

**Board of Supervisors Office, Carroll, Iowa**  
**Monday, May 11, 2009**

The Board of Supervisors of Carroll County, Iowa met in regular adjourned session in the Boardroom of the Courthouse, in Carroll, Iowa, the County seat of said County on Monday, May 11, 2009 at 9:00 a.m. Central Daylight Saving Time pursuant to law, the rules of said Board and to the adjournment with the following members present: Marty Danzer, Dan Nieland, Mark Beardmore, Del McDermott, and Eugene Meiners.

Motion by Nieland, second by Danzer to approve the agenda as presented. On roll call, all voted aye.

Motion by McDermott, second by Beardmore to approve the minutes of the May 4, 2009 meeting as presented. On roll call, all voted aye.

Board proceeded to canvass the May 5, 2009 special election for the City of Willey. Public Measure A, the question of granting a franchise to West Central Iowa Rural Water Association, was approved by the voters with 33 "Yes" votes and 3 "No" votes. Public Measure B, the question of disposing of the city water utility, was approved by the voters with 27 "Yes" votes and 9 "No" votes. Motion by Danzer, second by Meiners to approve the canvass and abstract of the Willey special election. On roll call, all voted aye. (Abstract on file in the Auditor's office)

Motion by Beardmore, second by Danzer to approve signing the union contract with the Sheriff Department employees. On roll call, all voted aye. Motion by Beardmore, second by McDermott to approve signing the union contract with the Ambulance Department employees. On roll call, all voted aye. Motion by Danzer, second by McDermott to approve signing the union contract with the Secondary Road employees. On roll call, all voted aye. (On file in the Auditor's office)

Engineer discussed Drains 11 and 97, both needing tile repairs. Motion by Danzer, second by Nieland to approve repairs to Drain 11, in Section 23, Glidden Township, and to Drain 97, in Section 10, Richland Township. On roll call, all voted aye.

Engineer presented truck box quotes from three companies. The bids for a 15-foot steel truck box were \$10,639 from Eddy-Walker Equipment, \$10,235 from Hawkeye Truck, and \$15,180.10 from Henderson Truck. The bids for a stainless steel tailgate spreader were \$2,459 from Eddy-Walker Equipment, \$3,133 from Hawkeye Truck, and \$3,265.13 from Henderson Truck. The truck boxes will need to be painted, at a cost of approximately \$1400 per box. Motion by Nieland, second by Danzer to accept the low bids and purchase two truck boxes from Hawkeye Truck and two tailgate spreaders from Eddy-Walker Equipment. On roll call, all voted aye.

Engineer also discussed a new gravel pit in Greene County, with high quality gravel, which could be a good resource for Carroll County. The Richland Pit is close to depletion, so the county needs to be looking for a new source of gravel. The Board suggested a road trip to look at the new pit in Greene County.

At 9:30 a.m. Chairman opened a public hearing on the disposition of real estate in Lidderdale. In addition to the Supervisors and Auditor, those in attendance were Mark Walter, Jim Gossett, John Olerich, Dave Paulson, Virginia Hagemann, Harold Leiting and Butch Heman. Mark Walter, representing New Cooperative, said the company thought they owned the property, as taxes had been paid by the previous owners for many years. Research showed that the parcel was deeded by Chicago & Northwestern Railroad to Carroll County in 1977 for a park and walking/bike trail, which was never developed. It appears this parcel, approximately 200 feet by 400 feet, was intended to be transferred to Farmers Cooperative Company, and that change was made in county records, resulting in Farmers Cooperative Company and New Cooperative paying property taxes on the parcel. New Cooperative is looking at expansion and wants to acquire this parcel from Carroll County. John Olerich, adjacent land-owner, expressed concerns that his property would be impacted by water run-off since the New Cooperative property has been built up higher than his property. Walter said a gravel road will be constructed which should aid

drainage. He didn't agree that the Olerich property was receiving an inordinate amount of water and stated that New Cooperative wants to be a good neighbor. The land in question is within the city limits of Lidderdale. Gossett commented that although this is good information, the issue today is land ownership. Meiners agreed and said the drainage issue belongs to the City of Lidderdale; the Board's concern is transfer of land ownership. Hearing no other comments, Chairman closed the public hearing at 9:49 a.m. Stating that we have an opportunity to correct an error made years ago, motion by Beardmore to transfer the parcel of land to New Cooperative, Inc. McDermott asked about monetary consideration. After discussion, Beardmore amended his motion to transfer the parcel of land in Lidderdale to New Cooperative Inc. for \$1.00 with a second by Nieland. On roll call, all voted aye. (Quit Claim Deed on file in Recorder's office)

McDermott left the meeting at 10:10 a.m.

Board met with County CPC, Dawn Mentzer, to review requests for rate increases. New Hope Village has requested a 5.5% rate increase for work activity/pre-vocational services and enclave services, and a 3.8% rate increase for day habilitation services. The rate increases would increase the county's costs by \$20,584.63. Mentzer reported that she has been working closely with New Hope Village to contain costs. Thirteen consumers have been moved from 24-hour care to pre-vocational services, saving the county \$6,800 per year per consumer, a total savings of \$88,400.

Mentzer and Frank Hermsen reported that an interested investor is offering an apartment complex in Carroll that could be used as a transitional home, which fits the goal of a transitional home referenced in the strategic plan, where consumers receiving 24-hour care could be moved to a less restrictive environment. New Hope Village did extensive research on four consumers who would be good candidates to move to the complex, but families are resisting the move. Hermsen said another barrier is that the investor won't hold the property for long if New Hope Village can't find people to live there.

Mentzer then reviewed a rate increase request from Mallard View. A rate increase of 3.5% was requested last year, and the Board restricted the increase to 2%. Mallard View is requesting a 5% rate increase for FY10. Mentzer said two consumers have been moved from Kathleen's in Emmetsburg back to Mallard View, saving the county \$21,000. Mentzer also reported that two consumers at Mallard View are being paid from the General Assistance budget, not a common practice, and that alternatives are being researched for those consumers.

Mentzer reviewed fund balances, and said we will likely not receive state funding due to a projected 22% fund balance for FY09 and 25% for FY10.

Beardmore asked Hermsen to list several things that cause a need for a rate increase. Hermsen said the current rates are not equal to rates on a year-old cost report, so part of it is catch-up and part is the need to increase salaries and benefits for employees. Hermsen said it has been extremely difficult to retain staff, so a 4% salary increase was given last year, in order to be more competitive with other employers. Mentzer said New Hope Village rates are lower than even this year's CRIS rates.

Mentzer asked the Board how they felt about the CRIS reports. The County pays \$3000 annually to have CRIS reports, and New Hope Village is the only provider in Carroll County who completes the CRIS reports. Meiners and Nieland spoke in favor of retaining the CRIS reports. Mentzer replied that all providers should be required to complete the CRIS reports, if the Board wants to continue utilizing them.

Nieland asked how many other counties would be affected by the New Hope Village rate increases, and Hermsen said probably 20 to 25. Mentzer reported that Greene County approved a 4.5% increase for Genesis, which also affects Carroll County. Mentzer is meeting with St. Anthony Regional Hospital on Wednesday to discuss rates.

Motion by Danzer, second by Nieland to approve the FY10 rates as presented: 5.5% increases in work activity/pre-vocational and enclave rates, and a 3.8% rate increase for day

habilitation for New Hope Village; and a 5% rate adjustment for Mallard View. On roll call, all present voted aye. McDermott absent.

Board then discussed the geothermal system installed at New Hope Village several years ago. Hermsen reported they are very happy with the system.

Motion by Nieland, second by Danzer to go into closed session at 10:37 a.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(a). On roll call, all present voted aye. McDermott absent.

Board returned to regular session at 11:27 a.m. Motion by Danzer, second by Nieland to allow case managers to share workload of another case manager, due to health issues, for a period of sixty days, at which time the Board will review the situation. On roll call, all present voted aye. McDermott absent.

Motion by Nieland, second by Danzer to approve claims for payment as presented. On roll call, all present voted aye. McDermott absent.

GENERAL BASIC

Employer's Share F.I.C.A.	\$15,031.79
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	8,063.08
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	1,613.54
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	5,023.84

GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL

Employer's Share F.I.C.A.	253.44
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	217.22

MENTAL HEALTH

Employer's Share F.I.C.A.	1,168.89
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	1,011.53

RURAL SERVICES

Employer's Share F.I.C.A.	1,222.28
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	77.86
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	1,144.94

SECONDARY ROAD FUND

Employer's Share F.I.C.A.	7,088.63
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	6,091.66

DISASTER SERVICES

Employer's Share F.I.C.A.	199.62
Employer's Share I.P.E.R.S.	202.18

FOR CLAIMS ALLOWED BY DEPARTMENT SEE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SUPPLEMENT BOOK A.

Board reviewed quotes for Courthouse drainage tile project. Motion by Beardmore, second by Danzer to accept the low bid of \$8,027.60 from Halbur Hardware. On roll call, all present voted aye. McDermott absent. Scheck's Inc. submitted a bid of \$9,978.

Board reviewed manure management annual updates from the following: Timberlane, Section 6, Glidden Township; Jody Meiners, Section 3, Viola Township, Audubon County; Ben Klocke, Section 33, Eden Township; M & I DEHY Inc., Section 8, Ewoldt Township; and Eischeid Farms Inc., Sections 3, 6, 8, & 35, Roselle Township.

Danzer reported on meeting with Bernie Gronstal and Nick Badding about geothermal wells.

Nieland reported on Conservation Board meeting.

Beardmore reported on communications with KRS Engineering.

Meiners reported on New Opportunities, and Maple River/Mt. Carmel sewer projects.

Motion by Beardmore, second by Danzer to adjourn at 11:55 a.m. On roll call, all present voted aye. McDermott absent.

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Joan Schettler, County Auditor

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Eugene Meiners, Chairman