

PROCEEDINGS OF O'BRIEN COUNTY SUPERVISORS

May 22, 2018

The Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment in regular session at 9:00 a.m. with all members present.

Moved by Farnsworth, seconded by Steensma to approve the proceedings of May 15, 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Steensma, seconded by Farnsworth to approve the hourly rate increase for Jailer Ashley Pearse. Her rate will be \$21.00 per hour effective May 26, 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

At 9:05 a.m. a hearing was held for the amendment of the County's Fiscal 2018 budget. There were no objections presented. The Chair closed the hearing at 9:11 a.m.

Moved by Steensma, seconded by McDowell to adopt the Fiscal 2018 County Budget amendment as published. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Farnsworth, seconded by Bootsma to approve the amended appropriations resolution for Fiscal 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Farnsworth, seconded by McDowell to approve the utility construction applications of Quest dba Century Link on County Road L-26 south of Highway 18 and Osceola Rural Water between Sections 14 & 24, Highland Township. Motion carried by all ayes.

At 10:00 a.m. the Chair opened the hearing on the report of appraisers to acquire and or modify right of way on Drainage District No. 5. There were some questions raised, but there were no objections to the appraisers report. The Chair closed the hearing at 10:14 a.m.

Moved by Farnsworth, seconded by Steensma to approve the report of appraisers to acquire and or modify the right of way for Drainage District No. 5 as was presented. Motion carried by all ayes.

The Board had a general discussion on Drainage District 5 with Rick Hopper of Jacobsen-Westergard regarding issues that have arisen with the construction of the project. The County has \$6,939.78 in labor and materials for repairs to a bridge on 300th Street that is in this drainage district. There are areas along the ditch where the berm is keeping the water from entering the ditch and there are no surface drains behind the berm to take the water. The drainage engineer will revisit the situation and report back to the Board/Drainage Trustees by next week.

At 10:30 a.m. a hearing was held for the reclassification of Drainage District No. 5. Rick Hopper the drainage engineer from Jacobsen-Westergard explained the procedure of determining the benefit of each parcel that is in the drainage district. Several factors are involved in determining the benefit to each 40 acre parcel that is assessed for the repairs. Don Elgersma owner of the SW ¼ SW ¼ 10-97-40 objected to the amount of benefited acres in that 40 acre tract. He has tile that takes the water in a different direction than toward Drainage District 5. The Drainage Engineer agreed and recommended that that parcel have a 63% reduction from the proposed schedule. Larry Remmers objected to his percentage of benefit. He feels that he isn't receiving that much benefit. The Drainage Engineer recommends that these parcels remain as is. Mark Guggisberg objected to

the costs assessed. He feels that he should have no assessment on his property. It received no benefit. He does admit that the land drains toward the ditch. The Drainage Engineer recommends that this property also remain the same. Brent Rieck objected to his assessment in Section 25 of Lincoln Township. The Drainage Engineer recommends a 50% reduction on those 2 parcels owned by Brent & Kimberly Rieck. The Chair closed the hearing at 11:40 a.m.

Moved by Steensma, seconded by Bootsma to approve the reclassification report for Drainage District No. 5 with a 63% reduction to the parcel owned by Donald W & Helen M Elgersma – SW ¼ SW1/4 Section 10-97-40; a 50% reduction to parcels owned by Brent & Kimberly Rieck – Parcel I in E ½ exc. Parcel J of 25-97-40 & Parcels A & B in SE 4 NE ¼. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Farnsworth, seconded by McDowell to adjourn to June 5, 2018. Motion carried by all ayes.

Attest: Barbara Rohwer
 County Auditor

Daniel Friedrichsen
Chairman