

**COUNTY BOARD MINUTES
DECEMBER 16, 2019**

The Board convened on Monday, December 16, 2019, at 9:00 AM with the following members present Byrne, Tilkes, Geerts, Zoll, and Hackman. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Hackman. Also present were Rick Holthaus, Jeff Bernatz, and Terry Johnson.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Zoll to approve agenda for December 16, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to approve Board minutes for December 16, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes: Motion Carried.

Public Comment from Terry Johnson regarding payment of Board of Health claim for flashing sign at the New Hampton Middle School.

The Board discussed the Conservation Board member for District 5. Supervisor Byrne informed the Board that there was only one application.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Geerts to reappoint Ray Armbrecht as Conservation Board Member for District 5 effective January 1, 2020- December 31, 2025 (5 Year Term). Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Ray Armel present at 9:08 AM.

Sue Breitbach present at 9:10 AM.

Sue Breitbach met with the Board for a department update.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Geerts to acknowledge the transfer of Patti Rosauer from the Auditor's Office to the Treasurer's Office at the hourly rate of \$17.96 per hour effective December 16, 2019. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Sue Breitbach left at 9:20 AM.

Dusten Rolando present at 9:23 AM.

The Board discussed the Land Use Administrator position and Land Use Commission members. Currently the Land Use Budget for FY 2019-20 has an annual salary of \$4500.00 and the Board tabled the decision whether to advertise the part-time position or to offer to a county employee. Discussion followed. Ray Armel informed the Board that he would reconsider the position.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Byrne to reinstate Ray Armel as the Land Use Administrator/Floodplain Manager effective January 1, 2020 at the annual salary of \$4,600.00. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Bob Lincoln present at 9:35 AM.

Ray Armel left at 9:37 AM.

Jennifer Schwickerath present at 10:21 AM.

County Social Services CEO Bob Lincoln met with the Board to give a presentation on County Social Services FY 2019 Annual Report, FY 2021 MHDS per capital levy request, 5-year strategic plan, update of local services, and address any concerns or questions.

Bob Lincoln left at 10:30 AM.

Jennifer Schwickerath met with the Board for a litigation update.

Attorney Carlton Salmons requested the Board go into closed session.

Rick Holthaus and Steve Geerts left at 10:33 AM.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5 (1) (c) at 10:34 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Zoll, Tilkes, Byrne, and Hackman. Absent: Geerts due to a conflict of interest. Motion Carried. Present were Supervisors Tilkes, Zoll, Byrne, Hackman, Jennifer Schwickerath, Joan Knoll and Carlton Salmons via phone Conference.

Discussion followed.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Zoll to exit closed session at 11:10 AM. Roll Call: Ayes: Tilkes, Zoll, Byrne, and Hackman. Absent: Geerts. Motion Carried. No action taken.

Jennifer Schwickerath left at 11:10 AM.

The Board reviewed application for two Board of Health Members for a three-year term. The present Board of Health members terms expire December 31, 2019. Jolee Drape and Cindy Shoemaker terms expire December 31, 2019. There were six applications for the Board to review. Supervisor Byrne and Geerts asked to be on the committee to interview the applicants. Supervisor Hackman withdrew his application due to a conflict of interest. The Board will contact the applicants and the Board will make their decision later.

Motion by Byrne, Seconded by Tilkes to acknowledge the hiring of Andrea Kime as LPN (40 hours per week) at the hourly rate of \$18.70 effective December 23, 2019. Roll Call: Ayes: Byrne, Tilkes, Geerts, and Hackman. Nays: Zoll. Motion Carried.

The Board discussed the Medical Examiners Investigator position. Supervisor Hackman informed the Board that the State Examiners Office had a software update and doing all autopsies/ investigations online.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes to rescind the motion to accept the resignation of James Cook as the Medical Examiner Investigator (Board motion dated December 10, 2019). Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Tilkes, Seconded by Zoll to approve L.T. Tap Liquor License. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Geerts, Seconded by Zoll to approve the liquor license refund for Bradford House. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Supervisor Hackman updated the Board on the Pathways Advisory Council meeting held on December 10, 2019.

Supervisor Byrne updated the Board on the Board of Health meeting held on December 10, 2019.

Supervisor Zoll updated the Board on the Floyd-Mitchell-Chickasaw County Landfill meeting held on December 10, 2019.

Supervisor Zoll updated the Board on the First Judicial District Department of Correctional Services meeting held on December 13, 2019.

Supervisor Tilkes updated the Board on the Iowa Workforce Development meeting held on December 13, 2019.

Supervisors Zoll and Tilkes updated the Board on the EMS System (Wright County) meeting held on December 12, 2019.

Budget worksession.

Received and filed in the Auditor's Office MMP Short Form for Annual Update for Lawrence Seamans, Seamans Farms Inc. (ID #57708) located at 1751 260th Street, Ionia, IA 50645.

Motion by Zoll, Seconded by Tilkes to adjourn at 11:39 AM. Roll Call: All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Jacob Hackman, Chairman
Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Joan E. Knoll, Auditor