

April 16th, 2019

The Board of Supervisors of Shelby County, Iowa, met pursuant to law and rules of said board in regular session at 9:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Chambers of the Shelby County Courthouse with the following members present: Steve Kenkel, Chairman; Charles Parkhurst, Vice-Chairperson; Darin Haake, Supervisor and Mark Maxwell, Clerk.

The Chair asked that any conflict of interest be stated concerning any item on the agenda. No conflicts were stated.

A motion was made by Parkhurst and seconded by Haake to approve the agenda with no additions. AYES: Unanimous NAYES: None

A motion was made by Haake with a second by Parkhurst, to approve the minutes of the April 2nd, 2019 meeting as well as the election canvass of April 9th, 2019. AYES: Unanimous NAYES: None

It was moved by Haake, seconded by Parkhurst, to approve the Claims of April 11th, 2019 as listed in the claims register. AYES: Unanimous NAYES: None

The Supervisors then had time to give any committee reports which included Darin Haake reported that new equipment was purchased by Solid Waste and a committee meeting tomorrow, Parkhurst reported upcoming meetings tomorrow and Thursday.

Todd Valline representing the Shelby County Chamber of Commerce told the Board of news that the tax credits were approved by the Iowa Finance Authority for new housing in the Dye Street Area. Also a \$100,000.00 catalyst grant was awarded to the rehabilitation of a building in downtown Harlan. The intentions are retail on the ground floor and rental on the second floor.

Nick Preston, Shelby County Conservation Director made a presentation to the Board. The Conservation Board and the City of Harlan are in discussions with the DNR to extend water trails designation up into Shelby County from Pottawattamie County. Right now the city is looking to build a ramp by ballfields, Conservation is looking to improve one at Nishna Bend with possible third down by Wellfields in Harlan at some point in time, none on private property. The benefits being: #1 improve safety by providing parking off road, signage to let people know estimated time to next designated ramp, and signs showing to respect private property. There are several river cleanup events each year and we can have those folks come in to do one and we can host one or two each year as part of our environmental education program. #2 DNR will help with sight design and the water trails designation opens us up to apply for grants. #3 Possible future stipend from DNR for maintenance. A motion was made by Haake and a second was made by Parkhurst to Shelby County Conservation pursue this for water trail designation.

Concerning flood damage at the Nishna Bend Park cabins FEMA will reimburse the County for damage done to the cabins. These cabins were untouched by flood waters the previous two floods and an ice dam changes the flow of the channel this time causing the water in that area of the park to be above the 500 year flood plain.

Carolyn Blum, Shelby County Treasurer asked the board to consider tax abatement, which included a property parcel number 83220006071 and abated taxes were in the amount of \$360.00. A motion by Parkhurst and a second by Haake, to approve the abatements, after a statement from County attorney Marcus Gross confirming the need to do so in these types of legal proceedings. A vote was held with the following results: Ayes: Haake, Parkhurst and Kenkel. Nays: None

Shelby County Engineer, Brandon Burmeister, addressed the Board asking that the wage for seasonal employees be raised from \$15.00 to \$18.00 per hour and from a 50 cent raise after one year and a 50 cent raise after 2 years to \$1.00 after each of those time periods. Three positions are currently open in his department and no applicants have applied for the three open positions with secondary roads this spring. A motion was made by Parkhurst and a second by Haake preceded a unanimous vote in favor of the starting wage increase and yearly hikes.

Frost boils have continued to erupt on county roads and have hampered needed maintenance on the roads, Supervisor Kenkel noted that his road is in the worst shape it has been in for the 41 years he has lived there. Rock supplies at quarries are being diminished and demand is high causing competition in procuring sources of road rock.

Auditor Mark Maxwell then reported that the Vaping ordinance will have its first reading on May 7th at the regular board meeting, budget amendments will be considered at a public hearing on June 4th at the regular meeting.

The removal of the final 3 Christmas decorations has begun 6 months after they were put up, the last one is still on the east face of the Courthouse. Other courthouse maintenance items were mentioned including a quote to replace 10 broken panes of glass in the Courthouse windows, one bid has been received for \$1,852.00. Any local companies with the proper insurance are encouraged to submit their company name to the Auditors office to be included in the many repair jobs that frequently come up at the Courthouse. It was also mentioned that the security upgrades at the Courthouse have been completed and are live. Roof inspections have been scheduled for the Annex, Courthouse and Sheriffs building. Maxwell also noted that the sewer replacement issue has come up again and needs addressed, 3 local companies have been contacted to receive bids. Chairman Kenkel advised to look outside of Shelby County if competitive bidding can not be had within Shelby County. Carolyn Blum, Shelby County Treasurer had mentioned that she has a floor in her vault that is cracking and will need attention soon, doors and or shelving is needed in a storage area. Improvements in the courthouse entrances were suggested as well.

The meeting was then taken from the boardroom and a visual inspection of several County buildings was conducted by the board with no actions taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:40 AM. No immediate needs for any building was discussed or direction given for improvements.

Steve Kenkel Chairman

Mark Maxwell, Clerk to the Board of Supervisors

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.