

The Board of Supervisors of Lyon County, Iowa, met electronically, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.8, whereby "a meeting in person is impossible or impractical". Meetings are being held electronically due to the COVID-19 epidemic and the County is applying the recommendations of the IDPH and CDC. Those present in boardroom were: Chairman Mark Behrens, Jerry Birkey, Steve Herman, Merle Koedam, Josh Feucht, and Auditor Jen Smit. Department heads/employees present via teleconference: Shayne Mayer, Steve Simons, Marilee Schleusner, Arden Kopischke, Lisa Rockhill, Laura Sievers, Stewart Vander Stoep, Amy Borman, New Century Press.

Chairman Behrens stated that the meeting was to give a COVID-19 update. EMA Kopischke stated we now have 2 cases in Lyon County and not much has changed locally. Kopischke keeps entering requests to the state for supplies and received PPE that has been distributed to the nursing homes in the county. Ambulance Director Borman reports that the ambulance is sitting good with supplies and runs have been quiet. Sheriff Vander Stoep was asked about how he feels residents are doing with following the recommendations of IDPH and the Governor's requests. Supervisor Birkey asked about bike trails and if they are to be closed as well as campgrounds per the Governor's update yesterday. Vander Stoep stated that per Melissa Stillson bike trails are open, and that Lake Pahoja is open due to DNR. Attorney Mayer was asked about the court system. Mayer reported that the overall message is the court system will have in person hearings for emergency hearings and has postponed jury trials until July 12. County attorneys are being asked to keep things moving as best they can during this time. Chairman Behrens asked for any other questions or comments and stated we will have another update on April 14th.

Motion by Herman, second by Birkey to approve the March 24 and April 3, 2020 board minutes. Motion carried.

The Board moved into discussion regarding the resignation of County Engineer Laura Sievers. Sievers resignation was received April 3, 2020 and gives a 60-day notice per the engineer contract, making the resignation effective June 2, 2020. Chairman Behrens thanked Sievers for all of the projects and work she has done over her 7 years in Lyon County. The Board discussed options such as hiring a new engineer or sharing an engineer with another county, and the possibility of temporary agreements with another neighboring county in the interim. Attorney Mayer suggested creating a sub-committee to work on a timeline plan for what the Board wishes to see happen. Supervisor Feucht and Herman volunteered to be on the sub-committee. Birkey and Herman will get together and create a plan before the next meeting on April 14th.

The Board and Sievers discussed the A34 paving project and asked Sievers to move the project to a May letting. They would like the project bid while Sievers is still in the position as Sievers knows the project. The DOT has the project set at 45 working days with a late start date of August 3rd. The project is estimated at \$2.6 million with a total of 8 miles.

Economic Development Director Steve Simons gave a Lend a Hand program update. They received 80 applications with 51 of those from businesses directly impacted by closure of businesses. The applications will be reviewed tomorrow, and checks are hoped to be sent out by the end of the week. Simons

also stated that an explanation letter will accompany the checks to tell recipients of the partners of the program.

Motion by Feucht, second by Herman to adjourn the meeting.

ATTEST _____ APPROVED _____
County Auditor Chairman

NOTE: These minutes are as recorded by the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors and are subject to Board approval at the next regular meeting.