

**Wright County
Board of Supervisors
July 25, 2022**

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Helgevold, and Rasmussen. Minutes from the previous regular meeting of July 18, 2022 and special meeting of July 20, 2022 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment. Raejean Chapman, Chair for the Wright County Trails Committee, presented the committee changes. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to appoint Sam Hanson, Wright County Conservation, and Lisa Russell, Eagle Grove, to the Wright County Trails Committee. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevold to receive the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Auditor. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to receive the quarterly revenue report from the Wright County Recorder. Motion carries.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Kluss to approve the 28E Agreement for services between Wright County Charitable Foundation and Wright County. Motion carries.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Kluss to approve Resolution 2022-32 to create the local government opioid abatement fund. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Helgevold, and Rasmussen; Nays – none. Resolution 2022-32 duly passes and reads as follows:

**RESOLUTION 2022-32
CREATING THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPIOID ABATEMENT FUND**

WHEREAS, in 2018, the County Board of Supervisors authorized Wright County to enter into an engagement agreement to pursue litigation against certain manufacturers, distributors, and retailers of opioid pharmaceuticals in an effort to hold the opioid defendants financially responsible for the impact of

the opioid epidemic on the County and resources necessary to combat the opioid epidemic:

WHEREAS, negotiations with the settling defendants have resulted in proposed nationwide settlements of state and local government claims in the litigation;

WHEREAS, every participating local government that receives a direct distribution amount shall create a separate fund on its financial books and records that is designated for the receipt and expenditure of the entity's direct distribution amount called "LG Abatement Fund." Funds in the Local Government Abatement fund shall not be commingled with any other money or funds of the participating local government. A participating local government may invest LG Abatement Fund funds consistent with the investment of other funds of a participating local government.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that a special revenue fund be created called "LG Abatement Fund" (01030) for the purpose of receiving the dollars from the settlement agreements. The budgetary fund shall be subject to standard county accounting practices and policies. The balance in the LG Abatement Fund shall be held as a restricted fund balance pursuant to the county's Fund Classification Policy. All revenues and expenses starting with 2022-2023 fiscal year shall be accounted for in this fund.

Resolution declared adopted on July 25, 2022.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented Resolution 2022-33. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to approve Resolution 2022-33 for participation in SS4A grant application. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Helgevold, and Rasmussen; Nays – none. Resolution 2022-33 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION FOR PARTICIPATION IN SS4A GRANT APPLICATION

Wright County Resolution No. 2022-33

WHEREAS, as part of the new

Federal Transportation Bill, Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), there is over \$1B of roadway safety funding available in the form of Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A) grants. To be an eligible applicant for this new safety funding, a county MUST have an eligible Action Plan in place; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Engineers Association (ICEA) plans to apply for a SS4A grant to develop and supply all 99 counties in Iowa with an eligible Action Plan at no cost to the counties. ICEA encourages all 99 counties to participate in this grant application; and

WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors will commit to achieve significant declines in roadway fatalities and serious injuries in Wright County; and

WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors recognizes the Action Plan and will assist the County Engineer's department in achieving the goal of a dramatic decrease in roadway fatalities and serious injuries and zero roadway fatalities and serious injuries by the years 2030 and 2050, respectively; and

WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors, after consulting with the Wright County Engineer, desires to participate in a joint SS4A grant to develop and receive an eligible Action Plan for Wright County.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF Wright COUNTY that this County does hereby request to be included in the statewide SS4A grant to develop Actions Plans for all 99 counties in Iowa.

Resolution adopted this 25th day of July, 2022.

Clemons presented the Federal-Aid Agreement for a county highway bridge program project on R59 south of Galt. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to approve the funding agreement for Project Number BRS-C099(101)-60-99. Motion carries.

Clemons gave an update on the secondary roads. There were 9

work orders completed last week. Blade operators prepped for the second round of dust control last week. The blades will be pulled off the gravel roads this week due to dry conditions. Crews are weed whipping and spraying weeds in ditches throughout the county.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to adjourn from the Board of Supervisor meeting at 9:32 a.m. and to reassemble as the Drainage District Trustees. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to go into closed session at 9:32 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent concerning a Pogge work order request. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevold to move out of closed session at 10:21 a.m. Motion carries.

In closed session, there was action taken on Motion A and Motion B.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting of the Drainage District Trustees; with Helgevold absent. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to reconvene as the Board of Supervisors; with Helgevold absent. Motion carries.

Upon the return of Helgevold, the Board met with Franklin County Board of Supervisors regarding JDD 118-4. There was discussion in regards to the invoice from Maier Trenching for work completed. Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Supervisor McVicker from Franklin County to approve the payment to Maier Trenching in the amount of \$67,800. Motion carries.

Motion by Helgevold and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

*Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
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Board of Supervisors
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