

March 27th, 2017

THE TWELFTH-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 March 27th, 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 Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the agenda as posted. Motion passed.

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

Jan McGovern reported on a CSS meeting in New Hampton, Iowa.

Pat Murray reported on a CSS meeting in New Hampton, Iowa, a Board of Health meeting in Cresco, and a CSS meeting in Waterloo, Iowa.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the FY18 Board of Health/Board of Trustees Contract. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Jan McGovern to approve a contract with National Elevator Inspection Services Inc. and Howard County, Iowa for the period of 3-13-2017 thru 3-13-2021. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve to issue duplicate warrants to Mutual of Omaha: warrant #17841 for \$298.59 and warrant #17846 for \$1.84 for Life Insurance for Howard County employees. Motion passed.

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

1. Award rock letting.
2. Summer Help.
3. Employee issue.
4. Other road issues.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to award Bruening Rock Products the rock bid for the North ½ NW division of 19,000 tons at a price of \$11.3999 for a total of \$216,598.10 and the South ½ SW division of 30,000 tons at a price of \$11.7999 for a total of \$353,997.00. Motion passed.

The following representatives from ICAP came to give an insurance update: Joe Whiting, Kathy Mitchell, Lacey Mader, and Russ Sporer.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to open the Public Hearing at 11:00 A.M. on the DLH Enterprises IV, LLC Mater Matrix and Construction Permit Application. Motion passed.

Jan McGovern reported on the comments she had received by phone: property values declining, run off, someone was glad no incinerator is to be used, concerns about odors, roadways, water quality issues, air quality, hog buildings already in use, Staff Creek, and various other issues.

Howard County Sanitarian Marshall Rogne also received calls in regard to this confinement such as: the ground is already too saturated, and too many confinements already in the area. Marshall had also received a letter which stated concerns such as: odors and too many confinement buildings in the area already.

One of the persons speaking was a small farmer that spoke about his small hog farm compared to the proposed larger setup.

A person asked why are all of the hog barns going up in the western part of Howard County and not in the eastern part. This person also spoke about the odor the confinement facilities creates near Lake Hendricks, what these folks are paying for taxes and how much.

Someone asked what the cost of the proposed building is going to be? Is it going to cost between 18 to 20 million to build this facility?

Another comment was on the difference in taxes between Agricultural Value versus Commercial Value, also the damage the big equipment does to the roads hauling the manure. This person also questioned on how the Howard County Assessor does the assessing on these buildings?

A question was asked, can you tax a company for damage to the county roads?

A person asked how much manure is being applied with so many confinement buildings going up and how is this affecting the drinking water out in the county?

A representative from DLH Enterprises answered the question on how much manure can be applied.

Someone asked about how they will be building the road to the proposed site?

The Board of Supervisors made a reference to the fact that it takes Legislative Action to make any changes in Laws which pertain to Animal Confinement buildings.

Marshall Rogne made the recommendation to the landowners to have their water checked each year.

A question was asked if there would be grants available from Iowa Select when the water wells of residents start going bad.

Marshall Rogne explained the Master Matrix for this facility. This Matrix has 460 points which puts it over the minimum of 440 points. A copy of the Master Matrix is kept on file in the Howard County Sanitariums Office.

Someone stated that Staff Creek is a high quality water source.

A question was asked if the manure will always be spread on the same fields, would it be corn on corn? It was stated that the manure will be hosed out.

Per the Iowa Select representative, employees will make a good wage with excellent benefits.

It was also stated that odor emission will be filtered, the building will have a continuous air cycle, not filtered leaving the building.

Someone asked if other farmers could get some of the manure since they will have to smell it.

A question was asked about getting rid of an incinerator at an existing location? Iowa Select stated that they could look into this possibility.

Jan McGovern addressed the question of "why the Public should come to CAFO hearing?" Jan explained that the Board passes a Master Matrix Resolution each year so that the public and the CAFO owners can be heard and then the information can be passed on to the Iowa DNR. She also explained that the only power the Board has is to pass the Master Matrix Resolution, this allows the public to have input.

A concerned citizen read up on the Matrix and feels like the small person is no longer in charge and that the loop holes in the law allow for the building of CAFOs and that the local people do not want these large confinements. This person also feels that the County ruined his business with bad roads, high taxes, and the large confinement operations are having a big impact on the local people, with bad odors and that we have lost the "Spirit" of the law.

One person stated that the air coming out of the confinements has to be purified as well.

A person asked the question of how Reicks View Family Farms can be going on embargoed roads.

The question was asked, who is going to pay for building the roads back up? It was stated that the County is responsible for maintaining the roads per the Iowa Code.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to close the Public Hearing at 11:50 A.M. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to forward the Matrix Score along with comments to the Iowa DNR. Motion passed.

Representatives with Riverview Center came before the Board of Supervisors to have a Proclamation signed for April 2017 for Sexual Assault Awareness month.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to declare April 2017 as Sexual Assault Awareness month. Motion passed.

Chairman Don Burnikel adjourned the meeting at 12:32 P.M.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman, Howard County
Auditor

Don Burnikel, Chairman Howard County Board of
Supervisors