

THE THIRTY-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 September 18, 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.

Pat Murray attended a Department of Corrections meeting in West Union and had a CSS phone conference.

Kevin Schoeberl came before the board to discuss personnel issues.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Jan McGovern to approve the annual employee flu shots for October 18, 2017 at 7:30 a.m. at the county shop in Cresco and 8:15 a.m. at the courthouse, the flu shots will be paid for out of the Health Insurance Side Fund. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern seconded by Pat Murray to appoint Jeremy "Jay" Johnston to the Regional Health Services of Howard County Board of Trustees fulfilling Chuck Malek's term. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Jan McGovern to approve the proposal from Chosen Valley for testing soils for the New Jail Facility. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve the New Jail Expenses in the amount of \$14,820.08. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to approve to pay claims. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to open the public hearing on the Silver Nichols LLC Construction Permit Application at 9:30 a.m. Motion passed.

Marshall Rogne, Environmental Health, gave a brief explanation of what the Master Matrix is and that the board of supervisors have the option to adopt a resolution to follow the Master Matrix, which means to allow public hearings, or not adopt a resolution, which means no public hearings, the Howard County Board of Supervisors have opted to adopt a Master Matrix each year in January. Marshall went on to discuss the Silver Nichols LLC Master Matrix scoring and that they had a scoring of 485 which is above the minimum requirements.

Public comments at the hearing consisted of:

The board passing a moratorium on any new Construction Permit Applications

The board of supervisors are elected to represent all of the citizens of the county

Most Construction Permit Applications are in LLC's which means no one can be accountable.

Discussed manure application and how this can affect water quality

Concern that Minor Creek dumps into Silver Creek and with manure being applied to tiled fields, with heavy runoff, and all of the work that has been done with the Silver Creek Project and the stocking of trout again, did not want to see any manure issues

There is an old building site, was the well properly plugged? Dennis Langreck said "Yes"

Can a scent o meter be put in every county, because by the time a complaint gets called in and the DNR gets to that County, the scent can be gone. The DNR should look into this.

Will there be scrubbers put in? Answer was "No"

The confinements are taking a toll on the assessed property values and making it harder to sell property that is located by the confinements.

Who will keep track of the number of hogs coming and going in the building

Is manure more valuable than the hog itself

What is the workforce

Is a lot of the pork getting exported to China

Construction Application Permits are reviewed by the Board of Supervisors,
Environmental Health and the DNR
Silver Creek and how the Soil and Water are making great strides in water quality
Would like the Board of Supervisors to support this Master Matrix process for the
Construction Application Permits

Opportunities for young people to work and grow

Energy consumed

Smell is an issue and who is monitoring the buildings

Corn growth is taking up water and the confinements are using up water as well

The board did not have oral or written comments.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Jan McGovern to close the public hearing on
the Silver Nichols LLC Construction Application Permit at 10:08 a.m. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to forward the Silver Nichols
LLC Construction Application Permit to the DNR due to them meeting all of the Master Matrix
requirements. Motion passed.

A motion by Pat Murray and seconded by Jan McGovern to open the public hearing at
10:12 a.m. for the JBS Farms LLC Construction Application Permit. Motion passed.

Marshall Rogne, Environmental Health, gave a brief explanation on the JBS Farms LLC
Master Matrix and that is scored 445 points, which is over the minimum.

The board did not receive any oral or written comments prior to the public hearing.

Comments at the public hearing:

The Master Matrix is the best form for the science of the confinements.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to close the public hearing on
the JBS Farms LLC Construction Application Permit at 10:21 a.m. Motion passed.

A motion by Jan McGovern and seconded by Pat Murray to forward the JBS Farms LLC
Construction Application Permit to the DNR due to them meeting all of the Master Matrix
requirements. Motion passed.

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

Project updates

Equipment Discussion

Other Road Issues

Don Burnikel adjourned to a canoe access tour with Harold Chapman, Conservation
Director at 11:06 a.m.

ATTEST:

Julie Chapman, Howard County
Auditor

Don Burnikel, Chair Howard County
Board of Supervisors