Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
April 20th, 2021

9:00 A.M. Present are Supervisors Kim Wermersen, Steve Clark, Jeff Thee, Tim Fairchild Vice-Chairperson, and Chairperson Bill Leupold.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

John M. Sandy, Newly appointed District 3A Court Judge bench, present to discuss the investiture Ceremony to be sworn in for his new position. Sandy explained to the board that because of the social distancing procedures, the courtroom would be too small to hold the ceremony in. Sandy proposed a plan to hold the ceremony outside of the courthouse with the backdrop of the courthouse being memorable. In case of bad weather, the backup plan would be to use the Nature Center Maser Monarch Reception room. Sandy will be sending out invitations to 150-200 people and will be sending RSVPs with the invitation to get a better count of how many will be attending. Moved by Thee, seconded by Wermersen, to approve holding the investiture ceremony at the courthouse on June 18th in the afternoon. Roll call vote: Thee-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Clark, to set the time and date for the public hearing on amendment to FY '21 County budget for May 18th at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Fairchild, to approve the April 13, 2021 minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to approve the Board's summer Schedule for June 8th, 22nd, and 29th, July 6th and 20th, and August 3rd and 17th and returning to a normal schedule in September. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

A Dickinson County resident present to discuss the mask mandate the county currently has in the courthouse. They believe that it is time for the mask mandate to be made optional. The board will be asking Katy Burke, Director of Public Health, to provide some insight on the mask mandate at a later date. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Thee, to approve the new policy of covid as provided by Mike Ehret, Emergency Management Coordinator. If you have received the vaccine, you will continue to work even if you are around someone who has been positive and you will monitor your own symptoms. If you have not received the vaccine, you will need to get tested and can return back to work with the allotted time from the CDC after receiving your test results. The covid pay for county employees will be taken away as well and will need to use sick or vacation time going forward. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Dan Eckert, County Engineer, present with 2 of his Secondary Roads employees to explain why they chose this motor grader. The other option was a Murphy 772GP and explained that the Cat is all around better. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to make a recommendation to approve the purchase of a Cat 140AWD Motor grader in the amount of $317,350 from Ziegler, Inc of Sioux City, Iowa. This price includes the trade of a 2002 Cat 140H Motor grader. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Thee-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Fairchild, to make a recommendation to approve DD Sub 2 of 2 repair work for Hugh Thompson in section #2 of Richland Township. The repair cost should be approximately $8500 to replace 1400 feet of tile. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to make a recommendation to approve a joint DD #3 D&E repair work for Greg Feldman in section #24 of Lloyd Township. The repair cost should be less than $1,000. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Thee, to make a recommendation to approve DD 19 repair work for Gary Weiskercher in section #25 of Excelsior Township. The repair cost should be less than $1,000. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Thee-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Leann Reinsbach, Milford City Administrator, and Kent Eilers, Milford City Public Works Supervisor, present for discussion on drainage into the Milford West Pit. Eckert explained to the board that an easement would need to be put in place for the work being done. They will be back at a later date with plans, specs, discussion, and approval at a later date.

Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Clark, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5 (j) to discuss Real Estate. All voted aye. Closed session recorded. Roll call for those present in the closed session: Wermersen, Clark, Thee, Fairchild, Leupold, Assistant County Attorney Lonnie Saunders, Eckert, and County Auditor staff Jordan Moyer. Moved by Thee, seconded by Fairchild, to go out of the closed session. Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Clark, for Saunders to draft a proposal for the selling and purchase of land and the members of the committee to present it to Milford City Officials. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

The Board gave their board and committee reports and continued into general discussion. There being no further items presented to the board, moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairperson at 10:35 a.m.

_____William Leupold, Chairperson

_____ Lori Pedersen, Auditor