

PROBATE
Robert A. Ahrens

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT
FOR WRIGHT COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF
THE ESTATE OF
ROBERT A. AHRENS, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR017594
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL,
OF
APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL
REPRESENTATIVES,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of ROBERT A. AHRENS, Deceased, who died on or about February 2, 2024:
You are hereby notified that on February 28, 2024, the Last Will and Testament of ROBERT A. AHRENS, deceased, bearing date of July 26, 2016 , was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Shawn Ahrens or Jenna Ahrens were appointed Personal Representatives of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the

will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.
Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.
Dated February 29, 2024.
Shawn Ahrens, Jenna Ahrens
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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Utility Board • Feb. 26, 2024

Utility Board Meeting Minutes
Monday February 26th, 2024, at 7:00 AM

The meeting was called to order with trustees Peterson, Ryerson, Bisson, Jeske and Rethman. Also present: City Administrator Davis, Wastewater Superintendent Brockman, City Attorney Legvold, Greg Stindt, Steve Pace and Kelly Cwiertny.
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Rethman to approve a new controller and associated parts from Ziegler for critical power generation infrastructure. Roll Call: all ayes
Department Reports were given
A motion was made by Ryerson

and seconded by Rethman to Enter Closed Session at 7:11am per Iowa Code 21.5(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.
Roll Call Vote: all ayes
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Rethman to Exit Closed Session at 8:53am. Roll Call: all ayes
A motion was made by Ryerson and seconded by Rethman to send a letter per items addressed in Closed Session. Roll Call: All Ayes.
Secretary

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Wright County Assessor • Proposed Budget

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED BUDGET
Fiscal Year July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2025
Assessing Jurisdiction: WRIGHT COUNTY ASSESSOR

The Conference Board of the above-named Assessing Jurisdiction will conduct a public hearing on the proposed fiscal year budget as follows:
Meeting Date: 3/11/2024 Meeting Time: 04:00 PM Meeting Location: Supervisor's Board Room, Wright County Courthouse, 115 N Main St, Clarion, IA 50525
At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present their objections to, or arguments in favor of, any part of the proposed budget. This notice represents a summary of the supporting detail of receipts and expenditures on file with the Conference Board Clerk. Copies of the Supplemental Budget Detail will be furnished to any taxpayer upon their request.

Contact Name: Tomee Nicholas, Wright County Assessor Contact Telephone Number: (515) 532-3737

	FYE June 30, 2023 Actual	FYE June 30, 2024 Re-estimated	FYE June 30, 2025 Proposed	Transfers Out	Estimated Ending Fund Balance FY 2025	Estimated Beginning Fund Balance FY 2025	Estimated Other Receipts	Transfers In	Estimated Amount To be Raised By Taxation
1. Assessment Expense	315,233	661,505	688,668		324,764	413,432	11,686	0	588,314
2. FICA				0	0	0	0	0	0
3. IPERS				0	0	0	0	0	0
4. Emergency				0	0	0	0	0	0
5. Unemployment Comp.	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6. Tort Liability	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
7. TOTAL	315,233	661,505	688,668	0	324,764	413,432	11,686	0	588,314

Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: \$ 0.54289
Virtual Meeting Information:
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BOARD PROCEEDINGS
Wright County Board of Supervisors • Feb. 20, 2024

February 20, 2024

Chairman Helgevoid called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss and Helgevoid with Rasmussen present via zoom.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.
Minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2024 were read and approved.
Approved claims for payment.
In open forum, Judy Ritter asked if there has been any more contact with Tim Whipple at Ahlers & Cooney regarding the Summit Carbon Solutions pipeline. Kluss mentioned they met with him at the Statewide Supervisor meeting with representatives from 5 of the 7 counties that are also represented by Ahlers & Cooney. Whipple stated he expects to hear from the Iowa Utilities Board by the end of April. Each parcel has to be considered individually by the Iowa Utilities Board.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to provide written consent to allow Ahlers & Cooney to represent Wright County and Franklin County and waive the conflict of

interest that represents in working on a 28E Agreement between the counties. Motion carries. This will allow Ahlers & Cooney to talk with both counties for the shared Naturalist Position between Wright County and Franklin County.
Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve Oakridge liquor license. Motion carries.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to appoint Jeremiah Feltz as a Wall Lake Township Trustee. Motion carries. Feltz will complete the remainder of Dean Cleveland's term as a Trustee. Motion carries.
Brittany Rice with Community and Family Resources spoke about problem gambling awareness. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevoid to proclaim the month of March 2024 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Wright County, Iowa. Motion carries.
Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads. There were 19 work orders completed last week. Crews were out picking up brush township by township that was completed late last fall. The excavator was out last week completing work orders for brush cutting and the brush

cutter will be going out this week. There have been 200 tons of salt delivered and 200 tons to be delivered and 100 more tons to be allotted for with the Iowa DOT.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to set the proposed property tax levy public hearing for April 1, 2024 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carries.
The Board of Supervisors, as trustees of the Drainage Districts, met to discuss and receive updates on how to sign up for the unofficial electronic (e-mail) notices for drainage work, Drainage Ditch drone flying and implementing permit applications for other utilities. Drainage Administrator, Courtney Morris, presented the unofficial electronic (e-mail) notice for drainage work and stated the form is available in the Auditor's Office as well as on the county website under the Drainage tab. Pursuant to Iowa Code Sec 468.17A any person entitled to receive notice via postal service mail may also request to be sent an unofficial version of the notice to an electronic mail address.
County Engineer, Adam Clemons, asked if multiple emails can be attached such as tenant and landowner. Morris stated that individual

forms for each person would be needed so that signatures for each person requesting are on file. Kluss asked if drainage assessments would also be sent by e-mail. Morris stated at this time it is not believed that drainage assessments can be emailed but she will keep an eye on the code section. Kluss inquired on the process asking if the email system knows to do it or if each e-mail address will have to be entered each time. Morris explained as each person signs up, they will be entered into a spreadsheet to keep track of them and into an e-mail group labeled for the district they are in. When something needs to be e-mailed out to a district, that district e-mail group will be selected, and an e-mail will go to anyone within that group listing. Kluss inquired if this will become part of the real estate Transfer Book as landowners convey property. Morris stated "It will not be part of the Transfer Book. It will be owner responsibility to let us know if they are no longer in that district."
Morris provided the trustees with a spreadsheet that listed all the Drainage Districts with Open Ditches and, using invoices already received from Secondary Roads,

compiled very rough estimates of what it would cost each district to be flown. Flying each district would provide a base line of the ditch and pinpoint any current issues with sloughing, beaver dams, etc. If there is anything of concern found that needs to be taken care of now, that a landowner has not caught, we can go about addressing it or if there is something that is not an immediate concern, we can make note of that for when it is reported as an issue needing to be addressed. Morris showed that videos of ditches that have already been flown can be found on the county website under Drainage or on the county's YouTube channel. There is no timeline to complete the flying, it would be in the spare time or as Secondary Roads can get to it.
Kluss stated concern for districts that have other districts out letting into it and if the out letting district will be paying a portion of the cost. Morris explained that most of the classifications that she has encountered include any districts that outlet into it or there is an outlet fee set up already. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to continue to work with Secondary Roads on flying the drone for video of each

open ditch. Motion carried.
Morris concluded with a discussion on implementing permit applications for other utilities. The Franklin County Drainage District Utility Permit Application was shared with the trustees as an example of what other counties have adopted. The permit applications would be used for gas, electric and wind turbine utilities among others. The application for Hazardous Liquid Pipeline's was previously adopted and it is Morris' recommendation to use that application, with necessary adjustments to fit the other utilities, since a substantial amount of time and money was spent creating and fine tuning it. Kluss stated he would like to read through the Franklin County example to see how they structured it and what they included. He would also like to reach out to members of the Franklin County Board of Supervisors. No action was taken at this time.
Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.
Karl Helgevoid, Chairman,
Wright County Board of Supervisors
Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor

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