

July 31, 2017

Thirtieth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Merlin Bartz, Ken Abrams, and Mark Smeby present.

Unless otherwise indicated, all of the following **motions** offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote: Ayes: Bartz, Abrams and Smeby. Nays: none. Abstentions: none. Absent: none

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the July 24, 2017 board minutes and to amend the agenda to add public hearing at 9:15 A.M. for road abandonment as was published in the newspaper.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the agenda as amended.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to recess the regular session.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to open the public hearing to vacate a county road r.o.w. Public comment was heard.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to close the public hearing.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to reconvene the regular meeting.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve Resolution No. 07-31-2017:

RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD R.O.W.

Worth County
Resolution No. 07-31-2017

WHEREAS, this being the date and time set for the hearing on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of Worth County Secondary Road, described as follows:

County Road 460th Street, an East/West Road located off Apple Avenue in Silver Lake Township, Worth County, Iowa and the easement for County Road that may not have been constructed or is currently not maintained lying East of the existing 460th Street (Said Road and Easement have a combined length of approximately 1,092.5 feet). Also known as segment 0601 of 6-99-22 (Sec.-Town.-Range) and is 0.074 miles which is 390.72 feet in length, as built.

WHEREAS, Objections have been received by one of the adjoining land owners.

NOW, THEREFORE BET IT RESOLVED by the Worth County Board of Supervisors that the portion of the right of way commencing 391 feet East from the center line of Apple Avenue along Road 460th Street and continuing 701.5 feet to the East is vacated and said right of way is reconveyed to the current property owners. 460th Street is not vacated and shall remain open to the public.

Dated this 31st day of July 2017.

Merlin Bartz, Chair
Worth County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus
Worth County Auditor

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the drainage assessments: DD 2/Main for \$6,920; DD Jensen/L Main for \$42,019; DD 3/Main for \$10,523; DD 4/Main for \$9,680; DD 5/Main for \$2,991; DD6/L9 for \$3,359; DD7/L4B System for \$3,119; DD 8/Main for \$163,154; DD 10/L8 Tile for \$4,460; DD 11/L35 for \$5,008; DD 11/L67 & 67A for \$4,225; DD 11/L41 System for \$1,199; DD 18/Main for \$78,971; DD 19/L7A for \$15,614; DD 23/L2 for \$2,094; DD 23/L6 for \$4,779; DD 23/L9 for \$37,418; DD 25 for \$1,487; DD 35 for \$1,196; DD 37 for \$7,513; DD 40 for \$40,390; DD 46/L9 for \$21,318; DD 54 for 8,729; DD 63 for \$3,378; DD 327/Main for \$48,876.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Resolution #07-31-2017A

RESOLUTION # 07-31-2017A

WHEREAS Mayo Health Systems announced on June 12, 2017 the consolidation of the hospital in Albert Lea, MN, to the hospital campus in Austin, MN, over the course of approx. the next two and a half years, and

WHEREAS Winnebago and Worth Counties in Iowa have no hospital within either county, and

WHEREAS many citizens in Winnebago and Worth Counties utilize the hospital services in Albert Lea, MN, and many businesses, schools, and private citizens have insurance specific to Mayo Health Systems, and

WHEREAS time and distance to acute care facilities are critical to patient survival, and the Austin hospital is a good distance from most locations in our counties, which could result in negative patient outcomes, as well as force our citizens with Mayo specific insurance to travel greater distances for care, and additionally,

WHEREAS Albert Lea Health System employees live in our counties and have a positive effect on our economy because health care careers are high skill and high pay, and any change lessening the existing employment level at the Albert Lea campus will have a negative impact on our local economy, and

WHEREAS a hospital in both Albert Lea, MN, and Mason City, IA, are advantageous to our economic development efforts in business recruitment and retainment, as well as workforce recruitment, and

WHEREAS Worth & Winnebago Counties are rural Iowa counties focused on economic development with a priority given to business and industry including the healthcare sector, and

WHEREAS the consolidation of the Albert Lea hospital to the Austin hospital campus will complicate our continued efforts for the betterment of our counties, cities, citizens, businesses, and

WHEREAS Worth & Winnebago Counties, through their economic development office, Winn-Worth Betco, can partner with the Save Our Hospital Committee in Albert Lea, MN, to work towards a solution with Mayo Health Network to retain the hospital in Albert Lea, or to recruit another hospital provider if an agreement is unable to be reached with Mayo Health Network.....

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that this governmental body fully supports the efforts outlined above, for the reasons outlined above, and supports Winn-Worth Betco working in tandem with the Save Our Hospital Committee to pursue solutions to the announced and intended closure of the Albert Lea hospital.

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Merlin Bartz, Chairman
Worth County Board of Supervisors

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Road and Drainage Easement and Maintenance Agreement between Freeborn Wind Energy LLC and the Board of Supervisors of Worth County, Iowa and Board of Supervisors as Trustees of Drainage Districts in Worth County, Iowa.

Motion by Smeby, second Abrams, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$18,117.78 as per the following schedule:

Hudson Law Firm	DD #18	Prof Svcs	\$79.25
Hudson Law Firm	DD #21 W	Prof Svcs	\$406.75
Hudson Law Firm	DD #23	Prof Svcs	\$240.00
Abrams Drainage Service	DD #19 Lat 7A	Boring & Tile Ext	\$17,271.78
Jacobson-Westergard & Assoc	DD #63	Reclass	\$120.00

Public comment was heard regarding CAFOs. Letters and information from the public were submitted to the auditor to be considered public record.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to adjourn at 11:52 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, August 7, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor

Merlin Bartz
Chairperson