

**Marshall County Board of Supervisors
Regular Session November 22, 2022, at 9:05 a.m.
Election Center
107 S 1st Avenue, Marshalltown, Iowa and via ZOOM**

MINUTES

The Marshall County Board of Supervisors met in regular session according to the posted notices in the Marshall County Election Center, 107 S 1st Avenue, Marshalltown, Iowa, and online via ZOOM. Chair Thompson called the meeting to order on November 22, 2022, at 9:05 a.m. and led the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Chair David E Thompson, Vice Chair Steve Salasek, Member Bill Patten. Salasek moved to approve the agenda, second by Patten. Motion carried 3-0.

Service Award: Brad Nichols, Superintendent Secondary Roads, 20 Years.

Patten moved to adopt the **Consent Agenda**, second by Salasek. Motion carried 3-0. Items:

1. Approve November 8, 2022, Regular Session Minutes and November 15, 2022, Special Session Meeting for the General Election Canvass of November 8, 2022.
2. Approve claims as audited and authorize the County Auditor and Recorder to issue payment of the same. The listing of claims paid at this meeting and all claims paid in the current month will be published as part of the first meeting of the following month.
3. File Sheriff's Quarterly Report, 2022 3rd Quarter.
4. File Voluntary Annexation Request, City of Albion.
5. Approve Motion requesting Juvenile Court Services to utilize alternative funding for all CIJDC evaluation services.

Personnel Changes

Motion by Salasek, second by Patten to approve status change, Engineer Department, Wes Spencer, change of position from MECH2 to MECH3, from \$27.88/hr., to \$28.40/hr., beginning on or after November 25, 2022. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Patten, second by Salasek to **TABLE** status change to a future meeting, Treasurer Department, Katie Sharer, from PT to FT, no change in wage rate, \$17.00. **Item Tabled**, motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Salasek, second by Patten to approve Paul Geilenfeldt Employment Contract and Agreement Renewal through 11/30/2025. Motion carried 3-0.

Motion by Patten, second by Salasek to approve Elder Corporation Proposal for road improvement at Marshall Farms, LLC, \$40,105.00 for Kevin Blood's dairy farm. Motion carried 3-0. Thompson noted this grading work could be signed by the County Engineer. The Board will sign the contract in support of the economic development project. Geilenfeldt informed the board the project has significant material savings from the requester, and work could begin soon weather permitting.

Motion by Salasek, second by Patten to Adopt Resolution 2022-0035 Abatement of Mobile Home Taxes. Resolution adopted 3-0.

Motion by Patten, second by Salasek to approve Courthouse Construction Change orders \$121,449.38. Motion carried 3-0. Baedke stated these costs were anticipated.

The board discussed John Worden's request to provide jake brake prohibited signing on Wallace Avenue near Green Mountain, truck noise. Salasek asked if it was possible to provide signing as a request without an ordinance for enforcement or prosecution. The Board discussed unintended consequences of placing signs without an ordinance, leading to lack of enforcement. Two signs were requested, one placed southbound north of the school and another placed northbound several yards south of the Garwin Road intersection on Wallace Avenue. Geilenfeldt anticipated cost of the signs at \$330 each. Sheriff Phillips cautioned noise violations are difficult to enforce, relayed his experience that citations are rarely written, although drivers are warned and educated. Salasek opined jake brakes are not required on that stretch of the road and use is generally "showing off" by drivers. JBS Transportation was contacted for help with the issue. Braudis cautioned that calls for jake brake violation could cause a resource jam for 911 service. Sheriff Phillips was instructed to contact other counties for their ordinances and provide an update to the Supervisors.

Tabled: Decedent Transport bids due December 1, 2022, by 4:30 PM. Patten moved to remove this item for discussion, second by Salasek. Motion carried 3-0.

Mark Bethel, F-ABMDI, provided the sample agreement that came from Story County, used for bid requests, and requested Marshall County implement a similar written policy as one does not currently exist. Supervisor Thompson read an email from Mark Bethel, F-ABMDI, primarily responsible for the County's Medical Examiner department.

Email dated 11/21/2022, 1:28 PM

Good afternoon,

I want to let all of you know that I will not be participating at the Board of Supervisors Meeting scheduled at 0905 on 11/22/2022.

I was unable to attend the BOS meeting held at 0905 on 11/08/2022, due to a conflict. I was able to view the video of the meeting online.

The below subjects were discussed by Jody Anderson, Anderson Funeral Homes, at the 11/08/2022 BOS Meeting:

(1) The bid for "Transportation to IOSME for Post Mortem Examination."

(2) Indigent Cases and funeral home reimbursement.

Both items (1) and (2) were discussed and decided between the BOS and both funeral homes at a prior date.

Neither I nor Dr. David Bethel, County Medical Examiner were present during these meetings when decisions were made between the BOS and funeral homes.

To the best of my knowledge both funeral homes have provided transportation to the IOSME in Ankeny when requested by the Marshall County Medical Examiner's Office.

The current discussion surrounding item (1) will not solve the subject of item (2) as both are totally separate items each requiring their own set of policies and procedures.

Thank you for your time.

Respectfully,

Mark Bethel F-ABMDI

Jody Anderson, owner of Anderson Funeral Homes, asked whether the vendor problem was monetary or response time. Anderson also requested the supervisors keep the decedent transport service with Marshall County providers and increase the vendor price to \$695, in keeping with other county transport fees.

The Board discussed the need to solidify the indigent burial practice, which is currently being considered on a case by case basis by Mark Bethel.

Thompson stated it is the responsibility of the government to give potential vendors notice of a bid letting, and it is the choice of a vendor to participate. Anderson stated he would not submit a bid and that he had also talked with Marty Mitchell, who would likely not submit a bid. The county has several options after reviewing bids 1) accept one 2) reject all bids 3) revise and go out for bids again. Anderson requested no service calls to his business if an outside county provider was chosen. Anderson was encouraged to attend the public budget meeting for the department of the medical examiner.

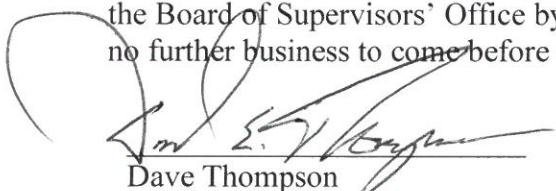
Public Forum.

Braudis announced a trailer was ordered for use by MCSO, E911, EMA for external emergency use, with an ARPA funding surplus of \$125,000.

John Worden questioned the refusal of the Marshalltown Public Library to acquire new periodicals, namely the Epoch Times and American Rifleman, and requested the Supervisors reduce library funding to change the mindset of library staff to include other viewpoints. Worden was encouraged to attend the county budget meeting.

Jody Anderson thanked the county for hosting the Courthouse Rededication, noting it was an excellent event. Benson thanked all who volunteered, approximately 1000 attended the open house.

Adjournment. The next regular session is, December 6, 2022, at 9:05 a.m. All business to be acted upon at that session should be submitted to the County Auditor and Recorder's Office or the Board of Supervisors' Office by Wednesday, November 30, 2022, at 12:00 p.m. There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting is adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Dave Thompson
Board of Supervisors, Chairman

Attest:



Nan Benson, Auditor and Recorder