

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

June 8, 2009

Be it duly noted these minutes of 6/8/09 are UNOFFICIAL minutes.

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30AM with Board members Michael Nolte-Chairman, Corey Eberling and Jerry L. Plagge present.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, approves the agenda as submitted and with one addition: 1) Consider/approve Dick McNickle as overseer of Drainage District #5, to spray Rodeo chemical in Drainage District #5 open ditch to control canary grass growth in spring and summer of 2009. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Eberling, seconded by Plagge, approves the minutes of 6/1/09. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board opened the meeting to public comment. No one from the public was present. Committee reports were given on: Truck traffic on Nettle due to the wind farm construction.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, approves a Utility Permit for Qwest to place buried cable in the vicinity of 70th and Nuthatch only after the tile repair is completed in Bradford and the County Engineer has been notified of the completed repair. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, approves a Franklin County Utility Permit Application for Franklin REC to install a power line under the road at 2440 Nettle Avenue. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 9:15 AM David Nichols and Michelle Arenson-Alliant Energy Wind gave the Board a progress report on the wind farm construction in the southern portion of the County. Present was: Jay Waddingham-County Engineer, Russell Wood-Community Services Director/Planning/Zoning and Mary Jo Mulford-Bradford. David reported the Project is on schedule and on budget. The crews are back to working days Monday through Friday and Saturdays for rain delays. Five turbines are fully erected and all access road construction is complete. Two main erection cranes are on site and ready to set six to eight turbines a week with the completion in September. There are four full time road graders on the road trying to reconstruct the county roads to original condition. Alliant wants feedback on the county's condition of the roads so they can keep them maintained to the best of their ability. To date, they have applied 75,000 tons of gravel on the roads. Around July 1<sup>st</sup>, they are anticipating removing some of the wide turn corners and removing the temporary culverts. All is going well overall. The 121 turbines will begin turning and working in late fall of this year due to completing connections of the wiring to the under wire connectors and the sub-station. The towers are 401 feet high with blades fully extended; the tower height is 80 meters. The County Engineer expressed concerns with present roads and the matter of repairing certain areas where large 6-7 inch rock was applied. Mary Jo Mulford expressed concern on dust control and possible damage to drainage tile on Nettle Avenue in Bradford. Dave reassured all present that they are dedicated to resolve issues that arise.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, opens a Public Hearing at 10:00 to receive comments on the First Reading of Franklin County Revised Ordinance 6.2 Subdivision. All ayes. Motion carried. Present was: Russell Wood-County Planner/Zoning Director, Jay Waddingham-County Engineer and Michelle Giddings-Auditor. Reading of Revised Ordinance 6.2 was completed. No oral or written comments were received regarding this revision. Discussion of the changes was explained. Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, closes the Public Hearing at 10:28 AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, to accept the first Reading of Subdivision 6.2 and proceed to the second reading on June 15, 2009 at 11:00 AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Brief discussion was held on the proposed Sheriff's Law Enforcement Building. No action taken.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, approves the shared GIS Coordinator Contract between Hardin County and Franklin County for an indefinite time span with Micah Cutler. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Eberling, seconded by Plagge, approves the shared GIS Technician Contract between Hardin County and Franklin County for an indefinite time span with Megan Moeller. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board agreed to lock the east Courthouse doors for security reasons immediately.

At 10:30 AM Russell Wood-Community Services Director/Planning/Zoning and Jay Waddingham-County Engineer, met with the Board to explain the original three Grants applied for on the Rolling Prairie Trail. The first Grant has been received and spent to purchase land, the second Grant is for approximately \$750,000 which is part of Butler County's share and they are willing to give their share to Franklin County for construction purposes; and the third Grant is from the trail north to Beeds Lake on Nettle Avenue for approximately \$200,000. Russell Wood and Jason Gooder were instructed to work out details in the missing link of the trail. This is worked out with a motion below. Russell Wood, Grant Writer, requested permission from the Board to contact NIACOG to help with the completion of the Rolling Prairie Trail Grant writing. The Board advised Russell Wood to contact the Conservation Board Chairman and ask permission to contact NIACOG in the absence of Jason Gooder the Director who is on vacation.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, agrees to allow the Conservation Department to utilize the county road right of way from the Rolling Prairie Trail on Nettle Avenue south to Highway 3 and from Highway 3 on Olive Avenue north to the trail. This will complete the connection making the trail contiguous. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board wants to post on the Courthouse bulletin board the seasonal position of Franklin County Weed Commissioner to become effective immediately. The Board will define a job description for this position. No action taken.

The Board chooses to advertise for the appointment of a representative to serve on the NIACOG Board. No action taken.

At 11:00 AM Karen Mitchell-Franklin County Development Director met with the Board to give a Franklin County Development Association update on present and future proposals regarding business activity. Questions were asked about the GIS mapping and the possibilities to utilize the County's mapping system. FCDA has a new web site and is still in the upgrading stages.

At 11:30 AM Tom Borrer, Account Project Manager and David Jorgenson-Baker Group, Des Moines met with the Board to present proposed costs for an Engineering/Detailed Audit of the County Courthouse. Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, to accept and proceed with the Project Development Agreement provided from The Baker Group to undertake a Detailed Facility Analysis of the County Courthouse at a cost of \$8900. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board recessed at 12:06 PM.  
The Board reconvened at 1:00 PM.

At 1:00 PM a Bid Letting on repairs to Drainage District #25 was held. Present was: Sandy Eckhardt-Drainage Clerk, Brent Johnson-McClure Engineering, William B. Weidemann-Dows, Ron Pederson-Badger, Iowa, Richard Pederson-Badger, Iowa, Steve Weidemann-Dows, Steve McDowell-Iowa Falls and Kent Morton-Latimer. Brent Johnson proceeded to open the five bids received and compare proposed costs submitted. After tabulating the bids, the Board agreed to repair the tile with concrete tile rather than plastic tile.

Motion by Eberling, seconded by Plagge, based on Drainage Engineer, Brent Johnson's recommendation, to award the Contract for Main Tile DD #25 repairs to Weidemann Construction, Dows, Iowa for the amount of \$19,966 and to use concrete tile. All ayes. Motion carried.

At 1:30 PM Joel Vinson-Conservation Naturalist met with the Board to discuss various topics regarding shop safety issues, hydrostat going out on two mowers with interest in replacing both mowers, chain saws need replacing and maintenance in the conservation shed. The topic of the Rolling Prairie Trail was discussed and the location thereof.

Craig Donnelly's appointment at 2:00 PM was cancelled.

Motion by Eberling, seconded by Plagge, appoints Richard McNickle-landowner, as overseer of Drainage District #5, to spray Rodeo chemical in Drainage District #5 open ditch to control canary grass growth in spring and summer of 2009. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, approves Revised Resolution 2009-26: the Iowa Cup Series Bicycle Road Race to pass through Franklin County on the northwest corner of the County, being 3 – 4 miles; revised Resolution increases the miles passing through Franklin County beginning from S25 from the County line south to C13; C13 from S25 east to S43; and S43 from C13 south to C23, C23 from S43

west to S25 and then north to the County line from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 12, 2009 for the purpose of a competitive cycling road race. Eberling-Aye, Nolte-Aye, Plagge-Aye. Resolution duly adopted.

The Board acknowledged the appointment of Brent Symens as the Assistant County Attorney as per the newly appointed County Attorney, Dan Wiechmann.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, approves Solutions Annual Support Agreement and Consulting Services Agreement for 09/10. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Eberling, seconded by Plagge, approves Fireworks Permit Applications to: 1) Jamie Patton, Hampton to discharge fireworks on June 12 or 13 at 1139 Hwy 65, Hampton; and 2) Eric Barkema, Hampton, to discharge fireworks on July 4, 2009 at 1855 Dogwood Ave, Alexander. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, approves a transfer from Debt Service Fund in the amount of \$156,689 (23000-10300-813-99) to the Secondary Road Debt Service 2008 Special Projects Fund (23001-10000-904-99). All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, appoints Gabe Johanns, Mason City, to the full time IT Director Position beginning June 15, 2009 at \$50,000 annual salary. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, approves the bid from Ted Gilispie for carpet cleaning in the Courthouse for \$800. Different options will be looked into if this type of work is needed in the future. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Board acknowledged Manure Management Plan Renewals for: 1) Paul Enslin #61560, owner Paul Enslin, site located 609 Vine Ave, Ackley, Section 3, Osceola Township; 2) B & J Farms LLC 58614, owner Brad Benning, site located 574 Warbler Ave, Ackley, Section 10, Osceola Township; 3) D & K Pork LLC #59551, owner Darin and Keith Benning, site located 394 Warbler Ave, Ackley, Section 23, Osceola Township; 4) Matrix Farms, Inc #1 #59445, owner Corey Jacobsen, site located 330 120th Street, Dows, Section 16, Morgan Township; 5) H & H Flats #61520, owner Dave Hannah, Site located 1293 Vine Ave, Section 3, Geneva Township; 6) Larry J. Hansen #2 #57741, owner Larry Hansen, site located 1027 110th Street, Section 22, Hamilton Township; 7) D & E Pork Inc., #63928, owner Daniel Payton, site located Grouse Avenue, Section 18, Richland Township, Thornton; 8) Jaker Pork #63695, owner Jacob Hansen, site located 976 Jonquil Avenue, Hampton, Section 21, Hamilton Township; 9) K & H Farms LLC #64766, owner Rick Held, site located 1983 125th Street, Geneva, Section 7, Geneva Township; 10) Dan McNickle #63913, owner Daniel McNickle, site located 901 50th Street, Alden, Section 20, Lee Township; 11) Rodger Schnabel #61665, owner Rodger Schnabel, site located 1732 Killdeer Avenue, Hampton, Section 10, Marion township; 12) Research Farms LLC #62161, owner Research Farms, Ames, site located 1227 Vine Avenue, Section 3, Geneva Township; 13) Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC, owner Prestage Farms, Ames, IA, site located 2309 135th St, Geneva, Section 2, Geneva Township; 14) Rick Pals, owner Rick Pals, site located 1510 Balsam Avenue, Section 19, Scott Township.

Motion by Plagge, seconded by Eberling, adjourns at 3:00 PM, until June 15, 2009. All ayes. Motion carried.

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Michael Nolte, Chairman

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Michelle S. Giddings, Auditor & Clerk to Board