@ Recorder Copier Lease	\$131.95	Windstream	@ Telephone Utility	\$423.40
Interstate Battery Sys Of Dsm	@Batteries-#95 Tomado Disaster	\$152.95	Wiremann Electric LLC	@ Contractor Reimbursement	\$9,455.35
ISAC	FY25 Member Dues	\$6,700.00	Young, Nancy	@ Va Rent, June	\$450.00
ISAC Group Dental	Dental Ins	\$486.72	Ziegler Inc	@Parts-Tornado Rural/ Labor/Blades/Batteries/Parts	\$7,923.92
ISAC Group Health Program	Health Ins	\$7,276.00		<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$453,658.98</b>
ISAC Group Vision	Vision Ins	\$55.72			
ISAC Unemployment	@ 2nd Qtr Unemployment Apr-June	\$1,075.81			
0001 - GENERAL FUND		\$130,119.64			
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL		\$86,420.91			
0011 - RURAL SERVICES		\$14,011.76			
0020 - SECONDARY ROAD		\$70,466.18			
0021 - LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX		\$76,300.00			
1520 - NW WIND FARM UR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND		\$67,776.55			
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST		\$8,563.94			
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>		<b>\$453,658.98</b>			

Approved.

**MATURA FY23 AUDIT:** Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to acknowledge receipt of the FY23 MATURA Audit. Approved.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS COMMISSIONERS APPOINTMENT:** Moved by Twombly and seconded by Hoadley to re-appoint Lee Ashmore to the Veterans' Affairs Commission for a three-year term. Approved.

**COMPENATION BOARD DISCUSSION:** Auditor Berg stated that Governor Reynolds signed SF 2442 back in May which makes changes to the County Compensation Board. As of July 1, 2024, the compensation board has been dissolved. At this point, the Board has two options: to re-establish the Compensation Board or for the Board of Supervisors to assume the duties of the Compensation Board. If the Board takes on the duties of the Compensation Board, they would have to go through the same process to come up with a recommendation based off of the language of the Iowa Code. SF 2442 also made changes to the capabilities of how the Board of Supervisors can set wages. The Board now has the ability to go higher or lower than the Compensation Board recommendation and can also make adjustments to individual elected officials without being required to adjust all elected officials by the same percentage. The Board discussed the pros and cons of taking on the Compensation Board duties and the ultimate consensus of the Board was that it was in everyone's best interest to keep the Compensation Board and Board of Supervisors duties separated.

**RESOLUTION – COMPENSATION BOARD:** Moved by Twombly and seconded by Hoadley to approve **Resolution #2024-45** – Resolution Establishing A County Compensation Board. A resolution by Adair County to establish a county compensation board as authorized by Iowa Code Section 331.905. WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.905, as amended in 2024 by Senate File 2442, the county board of supervisors may vote to establish a county compensation board. WHEREAS, pursuant to this same Code Section, when the board of supervisors establishes a county compensation board, the compensation board shall be comprised of seven members who are residents of the county. Two members shall be appointed by the board of supervisors, one member each by the county auditor, county attorney, county recorder, county treasurer, and county sheriff. The members of the county compensation board shall not be officers or employees of the state or a political subdivision of the state and shall serve staggered terms. WHEREAS, lots were drawn to determine the duration of initial staggered terms for members of the county compensation board. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Adair County hereby establishes a county compensation board for the county. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Adair County directs each of the elected officials to submit their respective appointments to the board of supervisors by November 1, 2024. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the representatives of the Treasurer, Supervisors, and Sheriff shall serve an initial term of four years and the representatives of the Auditor, Recorder, and Attorney shall serve an initial term of two years. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, this resolution shall apply retroactively to July 1, 2024. Roll Call Vote: Walker, aye; Hoadley, aye; Baier, aye; Wedemeyer, aye; and Twombly, aye. Approved.

**TAX ABATEMENT DISCUSSION:** Supervisor Hoadley stated she had looked into the tax abatement more and would like to people to be able to put back houses in rural areas and thinks they need help to save as much money as possible. Houses being built now have more value and so in the end, the County would be ahead. Hoadley believes there was 14 houses destroyed in the rural area from the tornado. Supervisor Twombly spoke with the sanitarian yesterday and was told that if there are over 15 rooms in one building, you can't have a septic. Twombly stated that the people in the rural area already have a lower levy rate and they have a choice to either build in town or the rural area. Building in the rural area already gives them a tax break. Supervisor Hoadley stated that in the end giving the abatement would balance things out with getting new houses up and more value rather than no value from a house no longer there. She doesn't think it would hurt the County and those people should be treated in the same way as those who live in town. Twombly stated that the County has nothing to do with the City and that is their own decision. Moved by Twombly and seconded by Wedemeyer to not move forward with the tax abatement. Wedemeyer, aye; Twombly, aye; Walker, aye; Baier, nay; and Hoadley, nay. Approved. Doug Holliday entered at 9:12 a.m.

**ENGINEER: Sign Front Page** – Moved by Baier and seconded by Twombly to sign the front page of plans for the G-61 Culvert Repair Project LFM-REVS15W-7X-01. Approved. **Sign Resolution** – Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to approve **Resolution #2024-46** – Designation of Authorized Representatives For Federal / State Assistance Whereas, Adair County Secondary Roads has been named the subrecipient of Public Assistance relating to costs incurred as a result of Severe Storms, Tornadoes, and Flooding occurring on May 20-21, 2024. And Whereas, as a requirement of the Funding Agreement for Federal / State Assistance, Authorized Representatives must be designated by an official resolution by the governing body of the subrecipient. And Whereas, the Funding Agreement requires that two Authorized Representatives be named and designated. And whereas, once designated;-Authorized Representatives are authorized to sign, certify, and file documents as required by the Funding Agreement for Federal / State Assistance. Now Therefore Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Adair County, Iowa, that, effective July 10, 2024, Nick Kauffman, P.E., the County Engineer of Adair County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated as the Authorized Representative as listed on said Funding Agreement. Also, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Adair County, Iowa, that, effective July 10, 2024, Sawyer Hansen, the Assistant to the Engineer of Adair County, Iowa be and is hereby designated as the Chief Finance Officer as listed on said Funding Agreement. Roll Call Vote: Walker, aye; Hoadley, aye; Baier, aye; Wedemeyer, aye; and Twombly, aye. Approved. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – Engineer Kauffman gave an update to the Board on the following projects: Henningsons will be here around August 19<sup>th</sup>, Schildbergs done with contract rock and rock at the Fairgrounds, met with DNR for grinding of trees, people should contact Jeremy Cooper, EMA Coordinator if they could use the grindings from the tree, and Supervisor Hoadley thanked the Engineer for getting the bad spots on the roads fixed from the weather.

Supervisor Hoadley stated that with the tax abatement discussion, the School was hoping to have some input on it. Hoadley thought that action couldn't be taken if it was just discussion listed on the agenda. Supervisor Wedemeyer stated that it lists on the agenda that all items listed on the agenda may be subject to Board action.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Twombly and seconded by Hoadley to adjourn at 9:27 a.m. Approved.

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

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