The Board of Supervisors met as per adjournment in regular session at 9:02 a.m. with all members present. 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 December 8, 2020. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Bootsma to enter into a modified phase 2 of the courthouse reopening plan to allow visitor access through both the east and west courthouse doors. Masks are still required while in the courthouse. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to approve the hourly rate increase of Communications Operator Tara Roorda to $24.00 effective November 26, 2020. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Bootsma to approve the salary increase for Deputy Sheriff Jett Korver to $68,817.24 per year effective December 1, 2020. Motion carried by all ayes. McDowell moved to rescind the motion, Bootsma seconded. Deputy Korver is currently at this wage. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by McDowell to approve the tile crossing application for David and Nancy Rieck between Sections 3 & 4, Omega Township. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to recognize Duane Schimmer for his 20 years of service on the O’Brien County Veteran Affairs Commission. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to appoint Roger Jurack to the O’Brien County Veteran Affairs Commission. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by Friedrichsen, seconded by Vanden Hull to hold a hearing on January 4, 2021 at 9:30 a.m. on Proposed County Ordinance No. 28: an ordinance prescribing floodplain management in O’Brien County, Iowa. 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 January 12, 2021 meeting at 9:05 a.m. Motion carried by all ayes.

Moved by McDowell, seconded by Bootsma to approve a claim to Sioux Rivers MHDD for an allocation to the Regional Mental Health in the amount of $225,000.00 and a claim to GovConnection, Inc. for equipment in the amount of $5,479.66. Motion carried by all ayes.

A group of citizens expressed concerns regarding issues with the Conservation Department and the use of public lands owned by O’Brien County.
Moved by Vanden Hull, seconded by McDowell to adjourn to December 22, 2020. Motion carried by all ayes.

Attest: Barbara Rohwer
County Auditor

John Steensma
Chairman