The Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment in regular session at 9:12 a.m. with members Steensma and Vanden Hull present and Bootsma, Friedrichsen, and McDowell via phone. This meeting is being held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic and restrictions imposed on the number of people allowed to assemble.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to approve the proceedings of March 24, 2020 with an amendment to the motion regarding the hearings and readings of the Proposed General Assistance Program Ordinance. The Board will hold a hearing on April 14, 2020 at 9:05 a.m. for the Proposed General Assistance Program Ordinance. After the hearing the Board will hold the first reading of the Ordinance. If the first reading is approved at this time, it will be considered at the April 21, 2020 meeting at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Bootsma to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter of support for the O’Brien County Cemetery Preservation Association for their application to the O’Brien County Community Foundation Grant. Roll call vote. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by McDowell to approve the hourly rate increase for Jailer Bryce Fiddelke to $21.00 per hour effective March 26, 2020. Roll call vote. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Bootsma to approve the appointment of Jill Koedam as Deputy Recorder and set her annual salary at 75% of the County Recorder effective April 1, 2020 and to appoint Aimee Jenness as the Recorder’s Clerk with an annual salary of 60% of the County Recorder effective March 30, 2020. Roll call vote. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by McDowell to adopt the Emergency Family and Medical Leave Policy in conjunction with the US Senate bill H.R. 6021 in regard to the COVID-19 Pandemic. Roll call vote. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Bootsma to approve the utility construction applications of NW REC in the following locations: Section 18, Liberty Township; Sections 7, 8, 10 & 22, Union Township; Sections 18 & 19, Baker Township and Sections 11, 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, 20, 24, 25, & 29, Caledonia Township. Roll call vote. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to accept the quote of Nutrien Solutions at $12,973.00 for chemicals for the weed control on secondary roads. Roll call vote. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by Bootsma to adopt the following resolution. Roll call vote. Motion carried by all ayes.
O’Brien County Resolution No. 2020-13
Resolution of the O’Brien County Board of Supervisors
Acting as Trustees for Drainage Dist. 2 & 44 of O’Brien and Clay Counties

WHEREAS, the O’Brien County Board of Supervisors acting as Trustees for the Drainage District 2 & 44 located in O’Brien and Clay Counties are in receipt of claims for repairs in the amount of $1,050.32; and

WHEREAS, O’Brien County is the control county for this drainage district; and

WHEREAS, the fund balance in Drainage District 2 & 44 is less than $20; that being insufficient to pay the claims;

WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code 468.126 1(c), the cost of the repair does not exceed fifty thousand dollars therefore the Board may order the work done without conducting a hearing on the matter; and

WHEREAS, the original assessment of the District was $5,317.29.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that an assessment of 29% of the original assessment shall be levied upon the all the lands in District 2 & 44 per the original classification schedule. A one-time payment will be due September 1, 2020 and delinquent October 1, 2020. This assessment shall be levied as a special assessment on the property concerned. Drainage assessments are collected by the County Treasurer in the same manner as general taxes and are enforced by the sale of property.

Dated this 31st day of March, 2020.
John Steensma, Chairman

Attest: Barbara Rohwer, County Auditor

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by McDowell to adopt the Official County Seal with a “TR” included on the face to be in compliance with Iowa Code 331.552(4) and 49.57. This seal will be placed on all official ballots in all elections held in O’Brien County. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Bootsma to adjourn to April 7, 2020. Motion carried by all ayes.

Attest: Barbara Rohwer County Auditor
John Steensma Chairman