

February 26, 2019**MET IN REGULAR SESSION**

The Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 10:00 AM. All members, except Wichman present. Chairman Pro-Tem Schultz presiding.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**1. CONSENT AGENDA**

After discussion was held by the Board, a Motion was made by Grobe, and seconded by Drake, to approve

- A. February 19, 2019 , Minutes as read.
- B. Communications – Employment of Alicia Cotten, as Telecommunications Operator.
- C. Communications – Employment of Heather Cregeen, as Telecommunications Operator.

UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion carried.

2. SCHEDULED SESSIONS

After discussion was held by the Board, a Motion was made by Belt, and seconded by Drake, to approve health insurance renewal for FY2019/20, as follows: 5.66% increase with no plan changes. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion carried.

After discussion was held by the Board, a Motion was made by Drake, and seconded by Belt, to approve Job Description for Division of Public Health - Clerk II position. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion carried.

After discussion was held by the Board, a Motion was made by Drake, and seconded by Grobe, to approve Amendment to 2018/19 budget, and to approve date for public hearing on said Amendment for March 12, 2019, at 6:00 PM. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion carried.

After discussion was held by the Board, a Motion was made by Belt, and seconded by Drake, to approve the publishing of public hearings for FY 2019/20 budget, and Amendment to 2018/19 budget. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion carried.

3. OTHER BUSINESS

Motion by Belt, second by Drake, to approve and authorize Board to sign **Resolution No. 14-2019**, a Resolution Petitioning the Governor and Legislature of Iowa to Revise Iowa Code Section 53.17(2) Pertaining to Absentee Ballots. Said Resolution is set out as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 14 – 2019

A RESOLUTION PETITIONING THE GOVERNOR AND LEGISLATURE OF IOWA TO REVISE IOWA CODE §53.17(2) PERTAINING TO ABSENTEE BALLOTS

WHEREAS, County commissioners of elections receive absentee ballots after polls close on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, to be counted, said absentee ballots must be "clearly postmarked by an officially authorized postal service or bear an intelligent mail barcode traceable to a date of entry into the federal mail system not later than the day before the election and received by the commissioner not later than noon on the Monday following the election" (Iowa Code §53.17(2); and

WHEREAS, the federal mail system is outside jurisdiction of Iowa law and cannot guarantee either prescribed method of authentication as basis for qualifying such absentee ballots for counting (acknowledged in Iowa Administrative Code 721- 21.303(53); and

WHEREAS, absent prescribed evidence of registration in the federal mail system, said absentee ballots are disqualified from lawful counting; and

WHEREAS, disqualified and uncounted absentee ballots in close races cast doubt among voters as to legitimacy of election results; and

WHEREAS, such disqualified and uncounted absentee ballots have been cause to contest election results in district court and the Iowa House of Representatives.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors, the following:

The Pottawattamie County Board of Supervisors does hereby petition the Governor and Legislature of Iowa to simplify the standard for counting absentee ballots by revising Iowa Code §53.17(2) as follows:

In order for the ballot to be counted, the return envelope must be received in the Commissioner's Office before the polls close on election day, or be clearly postmarked by an officially authorized postal service, or bear an intelligent mail barcode traceable to a date of entry into the federal mail system not later than the day before the election and received by the Commissioner not later than noon on the Monday following the election.

Dated this 26th day of February, 2019.

ROLL CALL VOTE

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
_____ Tim Wichman, Chairman	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
_____ Scott A. Belt	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
_____ Justin Schultz	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
_____ Marilyn Jo Drake	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
_____ Lynn Grobe	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

ATTEST: _____
Melvyn Houser, County Auditor

After discussing this Resolution further, the motion was withdrawn and no action was taken at this time.

Motion by Drake, second by Grobe, to set aside Agenda to discuss recent snow event and capital improvement projects. UNANIMOUS VOTE. Motion carried.

Discussion was held on the recent snow event, and capital improvement projects. No action was taken.

4. RECEIVED/FILED

A. Salary Actions:

- 1) Communications – Payroll Status Change of Veronica Ross, Merissa Cox, Kaylena Fietz.
- 2) SW Iowa Juvenile Detention Center – Employment of Tina Elliff as Youth Corrections Worker.

B. Out of State Travel Notifications

- 1) Communications.

5. ADJOURN

Motion by Belt, second by Grobe, to adjourn meeting. UNANIMOUS VOTE

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSTAIN:

Motion Carried / Motion Denied

THE BOARD ADJOURNED SUBJECT TO CALL AT 11:30 AM.

Justin Schultz, Chairman Pro-Tem

ATTEST:

Melvyn Houser, County Auditor

APPROVED: March 5, 2019

PUBLISH: X