

February 19, 2025

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

Also present: Ruthie Smith, Melissa Larson, Colleen Oxley and Mattie Devorak. Ric Hansen – KJAN, Mandy Billings – KSOM, Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph, Lee Greenhold, Caleb Nelson- Adair Free Press, joined via conference phone.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Matt Wedemeyer and seconded by Jodie Hoadley to approve the agenda as posted. Approved.

MINUTES: Moved by Walker and seconded by Michael Christoffersen to approve the minutes from February 12, 2025. Approved.

CLAIMS: Moved by Walker and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the following claims:

Access Systems	Replacement Phone	\$561.42	Lamb Funeral Homes, Inc	Transport To Medical Examiner	\$895.00
Access Systems Leasing	Auditor Copier Lease	\$8.39	Linde Gas & Equipment Inc	Repairs To Plasma Cutter	\$530.00
Adair Co Engineer	Gas County Cars	\$2,646.06	Lumen	Phone Charges	\$0.02
Adair Co Health System	Jail Meals	\$2,100.00	Mainstay Systems Of Iowa,	3 Adapters Dp To Mdp	\$30.00
Adair Co Recorder	Boat Registration	\$28.15	Mediacom	Phone & Internet	\$1,139.05
Adair News, The	Semi Annual	\$175.20	Midwest Occupational	Hearing Tests	\$2,615.00
AgriLand Fs Inc	Ethanol/Diesel/ Grounds/ Other Supplies	\$47,419.36	Testing, Inc.		
Alliant Energy - Ies	Intersection Lighting	\$5,082.16	Midwest-Wheel Companies	Parts/ Other Equipment Supplies	\$1,881.06
Amazon Capital Services	Election Receipt Paper	\$54.99	Murphy Heavy Contracting Inc	Lfm-Lbrw22l-7x-01	\$5,820.00
Ascendance Trucks, Llc	Parts/ Labor	\$14,974.33	Northland Products Co	Oil/ Grease/ Other Equipment Supplies	\$3,075.96
Auxiant	Hra Ins Trust Fees	\$889.03	Odp Business Solutions, Llc	Ups Battery Back-Up	\$170.78
Bomgaars Supply Inc	Blo-Gun, Plug, Chuck, Gloves	\$116.94	Orient Municipal Light	Utilities	\$441.13
Charm-Tex, Inc	Hygiene Supplies	\$179.40	Orient Municipal Water	Lo Water, Orient Dump Station	\$60.00
Cintas	Uniform, Mop & Mat Service	\$96.66	Pearson Do, Timothy C	Medical Examiner Fees	\$150.00
Creston Publishing Company	Semi Annual Report	\$168.01	Productivity Plus Account	Parts/ Lubricants	\$2,373.29
Dakota Supply Group Inc	Grader Edges , Plow Blades	\$8,776.00	Schildberg Const Co Inc	Maintenance Rock	\$93,496.07
Fagan, Tom	Township Meeting	\$40.00	Secondary Road Fund	Fuel, Jan 2025	\$688.00
Farmers Electric Coop	Intersection Lighting/ Utilities	\$953.25	Southern Ia Rural Water	Mt Water, Lo Water, Bwater Dump Station	\$26.00
Farmers Lumber Company	Posts/ Hand Tools	\$800.99	Southern Iowa Tourism	1/4 Page Size Ad	\$110.00
Fnb Bank	Ach Origination	\$86.90	Thomson Reuters - West	Library Plan Charges	\$494.85
Fontanelle City	Utilities	\$225.25	Tompkins Industries Inc	Parts #404	\$13.44
Galls, Llc	Uniform / Supplies	\$51.30	Verizon Wireless	Survey Crew Hot Spot	\$38.52
Giof, Robert	Repair To Rented Equipment	\$57.41	Verizon Wireless Bellevue	Cellphone Service	\$103.18
Greenfield Municipal Utilities	Utilities El Wa Se	\$3,778.23	Visa	Winterfest Lodging, Parking, 87c Fuel, Google Work	\$4,362.80
Greenfield True Value	Parts/Misc Shop/Buildings/Minor Equipment/Other Su	\$355.11	Walker, Jeff	Parts & Labor #642	\$9,575.00
Gus Construction Co Inc.	Maintenance Of Hungry Canyons Structures	\$3,000.00	Wallace Auto Supply Co	Parts/Filters/Hand Tools/Batteries/Misc Shop/Other	\$1,556.94
Hardisty, Eugene Russell	Va Mileage	\$193.27	Wedemeyer, Doug	Township Meeting	\$40.00
Henry M. Adkins & Son, Inc	Tenex Election Equipment	\$21,619.38	Wedemeyer, Matt	Parking	\$7.00
Ia Law Enforcement Academy	20 Hr Jail Inservice, Tipling W., Ingwers J.	\$250.00	Westphalen, Scott	Repair Main Shop West Overhead Doors Tornado Dama	\$21,300.00
Infomax Office Systems	Recorder Copier Lease	\$131.95	Windstream	Telephone Utility	\$523.70
Johnson Controls	Repair Fire Heat Sensor/ Horn Strobe	\$4,152.20	Young, Nancy	Va Rent	\$450.00
Johnson, Dominic	Meals Reimbursements	\$26.83	Ziegler Inc	Parts/ Labor/ Filters	\$16,945.24
Kinzie Service	Service / 1-4, 1-2, 1-4	\$124.12		Grand Total	\$288,034.32

Approved.

TOWNSHIP CLERK WAGES: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Walker to approve the township clerk wages for Ash Kading for \$40.00. Approved.

WALNUT TOWNSHIP CLERK RESIGNATION & APPOINTMENT: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Walker to accept the Walnut Township Clerk Resignation with regrets from Ash Kading. Approved. Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Baier to appoint Judy Wedemeyer as the new Walnut Township Clerk effective immediately. Approved.

IT ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT: Moved by Baier and seconded by Walker to table the IT Assessment agreement until Auditor Berg was back to discuss. Approved.

LIFE INSURANCE PLAN OPTIONS: Auditor Clerk Smith distributed information regarding different options for the County's life insurance policy for employees. The County currently offers a \$5,000 life insurance policy for all eligible employees. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Walker to have it raised to \$20,000 per employee. Hoadley, nay. Approved. Melissa Larson and Mattie Devorak entered at 9:05 a.m. Entered Nick Rasmussen at 9:06 a.m.

MIDAMERICAN PROPOSED PROJECTS NOTICE – Huff and Foster, Arbor Hill solar not expanding in Arbor Hill. There is only 1 for right now that is operating. Roll out to more windfarms. Arbor would like to as well. Jodie Hoadley, says a tower that will go into arbor hills substation and turn off the blinking lights at night and only be on if an airplane is coming. There was some more discussion of turning windmill lights off. They are only looking for participation land owners. Motivation behind is trying to be a good neighbor since not everyone wants to see the lights. Hoadley mentioned that there is a cap on wind turbines and there is an ordinance for solar. Huff referred to new plans that natural gas will be near Orient in Adair County and this is going on land that MidAmerican has purchased. Good things about this site is if you cannot meet the demand of electricity, it will kick on and help. The facility will be 20 acres. There will be 5 full-time positions that will be at most \$125,000 salary and will stay at the facility. Moved by Walker and seconded by Wedemeyer to acknowledge the projects notice. Approved.

MELISSA LARSON, COUNTY ATTORNEY: Got some info, with the recent new hire and with changes in the auditor office, brought to life with handbook inconsistencies. Started in July of 2019. Hired Nellie in October 2022 and she works 35 hours a week, has been treated as full time with sick pay and vacation. With Ruthie starting we noticed that it doesn't match the county handbook. In order to make an exception for her employees who work 35 hours to get vacation and sick leave as full time it needs to be in writing. Hoadley mentioned it was simply over looked. Hoadley moved and Wedemeyer seconded to approve. Larson exited at 9:22 a.m. Mattie Devorak left at 9:22 AM. Oxley exited at 9:24 a.m.

ENGINEER: Nick Kauffman entered at 9:22 a.m. **Longevity raise for Janelle Meisenheimer**, she will have 30 years, an extra \$.10 maximum longevity. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Christoffersen to approve. 5 year discussion on construction program: the process in the past was to get Board approval, submit to DOT and they get approval. Not asking for approval but going through it and talking about it before submitting to Dot. Some projects are North Townline Road, right away and fence purchases, Casey Exit going north into town into Guthrie, Rose Acres resurfacing shared project, pavement markings, Washington bridge. **Report of Maintenance & Activities** – not a lot going, still pushing snow drifts off the roads. General fixing stuff. Walker said equipment should be indoors to keep up. Get buildings they all sit outdoors, doors aren't wide enough in Orient. This is something to get prices on and think about. Kauffman exited at 9:37 a.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to adjourn at 9:37 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Nathan Baier, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Ruthie Smith, Auditor Clerk