

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS



Ronald Fitzgerald
District 1

Kim Watson
District 2

Jack Beggs
District 3

MEETING Minutes

The Taylor County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2023.

Supervisor Fitzgerald called the meeting to order. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Supervisor roll call: Fitzgerald, Watson, Beggs, all present. Also present: Corey Leftwich, Josh Good and Justin Savage.

Watson motioned to approve the minutes from April 27th, as well as approve the agenda for the meeting. Beggs seconded. MC 3-0.

Amanda Masilko presented during public comments. She made comments on the wind and solar ordinances currently under discussion. Rob Welch advised the company he represents will be holding a public forum after planting season to discuss wind turbines.

There were no committee reports from the Board. Leftwich commented on the District IV Auditor's meeting he attended.

Savage presented a utility permit to the Board of Supervisors for approval near New Market.

Leftwich presented the contract renewal for Cost Advisory Services. Beggs motioned to approve the 3-year contract renewal at a rate of \$4,450 annually. Watson seconded. MC 3-0 renew.

The Board reviewed and approved Homestead Credit Applications.

Nick Fehring presented on the trade-in values and quotes for new mowers for the Conservation Department. Watson motioned to purchase the Z930M for \$0 after trade-in, receiving a \$50 credit for the Conservation Department. Beggs seconded. MC 3-0.

The Board discussed the Courthouse maintenance projects being considered. Beggs motioned to approve the fabrication of a support by Wes Calfee for the stairwell in the Courthouse for approximately \$1,000, and the installation by Andy Thomas for an unknown amount, both to be paid out of LOST funds for infrastructure. Watson seconded. MC 3-0.

The Board advised they will continue obtaining quotes for repair projects in the Courthouse, as well as preparing to plan for a new Board of Supervisors' room in the Courthouse which involves obtaining quotes.

Beggs motioned to go into closed session under Iowa Code 21.5(1)(k) for records protected by Iowa Code 22.7(50); as well as CJIS 5.5.2 to discuss improvements to the server room and other infrastructure improvements

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related to security with Corey Leftwich, Josh Good, and Belinda Ogle present. Watson seconded. Fitzgerald, Watson, Beggs aye. MC 3-0.

The Board returned from closed session. Watson motioned to revise the previous approval from February 9th, 2023 to purchase server room components in the amount of \$13,737.61, from LOST funds and amending it to \$12,512.76 from LOST funds. Beggs seconded. MC 3-0.

Watson motioned to approve the purchase of a backup service from IP Pathways in the amount of \$153.16 per month to backup County servers being paid by LOST infrastructure funds for the first year. Beggs seconded. MC 3-0.

Jackie Minor presented information to the Board regarding two separate accidents that occurred with the Ambulance Department, one with the newer ambulance and one with the garage door to the ambulance bay. The Board requested estimates be obtained prior to a decision being made to file a claim or pay out of pocket for repairs. No action was taken.

The Board contacted Jack Reed to discuss the Tentative Agreement for the Sheriff's Union negotiations. Watson motioned to approve the Tentative Agreement Pay Matrix as provided. Beggs seconded. MC 3-0.

Leftwich presented a proposal to update the Insurance Buyout Policy for the County. The revisions include adding additional clarification to the Policy to improve understanding. Watson motioned to approve the Insurance Buyout Policy as amended. Beggs seconded. MC 3-0.

The Board reviewed topics for discussion in future meetings. Watson motioned to adjourn the meeting. Beggs seconded. MC 3-0.

Ronald Fitzgerald, Chairman, Board of Supervisors
Corey Leftwich, Auditor