

April 27, 2023

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present Jeff Tindle, Diana Dawley and Jason Roudabush.

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve April 24, 2023 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve the following claims:

Alliant Energy/IPL	Svc	1,313.26
AUCA	Svc	89.86
Bear Creek Dairy, LP	Crop Damage	2,964.00
Best Window Tint	Svc	904.32
Blackstrap, Inc	Goods	20,100.55
Brooklyn City Of	Svc	40.00
Brooklyn Hardware	Svc	247.75
City Directory Inc	Svc	485.50
Classic Car Wash	Svc	269.50
Dawn Disney-Bruggeman	Mil	90.00
Four Oaks Inc	Svc	1,446.15
Grinnell Herald Register	Svc	572.84
Grinnell Regional Public Health	Svc	35,312.98
H & J Fertilizer Inc	Goods	3,455.00
Heartland Shredding Inc	Svc	55.00
Hometown Hardware	Goods	50.88
Iowa Attorney Generals Office	Svc	28.00
Iowa Dept Of Public Health	Svc	6,088.00
Iowa Law Enforcement Academy	Svc	1,125.00
Iowa State University	Svc	45.00
IP Pathways	Svc	3,086.67
Jim Maschmann	Well Closure	500.00
Johnson County Sheriff	Svc	100.00
Julie Hendricks DDS	Svc	634.00
Mail Services LLC	Svc	718.39
Manatts Inc	Goods	918.22
Mark Byers	Goods	576.32
McKesson Medical Surgical	Goods	279.16
Melissa Eilander	Reimb Phone	60.50
Microbac Laboratories Inc	Svc	202.50
Midamerican Energy Company	Svc	12,954.07
Pauls Ace Hardware Inc	Svc	64.94
Pinnacle Plumbing & Mechanical	Svc	1,996.97
Pitney Bowes	Goods	174.29
Postmaster/US Postal Service	Svc	290.00
Poweshiek County Sheriff	Svc	57.70
Premier Office Equip/RK Dixon	Svc	137.61
Quill Corporation	Goods	92.72
Racom Corporation	Svc	7,500.00
Reliance Telephone Inc	Svc	1,332.00
Ryan Miller	Mil Reimb Meals	134.40

SCI Communications Inc	Svc	3,532.01
Sinclair Napa	Goods	6.99
Snap On Tools	Goods	295.85
Staples Credit Plan	Goods	68.68
State Hygenic Lab	Svc	34.00
Stellar Services LLC	Svc	2,590.33
Susan J Sieren	Svc	180.00
The Depot Express	Goods	30.38
The Record	Svc	1,151.00
TIP Rural Electric Coop	Svc	330.75
United States Cellular	Svc	279.61
Verizon	Svc	80.02
VISA	Svc/Goods	1,235.89
Windstream	Svc	1,683.22
Wmpf Group LLC	Svc	547.30
Xerox Financial Services	Svc	192.20

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor permit renewal application for Kwik Star #303, Brooklyn, IA. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve Resolution #2023-52 disbursement of funds for American Rescue Plan. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution 2023-52**

#### **A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS FOR THE AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 11, 2021, President Biden signed the 109 trillion-dollar American Rescue Plan Act and,  
**WHEREAS**, Poweshiek County applied for and was awarded American Rescue Plan Act funds totaling \$3,594,185.  
**WHEREAS**, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors has reviewed a submitted request and determined it will qualify for the American Rescue Plan Act and

**WHEREAS**, based on the distribution guidelines from the US Department of Treasury, the following project has been approved for the use of said funds:

- \$10,000 to Local Foods Connection to purchase refrigerators, freezers, tables, shelving, signage
- \$10,000 to Ahrens Foundation/Poweshiek Housing Assistance Fund for community outreach through rent assistance, utility assistance, hotel vouchers
- \$14,100 to PALS for HVAC ventilation system for dog room && improved ventilation for office
- \$3,670 to Brooklyn Community Food Bank to purchase nutritious food for those experiencing food insecurity
- \$1,000 to Montezuma Community Boosters for community outreach offering outdoor family friendly activities

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors endorses the disbursement of American Rescue Plan Act Funds for the item listed and authorizes the Auditor to make this payment as it is presented.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 27 day of April 2023.

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Diana Dawley, Vice Chairman

Jeff Tindle, Member

Attest: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve the following Utility Permits:

- #23-33U to Brooklyn Municipal Utilities for work in Section 14, Bear Creek Township
- #23-34U to MidAmerican for work in Section 12, Sugar Creek Township
- #23-35U to Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Coop for work in Section 23, Madison Township
- #23-36U to Brooklyn Mutual Telecommunications Coop for work in Section 2, Bear Creek Township

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve Iowa DOT agreement for use of county highway right-of-way in Section 12, Sugar Creek Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m. Galyn Nook, IT Director met with board to provide county IT update. Nook stated the courthouse surveillance cameras are installed and running; internet upgrade at sheriff's office; internet failover installed for courthouse and sheriff's office; and working with conservation on updating their computer equipment.

9:08 a.m. Russ Behrens, Grinnell City Manager, joined the meeting.

9:20 a.m. John Danos, Dorsey & Whitney LLP, joined the meeting.

9:28 a.m. Rachael Kinnick, Grinnell Chamber, joined the meeting.

Russ Behrens provided the board with some studies completed regarding the proposed Interstate Crush project just south of Grinnell. Behrens stated that the study did indicate that the City of Grinnell water system could serve the plant but there would be a cost associated in increasing the water supply. Behrens stated he will be presenting these studies to the City Council at the meeting on Monday.

9:32 a.m. Laura Tish, Assistant Commissioner of Elections, joined the meeting.

Board discussed with Russ Behrens, John Danos and Rachael Kinnick the proposed Sapphire Lake project. Behrens stated he will present to the City Council at their meeting Monday the economic impact study and the letter requesting state funding. Behrens stated the request from the State of Iowa is \$12 million. The Board stated the State of Iowa was initially considering \$15 million and it just seems to keep lowering and thus placing more of the burden on county and city. Rachael Kinnick stated she is working to get information out to the public regarding the lake project. Tindle stated he feels the price tag just keeps growing with this project and has no information on how fast anyone would see a return.

Discussion regarding the LMI factor was discussed and Danos stated relief can be requested through an application with the State of Iowa. Danos stated he would ask for the LMI relief in the grant application letter. Danos stated he would ask for complete relief. Danos further provided the board information on debt and that the only type of debt that would work for this type of project would be general obligation debt, which is secured by county debt service levy, unless there are other funding sources to pay the principle and interest. To establish the GO debt, the county would first need to establish an urban renewal area for the land within the project. Since this is agricultural land, it would require consent from the owners. Once the urban renewal plan is set up, then can start the process of issuing debt. This is what is referred to as a reverse referendum. The board would set a public hearing via resolution and then post notice of the hearing in the paper. Eligible voters of Poweshiek County would be notified they have a right to submit a petition to call for an election on the issuing of the GO debt. The signature requirement for the petition is ten percent of those who voted in the last general election. If the board is presented with a petition by the public hearing date, the board must then decide if they are going to drop the process for issuing GO debt or if they will notify the Auditor to call for a special election.

Danos stated it is probably time for the board to decide if they want to stay on path with the Sapphire Lake project or if they are not committed to any type of debt, they should state now. Rachael Kinnick asked if the board would give two more weeks to see what the State of Iowa does with the grant funding request. Danos stated the board should refer to DA Davidson for the financial picture with incurring debt. Board asked the Auditor to schedule an appointment to meet with DA Davidson next week.

Moved by Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to authorize Chairman Roudabush to execute membership application for T.I.P. Rural Electric Cooperative regarding utility connection for radio tower site location on Kent Church Road. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve Poweshiek County Payroll for \$269,120.68. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

10:57 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Jason Roudabush, Chairman