

July 10th, 2017

THE TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

The Board of Supervisors of Howard County, Iowa met in regular session as required by law at the Office of the Howard County Board of Supervisors, Cresco, Iowa on July 10th, 2017.

Unless noted in the minutes, all motions were passed unanimously.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Don Burnikel at 9:00 A.M.

Those present were: Chairman in the Chair Don Burnikel, Jan McGovern, and Pat Murray. Absent; None.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Jan McGovern to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion passed.

Pat Murray reported on a HAZMAT meeting in Waterloo, Iowa.

Don Burnikel reported on a phone conference call with Child Empowerment and a Conservation Board meeting at the Nature Center.

The Board of Supervisors reviewed the Reading from Administrative Law Judge Margaret LaMarche concerning the Backpacket Brewing Company. Judge LaMarche upheld the Howard County Board of Supervisors denial of the 5 day Liquor License for Backpacket Brewing Company during RAGBRAI.

The Board of Supervisors discussed the County line canoe access on the Upper Iowa River.

Howard County Treasurer Warren Steffen presented his Semi Annual report to the Board as of June 30, 2017. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the Howard County Auditor's Quarterly Report ending June 30, 2017. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the 2017 Destruction Certificate for General County Records. Motion passed.

The following persons came before the Board to discuss the Bigalk Trout Stream Bridge which has been closed:

Mervin Gingerich	Byron Jacobson
Roger Bronner	Jerry Steffen
Karen Steffen	Nancy Bakken
Rod Bakken	Manley Bigalk

Rod Bakken spoke about the Petition that has been drafted. He asked if any decision has been made on the closure of the Bigalk Trout Stream Bridge.

Currently this bridge is closed to traffic.

Howard County Engineer Nick Rissman indicated that it could take a few months before he would have any dollar amount to replace the bridge and that the Iowa DNR does not like pilings driven into the stream.

Rod Bakken stated that the bridge has a lot of traffic on it both for vehicles using this road and for persons that are fishing. Rod Bakken also spoke about equal access to roads and safety issues such as fire concerns.

Discussions were also held concerning fishing for people who have a harder time getting around due to the bridge being closed.

Roger Bronner asked about the cement that had been dumped into the Bigalk Trout Stream.

Another question which was discussed was if this would turn into a two (2) bridge project?

The big hill near this closed bridge is really steep and slippery in the winter time and a team of horses and vehicles have a hard time using this road so people tend to use the road that the closed bridge is on.

Other concerns which were brought up:

- a. The group asked that a new bridge be the same as the old bridge.
- b. Will the road west of the closed bridge be plowed out?
- c. Does the Board of Supervisors have written policy on closing and maintaining of bridges?

- d. What is the philosophy of maintaining bridges.
- e. Jan McGovern spoke about TIFFING the wind turbines to maintain / replace bridges.
- f. A question was asked, repair versus replacing bridges.
- g. The Board was asked about changing the 5 Year Plan.
- h. If the bridge is not replaced will people stop coming to Howard County?
- i. This Committee would like to be kept informed on the progress of the bridge.
- j. Tourism is key in Howard County.
- k. Can the Board of Supervisors contact Winneshiek County about maintaining the road this winter?

Howard County Engineer Nick Rissman came before the Board to discuss the following Secondary Roads business items:

- 1. Possibly approve Grout Scouts, Inc. quote.
- 2. Other road issues.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve a quote from Grout Scouts, Inc. in the amount of \$58,373.00. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Jan McGovern for a culvert extension from K Construction in the amount of \$26,662.00 and Brennan Construction for J-2A & J9 bridges in the amount of \$44,650.00. Motion passed.

Chairman Don Burnikel adjourned the meeting at 11:41 A.M.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman, Howard County
Auditor

Don Burnikel, Chairman Howard County Board
of Supervisors