

Wright County Board of Supervisors January 3, 2023

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Helgevoid, and Rasmussen. First order of business was to give the Oath of Office to the newly elected officials. The oath was given by Chairman Rasmussen to Attorney Eric Simonson, and also given by Attorney Eric Simonson to Supervisor Dean Kluss, Treasurer Peggy Schluttenhofer, and Recorder Denise Baker.

Motion by Helgevoid and seconded by Rasmussen to elect Dean Kluss as Chairman and Rick Rasmussen as Chairman Pro-tem for 2023. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 27, 2022 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to appoint Angela Wharton to a 3-year term on the Board of Health. Motion carries. Wharton will replace Jeanie Agena.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Helgevoid to increase the mileage rate from \$0.625 to \$0.655 per mile for county employees for 2023. Motion carries. This follows the federal mileage rate.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to keep the current drainage warrant interest rate at 6%. Motion carries.

Motion by Helgevoid and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the listed county employee holidays for 2023. Motion carries.

HOLIDAY'S FOR WRIGHT COUNTY 2023

- Presidents' Day Monday, February 13th
- Memorial Day Monday, May 29th
- Fourth of July Tuesday, July 4th
- Labor Day Monday, September 4th
- Veterans' Day (observed) Friday, November 10th
- Thanksgiving Day Thursday, November 23rd
- Day after Thanksgiving Friday, November 24th
- Christmas Day Monday, December 25th
- New Year's Day Monday, January 1st, 2024

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to approve the petty cash amount for various offices listed below. Motion carries.

- Petty cash for offices:**
- County Auditor \$20.00
 - County Engineer \$50.00
 - Public Health Nurses \$55.00
 - County Sheriff \$200.00
 - County Treasurer \$50.00
- Motion Kluss and seconded by Helgevoid to receive the cash count from end of day on December 30, 2022 from the Wright County Treasurer. Motion carries.
- Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to participate in the Wellness Program Agreement between ISAC and Wright County for 2023. Last year, there was a savings of \$79,738.80 with the participation in the Wellness Program.
- Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to appoint the Board of Supervisors to various boards and committees as listed below. Motion carries.
- Organization Representative Courthouse & Jail The Board as a whole County Farm..... The Board as a whole

- Roads & Drainage The Board as a whole Union Negotiations The Board as a whole Department HeadsChairman Historical Preservation.... Andy Yackle Regional Planning Affiliation Policy Board - MIDASAdam Clemons Mid Iowa Growth Partnership Darrel Steven Carlyle MIDAS - Economic Development... Darrel Steven Carlyle MIDAS - Cities..... Clint Middleton Boone River Watershed Management Authority.....Dean Kluss Building FamiliesDean Kluss Community Family Resources..... Dean Kluss Iowa Drainage District Association . Dean Kluss Executive Board of Pathfinders Strategic Partners - CountyDean Kluss Upper Des Moines Opportunity - alternateDean Kluss Local Emergency Planning CommissionDean Kluss Wright County Emergency Management Commission & E911 Board.. Dean Kluss - Liaison Hazardous Materials Response Commission - AlternateJarica Eisentrager Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center - AlternateKarl Helgevoid Central Iowa Community Services . Karl Helgevoid DecatKarl Helgevoid Second Judicial District, Correctional Services Board of Directors - Ait. Karl Helgevoid Wright County Board of Health.....Karl Helgevoid Wright County Economic Development Commission....Karl Helgevoid Wright County Sanitary LandfillKarl Helgevoid Wright County Emergency Medical Service.....Karl Helgevoid Emergency Management & E911 Board.....Karl Helgevoid Boone River Watershed Management Authority..... Karl Helgevoid - Alternate ADA Coordinator.... Rick Rasmussen BioTerrorism/Preparedness Rick Rasmussen Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center.....Rick Rasmussen Central Iowa Community Services - AlternateDean Kluss Hazardous Materials Response Commission..... Rick Rasmussen HIPAARick Rasmussen Iowa Drainage District Association - Alternate Rick Rasmussen JTPA Regional Workforce Investment Board..... Rick Rasmussen Second Judicial District, Correctional Services Board of Directors Rick Rasmussen UDMO - County Advisory Rick Rasmussen Upper Des Moines Opportunity Rick Rasmussen Wright County Safety Committee/Wellness.....Rick Rasmussen Wright County Sanitary Landfill - AlternateRick Rasmussen Wright County Security..... Rick Rasmussen Homeward, Inc Rick Rasmussen Wright County Health Officer and Illegal Dumping Enforcement OfficialSandy McGrath Executive Board of Pathfinders Strategic Partners - Economic Development..... Kim Demory Mid Iowa Growth Partnership - Alternate Kim Demory

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to maintain David Johnson as the Drainage Attorney. Motion carries.

Motion by Helgevoid and seconded by Rasmussen to appoint Wayne Stahl for a 2 year term as a Belmont Township Trustee. Motion carries. The Board is looking to fill a vacancy in Lake Township for an unexpired term for 2 years.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to approve the appointments of the township trustees and clerks for 4 year terms to expire in 2026. Motion carries. The Board is still looking for a clerk in Grant Township and a trustee in Troy Township.

Township Trustees and Clerks Terms to expire 2026

- Belmond Township**
Laura Johnson..... Trustee
Ray StocksethClerk
 - Blaine Township**
Marty Osterman..... Trustee
Brian Ellis..... Clerk
 - Boone Township**
Thomas Huntley Trustee
Nate Huntley.....Clerk
 - Dayton Township**
Dana Wanken..... Trustee
Lanette WattsClerk
 - Eagle Grove Township**
Gary Funnell..... Trustee
Aaron WagnerClerk
 - Grant Township**
John Campbell..... Trustee
NEED FILLEDClerk
 - Lake Township**
Joel Sebby..... Trustee
Dan OdlandClerk
 - Liberty Township**
Adam Harvey..... Trustee
Kathy FletcherClerk
 - Lincoln Township**
Micheal Magee..... Trustee
Michael StevensClerk
 - Norway Township**
Scott Hasty..... Trustee
Brian Harle..... Clerk
 - Pleasant Township**
Eugene Pals Trustee
Kevin Pals..... Clerk
 - Troy Township**
NEED FILLED Trustee
Hillary Klaver Clerk
 - Vernon Township**
Greg DeNio..... Trustee
Marion Denger..... Clerk
- Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to have Wright County Monitor, Eagle Grove Eagle, and Belmont Independent as the official newspapers for County business. Motion carries.
- Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to approve the appointment of the listed Medical Examiners and Deputy's. Motion carries.
- Medical Examiner appointments**
Medical Examiner: Jon Ahrendsen MD
Deputy Examiners: Andrea McLoughlin MD, Dustin Smith MD,
Medical Investigators: Michael Whitters DO, Tiffini Toliver ARNP, Andrew Nellesen, Melanie Plain, Savanna Schnetzer, Matthew J. Riggerberg, and Amy Erickson-Keller RN, MEI (In Webster City, but has agreed to help cover Wright County)
- Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to appoint Deb Vance to the Board of Adjustment for a 4-year term. Motion carries. The Board of Adjustment is as follows:
- Board of Adjustment**
Che Hanson Clarion 12/31/2025
Dave Nelson Belmond 12/31/2025
Deb Vance Eagle Grove 12/31/2026
Elizabeth Severson Belmond 12/31/2023
Aaron Wagner Eagle Grove 12/31/2024

The appointment of the Wright County Economic Development Commission/Board has been tabled to January 16, 2023.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to approve Resolution 2023-01 Authorizing Attendance at Meetings. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. Resolution 2023-01 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2023 – 01
RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Wright County Board of Supervisors that they authorize elective and appointive officials of Wright County to attend all meetings approved by the Executive Committee of the Iowa State Association of Counties.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Clerks in the various offices shall be authorized to attend meetings when approved by their governing officer.

Dated at Clarion, IA this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to approve Resolution 2023-02 for Payment of Claims Prior to a Board Meeting. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. Resolution 2023-02 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2023 – 02
IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa, that, pursuant to the provisions of Section 331.506(3) of the Code of Iowa, the Auditor is hereby authorized to make the following payment without prior approval by the board.

1. For fixed charges including, but not limited to, freight, express, postage, water, light, telephone service or contractual services, after a bill is filed with the Auditor.

2. For salaries and payrolls if the compensation has been fixed or approved by the Board. The salary or payroll shall be certified by the officer or supervisor under whose direction or supervision the compensation is earned.

Dated at Clarion, IA this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Motion by Helgevoid and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2023-03 for the Treasurer Naming Depositories. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. Resolution 2023-03 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2023-03
RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa approved the list of financial institutions.

The Wright County Treasurer is hereby authorized to deposit the Wright County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

- DEPOSITORY, LOCATION OF HOME OFFICE.....MAXIMUM BALANCE IN EFFECT UNDER THIS RESOLUTION**
- FIRST CITIZENS BANK, MASON CITY (CLARION OFFICE)..... \$ 5,000,000.00
- \$ 12,000,000.00
- FIRST STATE BANK, WEBSTER CITY (CLARION OFFICE)..... \$ 1,000,000.00
- \$ 5,000,000.00
- FIRST BANK, EAGLE GROVE (CLARION OFFICE)..... \$ 5,000,000.00

- \$ 5,000,000.00
- FIRST STATE BANK, BELMOND... \$ 1,500,000.00
- UNITED BANK & TRUST CO, SHEFFIELD (DOWS OFFICE)..... \$ 100,000.00
- GREEN BELT BANK & TRUST, BELMOND..... \$ 3,000,000.00
- IOWA PUBLIC AGENCY INVESTMENT TRUST, WEST DES MOINES \$ 1,000,000.00

Dated at Clarion, IA this 3rd day of January 2023.

Motion by Helgevoid and seconded by Rasmussen to approve Resolution 2023-04 for the Construction Evaluation. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. Resolution 2023-04 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION #2023-04
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2023 and January 31, 2024 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WRIGHT COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Dated at Clarion, IA this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve Resolution 2023-05 for the Sheriff Naming Depositories. By roll call vote: Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. Resolution 2023-05 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION NAMING DEPOSITORIES

Wright County Sheriff
Resolution 2023-05

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa approved First Citizens National Bank, Clarion as the official depository for the Wright County Sheriff.

The Wright County Sheriff is hereby authorized to deposit the

Wright County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for the financial institution as set out below.

DEPOSITORY, LOCATION OF HOME OFFICE.....MAXIMUM BALANCE IN EFFECT UNDER THIS RESOLUTION

- First Citizens Bank, Mason City (Clarion Office) \$ 150,000.00
- Dated at Clarion, Iowa this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve Resolution 2023-06 for the Recorder Naming Depositories. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, and Helgevoid; nays – none. Resolution 2023-06 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2023-06 NAMING DEPOSITORIES

Wright County Recorder
BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Supervisors of Wright County, Iowa approved the list of financial institutions.

The Wright County Recorder is hereby authorized to deposit the Wright County funds in amount not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

DEPOSITORY, LOCATION OF HOME.....MAX BALANCE
FIRST CITIZENS BANK, MASON CITY (CLARION OFFICE)..... \$100,000.00

Dated at Clarion, IA this 3rd day of January, 2023.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented the names of the two new Truck Drivers out of the Belmond Maintenance Facility. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to approve the hire of the names presented pending post offer, pre-employment physical/drug screen and background check. Motion carries. The starting wage will be \$25.94 per hour.

Clemons gave an update on the Secondary Roads. There were 15 work orders completed last week with 13 of them being snow removal using the blower. Blades are cleaning up from the prior weeks snow event by widening routes, tapering shoulders, clearing intersections and around the railroads. All personnel went out on Sunday, December 25th and Monday, December 26th on hard surface and gravel routes.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to move into closed session at 9:46 a.m. pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i) to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose appointment, hiring, performance, or discharge is being considered when necessary to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation and that individual requests a closed session. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Helgevoid to move into open session at 10:25 a.m. Motion carries.

There was no action taken concerning closed session.

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

The Board of Supervisors will hold a budget discussion workshop at 1:00 p.m. on January 3, 2023.

*Dean Kluss, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors
Betty Ellis, Wright County Auditor*