

**THE MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, JULY 20, 2009**

Board met as preadjourned. Board members present Kuhse, Campbell and Burke. All Board members voting "AYE" unless noted.

09.213-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to add approve agenda and minutes of 7-13-09 to the posted agenda. Motion carried.

09.214-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to approve corrected agenda and minutes of 7-13-09. Motion carried.

Mary Jane White, Rev Lonning and Jim Garrett present.

Mary Jane White had received a fence agreement from the City of Waukon for the fence put up in the newly done Opera House parking lot. The city put the fence up due to concern of drop offs from the adjoining properties and will perform the permanent maintenance of the fence but would like the County to sign it allowing the City an easement to get to the fence. City will have this recorded at their expense.

09.215-Motion by Campbell and seconded by Kuhse to approve the Opera House Parking Lot Fence Agreement with the City of Waukon. Motion carried.

White also updated the Board on the publishing mistake by the CR Gazette and there will be no charge for this. The Gazette does have an online career site that would put the zoning administrator listing on for \$99.00 for 30 days. Consensus of the Board is we have quite a bit of advertising out already online and in the papers that don't feel we need to spend more money on this.

Rev Lonning handed out copies of the employees' wages for the past two years and asked the Board to take a look at them. As a union steward, Lonning feels she did not do her job very well when she asked the union employees to take a 2% raise like the rest of the courthouse employees in these tough economic times, although not every office went with just 2% and was inquiring why.

Brian Ridenour and Jason Johnson present.

Bids had been received for 14,000 gallons of LP as follows: Waukon Feed Ranch \$1.08/gallon; Welch Inc. \$1.28/gallon; Ag-Vantage FS \$1.199/gallon. Engineer will look over bids and bring his recommendation next week. Discussion was also held on whether we should look into buying our own tanks or continue to lease them from the supplier.

Linda Kruse, Inez Cooper, and Laurie Moody present.

09.216-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to accept and place on file the Treasurer's Semi-annual and Annual reports. Motion carried.

Linda Kruse talked to the Board about the need for a part-time person in her office with the busiest seasons approaching. She has been alone for the past six months, since Claudia Olson moved out of town, and has been having the Veterans Affairs office help cover when she is gone but this is not an ideal situation. Board had originally asked her to try volunteers but with the HIPPA laws and need of confidentiality this is not a good fix. Kruse would like to hire Inez Cooper part-time to help in Relief Office and also would benefit the public and Environmental Health dept by having Cooper available during the afternoons if needed. Kuhse remembers Kruse had asked about taking a computer home to do

the extra work before, which the Board had turned down, and feels this would be a good solution to the Relief office. Burke stated Winneshiek Co has contracted their Relief services with NEIA Community Action. Kruse mentioned some circumstances that lead to that decision in Winneshiek Co and also informed the Board that Allamakee Co offers more services than Winneshiek, such as summer swim passes, school supplies, and Christmas program for her clients. Burke had to leave but felt we did not need to make a decision on this today. Campbell said there is only \$4,500 in the Relief budget for part-time help and wondered where the additional dollars will come from. Kuhse mentioned there is money in the Zoning budget and we could allocate/amend to Relief. No decision was made.

Burke left at 9:35 a.m. Tim Heiderscheit present.

Tim Heiderscheit had concerns about the problems that will arise during union negotiations in the future and felt the union being held at 2% was unjustified with the other salary differences that took place. The Board should be involved in negotiations next year.

Sealed bids had been received for the Sheriff's Dept 2004 Dodge Intrepid as follows: Troy & Michelle Gress \$2,685; Sheila Mellick \$2,800; Postville Police Dept \$3,551; and Chicago Motors \$1,457.

09.217-Motion by Kuhse and seconded by Campbell to accept the high bid of \$3,551.00 from Postville Police Dept for the 2004 Dodge Intrepid. Motion carried.

Mike Gallagher present.

Mike Gallagher has talked with Al Fogt in regards to the cement replacement project and would like to start the work next week. He also mentioned the Sheriff's Dept had put in a new cell in and has an old radiator that was taken out in the remodeling process. Kuhse said to take it to the County Farm and put on the pile of other scrap metal to be taken away.

Ridenour informed the Board of some projects going on and some inquiries he has had. Sheriff had contacted him about taking the fenced in area on the south side of the courthouse down and his crew will be doing that today.

Board adjourned to meet on Monday, July 27, 2009. Allamakee County Board of Supervisors. Lennie Burke, Chairperson ATTEST: Pam Benjegerdes, Auditor

