

February 17, 2004

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:, Roger Schmitz, Chairman; Richard Ferry, Vice-Chairman; and Gayle Petersen; and Marsha J. Carter, Clerk.

It was moved by Petersen, seconded by Ferry, to approve the agenda with the following addition: Secondary Road – Walker Pond, Center, Section 25 AND the following items contained in the Consent Agenda:

- A. Minutes of February 3, 2004
- B. Office Reports – None
- C. Budget Review
- D. Committee Reports

AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen

NAYES: None

It was moved by Petersen, seconded by Ferry, to approve the claims of February 17, 2004.
AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

Representatives of the USDA-NRCS appeared before the Board to give an update on the progress of the Soil Survey. Their estimated completion date is sometime in FY2005. Once they have completed their work, it is sent on to the Federal offices for finalization and distribution. The representatives also asked that Bob Heyderhoff, Assessor, be present. A discussion was held on the discrepancies in the Corn Suitability Ratings (CSR) that are used by the Assessor for valuing property and what is used by the NRCS for their programs. The goal of this project is that the same information be used by both offices once the new Soil Survey information is available. The Auditor reported that there had been an estate sale that had been directly affected by the differences in the CSR's and there could have been legal problems. The Assessor did not comment.

Since the Assessor's Office and the Solid Waste Agency are separate agencies and not part of the County's budget, each year these two agencies are charged an Administrative Fee to help offset the County's software costs. For FY2005, this fee was increased from \$1500 to \$2000. The Assessor appeared before the Board to inform them that he was refusing to pay the charge, stating that only two other counties in the state charged a fee to the Assessor. The Auditor informed the Board that she had not done any serious research, but had been contacted by at least eight other counties that are charging the Assessor for his share of the costs of insurance, software, maintenance, postage, etc., and that numerous other counties are considering adding this cost sharing idea in the future to ease the burden on the County General Fund. The Auditor also suggested that the \$2,000.00 should be increased to actually meet the ongoing costs. Her estimates were closer to \$10,000.00. It was moved by Petersen, seconded by Schmitz, to charge the Assessor an annual fee of \$2,000.00 to help offset software costs. AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

Members of Farm Bureau appeared before the Board to commend them for their efforts to hold the line on spending and to try to relieve the tax burden on Shelby County.

Larry Flanagan, DevelopSource; Bruce Nuzum, Iowa Area Development Group, Des Moines; and other interested parties appeared before the Board to present an Industrial Prospect for Shelby County that wishes to locate in the spec building in the Business Park south of Harlan on Hiway 59. The company is a microwave bacon plant that would purchase the 40,000 square foot building and add an additional 20,000 square feet. Their goal is to be in operation by late 2004, employing 75-100 employees to start, with the hope of eventually employing in excess of 200. It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to support this Industrial Prospect by agreeing that once all the documentation is in place the County will invest \$150,000 cash plus pay for the installation of a sewer line and turning lanes on Hiway 59, for a total net investment of approximately \$530,000 to be paid back with Tax Increment Financing Revenue. AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

It was moved by Schmitz, seconded by Petersen, to appoint Ferry to the Cherokee Mental Health Institute Citizens Advisory Board. AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to appoint the following Solid Waste Agency Board members with the term ending date: Terry Cox, 3-1-2006; Gayle Petersen, 3-1-2006; Barry Deuel, 3-1-2006; Lloyd Robinson, 3-1-2005; Marvin Kenkel, 3-1-2005. AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to appoint the following Board of Health members with the term ending date: Dr. Phillip Markham, 12-31-2006; Deb Nowatzke, 12-31-2006. AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

It was moved by Petersen, seconded by Ferry, to appoint the following Veterans Affairs Commission members with the term ending date: Dwain Boeck, 6-30-2006; Verle Doonan, 6-30-2006. AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to place a three foot extension on the existing drop culvert in Center Township, Section 25, “Walker Pond”. AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

It was moved by Ferry, seconded by Petersen, to approve the contract for construction services with Sundquist Engineering, Denison, for County Road M47, STP-S-CO83(33)—60-83, not to exceed \$25,750 and to authorize that payments be drawn from Farm to Market Funds. AYES: Schmitz, Ferry, Petersen NAYES: None

The County Engineer updated the Board on ongoing Secondary Road projects.

There being no further business appearing, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 10:51 a.m.

Roger Schmitz, Chairman

ATTEST:

Marsha J. Carter
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.