

December 1, 2022

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Merle Doty, Diana Dawley and Jason Roudabush. Also present Darwin Kinne.

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Roudabush to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Doty to approve November 28, 2022 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Doty to approve FY'22 Annual Urban Renewal Report. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received Poweshiek County Sanitarian & Zoning report of fees collected for month ending November 30, 2022. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m. Susan Hiner, Grinnell Housing and Melissa O'Neal & Amber Tompkins, Central Iowa Shelter Services met with board to discuss transitional housing in Poweshiek County. Transitional housing is a means to help with homelessness but it not a shelter. This housing is a maximum stay of 90 days and individuals must meet Section 8 approval. HUD will issue emergency vouchers to provide funding for these individuals. During the stay here, individuals would work toward permanent housing under Section 8 and also search for employment. O'Neal stated there is a Community Development Block Grant available to apply for and if the county would be on board with this project, the amount of the grant would be \$800,000. O'Neal stated they are researching what would be an appropriate location for the housing. Hiner stated the housing would consist of individual rooms with their own bathroom and a community kitchen and living room area. Also provided would be food pantry and clothing closet. Individuals residing in this housing would be provided assistance to transition into employment and permanent housing. O'Neal stated the City of Grinnell has allocated \$5,000 toward a community impact feasibility study and would ask the county to also allocate \$5,000 toward this study. Hiner stated they will also be meeting with Grinnell Mutual Reinsurance and Grinnell College requesting \$6,500 additional funds toward the study. Board felt this would be a good project and also felt the dollar request would qualify for ARPA funds. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Doty to approve allocation of \$5,000 toward the feasibility study and that said amount be paid from ARPA funds. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:05 a.m. Russ Behrens, Grinnell City Manager joined the meeting.

9:30 a.m. Richard Lemke met with board to discuss pioneer cemeteries. Lemke stated he has concerns about some townships not properly maintaining the pioneer cemeteries. Supervisor Dawley advised Lemke to contact the township trustees and discuss the care of the pioneer cemeteries with them.

10:19 a.m. Tom Kriegel, Sheriff joined the meeting.

Roudabush provided an update on the radio project. Roudabush stated the project timeline for the tower foundations have been delayed due to cold weather.

10:30 a.m. Moved by Doty, 2nd by Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman