

THE THIRTY-NINTH 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 October 9, 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 attended a UERPC Revolving Loan Fund Meeting in Postville.

Don Burnikel attended a Conservation Board Meeting at the Prairies Edge Nature Center.

Don Burnikel read a letter from Rod Bakken concerning the Bigalk Trout Stream Bridges.

A motion by Jan McGovern seconded by Pat Murray to approve the Howard County Auditor's Report ending 9-30-2017. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray seconded by Jan McGovern to approve the Howard County Recorder's Monthly Report ending 9-30-2017. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern seconded by Pat Murray to approve the Annual Urban Renewal Report for FY17. Motion passed.

The board discussed the trees around the current jail facility and they will be moved to the front of the courthouse.

The board discussed the use of maintenance/custodial work orders for the maintenance department to start utilizing when various departments need maintenance/custodial work done.

Nick Rissman came before the board to discuss Secondary Roads Business.

1. Project Updates
2. Equipment Discussion
3. RPM Access Saratoga Wind Farm Road Agreement
4. Other road issues

Rod Bakken and a group of concerned citizens came before the board to discuss the Bigalk's Trout Stream bridges.

- A letter was read that Rod Bakken had written
- Comment was made about the DNR
- Why did Bigalk Trout Stream signs just go up when the bridge is closed?
- Concern about children getting to school
- Is there a car count on the road by Bigalk's Trout Stream?
- Negativity and graffiti being written on the bridge
- Discussed farming access
- Handicapped accessibility for fishing
- The bridges being closed is a hardship
- Why can't these bridges get fixed when other roads in the county which have confinements on them are being fixed/replaced?
- They feel the board has an obligation to all of the taxpayers in the county
- The board assured them it will be placed on the 5 year plan and completed as soon as possible.

Mike Miner, Darrell Knecht and Nick Rissman came before the board to discuss the progress of the radio antenna that had damage in Saratoga with the insurance company.

The board will work with Ahlers and Cooney on the Webster's Addition TIF.

The board directed Julie Chapman, County Auditor, to look into the re-wiring from the courthouse to the public services building for internet and phone service.

Tom Barnes came before the board to give a fairgrounds update.

The board discussed a master matrix resolution and discussed with Kevin Schoeberl to review the master matrix resolution and the resolution will be on the October 23, 2017 board agenda for possible consideration.

The board discussed storage issues in the courthouse.

Chairman, Don Burnikel adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman, Howard County
Auditor

Don Burnikel, Chair Howard County
Board of Supervisors