

March 18, 2019

Twelfth Day

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Mark Smeby and Ken Abrams present and A.J. Stone absent.

Smeby led the meeting in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Smeby called the Board of Supervisor's meeting to order at 9:00 A.M.

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

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the March 11, 2019 board minutes.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the March 18, 2019 board agenda.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve Resolution # 2019-03-18:

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE STUDY BILL 1045 AND SENATE FILE 184 PASSED BY THE
SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee in the Iowa Senate has passed House Study Bill 1045 (SF 184) which would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 related to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways, and;

WHEREAS, Worth County owns and maintains nonprimary highways, and is fiscally and legally responsible for the nonprimary highways within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Worth County owns and maintains 85 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and;

WHEREAS, many of the bridges owned by Worth County are aging and structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, current funding is not adequate to replace or rehabilitate these bridges at the rate their conditions are deteriorating, and;

WHEREAS, the nonprimary roads and bridges owned by Worth County serve a critical need for residents, agricultural users, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to issue annual permits to forestry industry haulers for loads up to 130,000 pounds on nonprimary highways throughout Iowa, without knowledge of or notice given to the agencies which own these highways and the structures thereon, and;

WHEREAS, bridges within Worth County have been designed for loads that were legal on Iowa roads at the time of their construction, and bridges have only been rated or posted with weight restrictions for loads that are currently legal on roads, and;

WHEREAS, each bridge within Worth County is unique based on its age, design, and current condition, and;

WHEREAS, load rating to ensure safe passage of loads greater than 80,000 pounds would be unique for each load on each individual bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the traversing of Worth County bridges by loads up to 130,000 pounds without the County being afforded the knowledge of or the ability to restrict each occurrence, would result in gradual and possibly sudden failure of bridges within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Worth County would likely bear legal and financial liability for subsequent failure of its bridges, even if such failures are caused by loads they did not permit, and;

WHEREAS, Worth County is not financially able to repair or replace bridges which would be subject to accelerated deterioration by increased loads, and;

WHEREAS, Worth County and its residents, farmers, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, would be subjected to undue operational and economic hardships by further degradation of its road system and the structures thereon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Worth County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to this legislation.

Resolved this 18th day of March, 2019.

WORTH COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Mark Smeby, Chairman
Worth County Board of Supervisors

Kenneth J. Abrams, Memeber
Worth County Board of Supervisors

A.J. Stone, Member
Worth County Board of Supervisors

Attest: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Jurisdiction Agreement for Designated Iowa Byways™ Byway Management, Off-Premise Sign Management and Signage Installation and Maintenance between the Iowa Department of Transportation and Worth County.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to proclaim March 23, 2019 NIACC Trojans Day in Worth County, Iowa.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve drainage claims in the amount of \$3,656.00 as per the following schedule:

Bolton & Menk, Inc.	DD#21 West Main	Prof Services	<u>\$3,656.00</u>
		Grand Total	\$3,656.00

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve the Confirmation of MSP Addendum and Renewal Group Binder Agreement – Iowa for Wellmark.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to approve clerk of court's monthly report.

The auditor submitted a letter regarding Wind Turbines dated November 26, 2018 and received March 11, 2019 as public record.

Motion by Abrams, second by Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:58 A.M. The next meeting of the Board of Supervisors will be Monday, March 25, 2019 at 9:00 A.M.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor

Mark Smeby
Chairperson