

August 7, 2017

Thirty-first 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 31, 2017 board minutes.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve final payment to Ulland Bros Inc. and closeout for the Finch Avenue paving project #FM-CO98(72)-55-98 for a total of \$672,890.59 for the project.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the final payment to Peterson Contractors and closeout for the Mallard Avenue bridge project #BROS-CO9869)—8J-98 for a total of \$281,741.23.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to split the invoice for \$8,440.50 from Abrams Drainage in half to \$4,220.25 being paid by DD 23 Lat 9C.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve the amendment to the DD 63 reclassification report as presented.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve Resolution #08.07.2017 – Resolution of Support – Invenergy for Freeborn Wind Farm:

RESOLUTION 08.07.2017

WHEREAS wind energy is a renewable energy source and an important component of our nation's energy independence portfolio;

WHEREAS wind energy now supplies over 35% of Iowa's total energy produced;

WHEREAS Iowa is one of the nation's top wind producing states, second only to Texas;

WHEREAS Worth County, Iowa, currently has 229 turbines, which contribute close to \$172,000,000.00 in assessed valuation to our counties tax base;

WHEREAS that assessed valuation is nearly 16% of Worth County's total property valuation;

AND WHEREAS the development and existence of wind farms in Worth County not only contributes to the property tax base but also provides jobs to our citizens and ancillary support business opportunities, including a major off load intermodal transportation facility at Manly, Iowa, and multiple wind industry maintenance businesses in Winnebago and Worth Counties that work with wind farms across the Midwest;

WHEREAS Freeborn Wind Energy LLC is developing a wind energy generating project that will place additional wind turbines and related infrastructure in portions of Grove and Deer Creek Townships in Worth County;

WHEREAS, the development of wind projects in Worth County provides continued economic opportunity for residents and property owners of Worth County;

WHEREAS Worth County's experience with other wind projects has been positive and fruitful;

WHEREAS Grove and Deer Creek Townships in Worth County are not zoned;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: The Worth County Supervisors support the further development of the Freeborn Wind Farm and confirm there are no county ordinances, permits or other approvals required for construction and operation of the project, and Worth County looks forward to seeing the Freeborn Wind Farm constructed and operating in the very near future.

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Merlin Bartz, Chairman
Worth County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby to approve an allocation of \$750 to employee wellness. This amount will be taken from the \$6,222.45 of profit sharing that was paid to the county by Iowa Fireworks Company LLC.

Motion by Smeby, second by Abrams, carried to approve an agreement to provide law enforcement coverage between the City of Manly, Iowa and the County of Worth, Iowa.

Motion by Smeby, second Abrams, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$2,062.10 as per the following schedule:

Goodwin Law Office	DD #23 Main	Prof Svcs	\$2,016.50
Soil & Water Conservation District	DD #11/Main A	Advertisement	\$45.60

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve payroll eligibility verification for Dustin Doty at \$32,715/year as submitted by conservation.

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

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 11:16 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, August 14, 2017 at 9:00 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor

Merlin Bartz
Chairperson