

August 21, 2018

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Hoadley, Shelley, Twombly and Wedemeyer. Homan was absent.

Also present: Mindy Schaefer

The meeting was moved to the Courtroom. All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

MINUTES: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Shelley to approve the minutes from August 15, 2018. Approved.

GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND SERIES 2018 – FINAL OFFICIAL STATEMENT: Moved by Twombly and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve and for the Chair to sign the Final Official Statement for the Series 2018 General Obligation Bond. Approved.

IPAC FEE AGREEMENT FY19: Auditor Schaefer presented the IPAC Fee Agreement for FY19. Schaefer discussed the three plans and stated the need to go with the Platinum Package for this year for the staff training. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Twombly for the Chair to sign the FY19 IPAC Fee Agreement for the Platinum Package at \$3500 + \$0.02/voter. Approved.

FY18 FINANCIAL REPORT: County Auditor Schaefer presented the FY18 Financial Report to the Board and made comparisons to the FY17 Financial Report. Schaefer informed the Board the total revenue increased by approximately 5.5%. The following resulted in the overall increase: property taxes levied decreased by approximately \$50,000 due to a decrease in the state credit funding decreasing. TIF Revenues increased by \$150,000, Federal Grants (BROS) increased by \$480,000, TIME-21 revenues increased by \$150,000, Conservation Grants saw an overall \$19,000 decrease as the Saferoom Grant was finished but a Lake Circulator Grant was received. There was an decrease in LOST Revenue of approximately \$70,000. The expenditures increased by approximately \$1.76 million. The increase was due to an approximate \$1.08 million increase in Capital Projects including roadway construction, Courthouse elevator, and Financial Software. There were increases in expenditures of Roads and Bridges of \$225,000, Long-Term Debt of \$180,000, Public Safety & Legal of \$164,000, Government Service of \$40,000, Administration of \$130,000. There were decreases in expenditures for Health & Social Services of \$14,000, Mental Health of \$11,000, and County Environmental of \$35,000. The fund balances by fund are as follows: General – 36%, General Supplemental – 32%, Rural Services – 68%, and Secondary Roads – 29%. Auditor Schaefer also distributed information on FY18 Expenditures by Activity and Department, Revenues by Source, and Budgeted vs Expenditures by Department. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Shelley to accept and publish the FY18 Financial Report. Approve.

WIND FARM DISCUSSION: Randy Caviness, Adam Jablonski, Paul Ehm, and Josh Rardin entered at 9:00 a.m. Also present were: Karen Seley, Matt Ott, Joanie Finck, Mike Lamb, Deb Bauer, Deloris Barnett, Marvin Hopf, Evelyn Hopf, Mary Long, Colleen Oxley, Clara Oxley, Jerry Oxley, Doris Crosswhite, Wayne Oxley, Phil Patterson, Kathy Foster, Roger Gripple, Tanya Lamb, Bill Lamb, Mary Lou Lamb, Carol Herrmann, Ciel Baudler, Chris Nikolaisen, Linda VanVleet, Dean Seley, Steve Lilly, Deb Lilly, Patt Maeder, Lynn Schwartz, Tim Foster, Gentry Rice, Lynne Don Carlos, Jef Sackett, Renee Schwartz, Connie Hansen, Jayne Lents, and Laura Sturdy. Randy Caviness stated he is not a spokesman for MidAmerican or Invenergy. Caviness has had an interest in wind energy and want to go over some facts. Caviness stated that eleven years ago the Farm Bureau Board was challenged to come up with a way to provide their own power. This challenge is not a new concept. It was the same challenge that citizens of Adair County were considering decades ago and some of the same concerns were expressed then that are being expressed now. This is how the local wind power project was started. The project received USDA funding and they offered their current knowledge. The project was to put up 2 turbines and eventually lower rates. There has been a 14% return over the life of the project. The Federal Government understands that there are challenges and concerns about power grid security and possibility of terrorist attacks on that grid. Caviness discussed the taxes that are paid per year at full taxation on the wind turbines and the savings to the City for the energy that is being provide by the wind turbines. This group know has put turbines in Adair and Cass counties. Caviness stated that Adair County is 12th from the bottom in population across the state and Adair County is number 1 in the State of Iowa for population loss at the last census. Caviness talked about how all the parts that are used to build a turbine and in the production of power are all around us and being used in other ways. Caviness discussed the height, high voltage, and density of the turbines and made comparisons to what is already in the county and there are not any detrimental effects from what is already available. Caviness discussed the economic boom that MidAmerican will bring and has brought to Adair County by bringing families and children to our county and school district. Caviness discussed the studies that have gone on for 40 years on 6 of the 7 continents Antarctica being the exception. These studies show there are no health effects that can be directly linked to the wind turbines. However, the anger and stress that people feel about the turbines can cause the health problems. Caviness finished by saying that he has been in business for 8 years and have not seen any detriment from the turbines. Adam Jablonski, MidAmerican addressed questions and concern that have been express over the past several weeks. Jablonski distributed a packet of information and studies including a page from the safety manual that has been requested. Jablonski stated the information provided discusses the amount of people that work around the turbines and includes a study on property values where part of the study area was in 3 counties in Iowa. The study shows wind turbines have no statically effect on property sales. Also included is a paper written by seven doctors that state that there is no health effect from turbines from the noise or vibrations. Jablonski stated that MidAmerican honors a 1500 ft setback from a home even though there are no zoning requirements in the County. Jablonski answered questions about the studies that are done by MidAmerican before a turbine is place. The study is an aggregate of all turbines within 3-mile radius of a home. There are sound and showdown studies as well as topography studies that are done. MidAmerican takes a 40-year look into the future of the placement of the shadow and flicker of each turbine based on the knowledge of the position of the sun. Joblonski confirmed that the distance is measured from the center point of the tower to the center point of the house. The blades are 177ft long. Shelley stated that he has a contract with Mid-American and declare his son, daughter-in-law and wife also have a contract. Paul Ehm questioned Twombly about his discussion with the county attorney of Ordinance 31 being changed to address setbacks. Ehm asked if there had been any discussion of a wind zoning ordinance. Shelley stated that he has been opposed to zoning. Twombly agreed. Wedemeyer stated that 10 years ago no one came in opposing the turbines until spring 2018. The Supervisors are working to find out the options so they can be discussed in an open session. Ehm stated that people just want to know what is going on. Ehm was concerned that the Adair County Free Press did not have any articles in the paper when Invenergy first came to Greenfield and

started discussing the turbines. Ehm questioned Randy Caviness about a study that was assisted by Mrs. Caviness and the State of Iowa about tax credits for wind energy and wind turbines. Josh Rardin passed out a binder with studies on the health issues and Wind Turbine Syndrome, a book written by Nina Pierpont, MD about the health issues caused by the turbines. Rardin discussed his concern about the agreement that is signed that does not allow a party to the agreement to go into a study that looks at the effects from the turbines. Rardin stated that he wants to work together to come up with a workable solution that is good for Adair County. Supervisor Shelley presented wind farm maps from Lancaster County, NE and maps of his farm and where the turbines will go looking at the impact of different setbacks.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Twombly to adjourn at 10:33 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Jodie Hoadley, Chairman

ATTEST: _____ Mindy Schaefer, Auditor