

**Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
March 15, 2022**

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

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

Moved by Thee, seconded by Fairchild, to approve Resolution 2022-3 Compensation of Elected Offices. Roll call vote: Thee-aye, Fairchild-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

RESOLUTION 2022-3 Compensation of Elective Offices

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Compensation Board met on December 6, 2021, and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$75,485.00	7.0%	\$80,769.00
County Attorney	\$111,225.00	7.0%	\$119,011.00
Recorder	\$74,331.00	7.0%	\$79,534.00
Sheriff	\$95,335.00	7.0%	\$102,008.00
Supervisors	\$38,908.00	7.0%	\$41,632.00
Supervisor Chair	\$39,908.00	7.0%	\$42,632.00
Treasurer	\$74,331.00	7.0%	\$79,534.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$80,014.00	6.0%
County Attorney	\$117,898.00	6.0%
Recorder	\$78,791.00	6.0%
Sheriff	\$101,055.00	6.0%
Supervisors	\$41,242.00	6.0%
Supervisor Chair	\$42,242.00	6.0%
Treasurer	\$78,791.00	6.0%

Approved this 15th day of March, 2022, William C. Leupold Chairman Dickinson County Board of Supervisors, Lori Pedersen, Auditor.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the March 8, 2022 Board Meeting Minutes. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Thee-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to approve a Stamped Warrant to Jacobson Westergard & Assoc. in the amount of \$511.25 for services rendered in Drainage District #23. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Fairchild, to approve a Stamped Warrant to Jacobson Westergard & Assoc. in the amount of \$987.50 for services rendered in Drainage District #23. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Fairchild, to approve a Stamped Warrant Pay Application #3 to McCarty Custom, Inc. in the amount of \$43,342.36 for services rendered in Drainage District #31. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Thee, to approve a Stamped Warrant to Jacobson Westergard & Assoc. in the amount of \$3591.00 for services rendered in Drainage District #48. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Thee-aye, Wermersen, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

9:15 A.M. Time for the Public Hearing on the Proposed County Budget for Fiscal Year 2023. Chairperson Leupold opened the Public Hearing. Vice Chairperson Fairchild gave an overview of the budget and some key takeaways, including, but not limited to: urban valuations increased by \$119,191,815, rural valuations increased by \$40,384,114, the county's cost share from wind turbines will be \$374,760, and due to the diligence of the county wellness committee and courthouse staff, the county received a 5% wellness discount for FY'23 at a savings of \$70,000. Additionally, the courthouse debt will be paid off in FY'23. Due to the uncertainties in the economy, the board chose not to lower the levy this year. Chairperson Leupold asked for public comments. There being no further oral or written comments, Chairperson Leupold closed the public hearing.

Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Wermersen, to approve and adopt **RESOLUTION 2022-4, APPROVAL OF FY'23 COUNTY BUDGET. BE IT RESOLVED** by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors, that the proposed DICKINSON COUNTY BUDGET for FY'23 as published in the county's official newspaper on March 2, 2022, and Official Public Hearing being held March 15, 2022, be approved and adopted as published. The Dickinson County FY'23 Budget will hereby be certified and filed with the Iowa Department of management. Approved by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors on March 15, 2022. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Thee, to approve the contract and bond for Project #RT-C030(065)—9H-30: 2022 DCTB Tatonka Ska Trace Phase III © with Cory Juergens Construction for the North Harbor Tunnel to Hwy 86 Project. The Trails Board approved contract and bond on March 11, 2022. Cost of the project is \$838,356.20. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Zoning Administrator David Kohlhaase present to update the board regarding a Manure Management Plan and a new Construction Permit Application received by the county on March 11, 2021 from Patrick Jones, (Jones Dairy). Kohlhaase stated that the county must follow that DNR rules for this process and that we are awaiting the next steps, but that we have a 30-day window in which to complete all the steps at the county. Kohlhaase then introduced two family members of the operation Erin and Nate who work alongside their parents in this dairy operation located in rural Milford. Their herd produces high quality milk that is transported to Le Sueur Minnesota, and made into cheese. Their goal at this time is to make a lateral move with the expectation to expand from an 1150 to 1950 herd and ensure the sustainability of the operation. After further discussion it was moved by Clark, and seconded by Fairchild to set the time and date for a Public Hearing on the Manure Management Plan for April 5, 2022; 10:00 a.m., and a Public Hearing on the Construction Application Permit for April 5, 2022; at 10:15 a.m. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Fairchild-aye, Wermersen-aye, Thee-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Fairchild, seconded by Thee, to approve the Iowa Department of Natural Resources Storm Water Discharge Permit for Drainage District #50. Roll call vote: Fairchild-aye, Thee-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Supervisor Fairchild addressed the board regarding his concerns with drainage easements and the ease of accessibility for landowners when determining if they are a part of a drainage district. Fairchild had reached out to Rick Hopper of Jacobson-Westergard with his insight on the matter. Hopper stated that he could provide an exact legal description of any drainage easement associated with a parcel that had been recently engineered. . County Recorder Ann Ditsworth stated that this information could then be supplied to her office and could be overlaid with the help of GIS so that in the future the abstracting office could pick up this data and it would be attached to the property permanently. Additionally drainage maps could be scanned into the Recorder's Records as well. We will proceed with one drainage district in the near future and work out all the kinks before they are applied further.

Fairchild then brought up his concerns over the re-routed path of the drainage easements in Drainage District #50, which after the completion of the project in the Branch, will be moved into the city right-of-way. Fairchild would like to give notice to all the landowners in this area to make them aware of what the impact and cost may be to the property owners. Additionally there is a concern regarding drainage easements being guaranteed/obtained from the parcel owners affected within the project. He would like to suspend the project until this can be cleared up. Assistant County Attorney Steve Goodlow will contact Drainage Attorney Jim Hudson on this matter and will report back next week.

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 Thee, to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairperson at 10:18 a.m.

William Leupold, Chairperson

Lori Pedersen, Auditor