

# Calmar Legals

## BOARD PROCEEDINGS Winneshiek County

### Board Minutes Monday August 15, 2022

The Board of Supervisors met at 9:30am August 15, 2022 with Vick, Beard, Langreck, Vermace, and Rustad present.

Andy Van Der Maaten, County Attorney, met with the Board to discuss county issues.

Lee Bjerke, County Engineer, met with the Board to discuss road matters. He also distributed the bids for the purchase of motor graders. He would like his staff to review the bids in more detail before taking action on them.

The Board continued discussion on the options for bonding for road maintenance and improvements. They are favoring "option 3" from the memo distributed by Van Der Maaten. This option would involve establishing an Urban Revitalization Area that includes the potential road projects. Then the Board would propose issuing bonds for those improvements, and the public would have the opportunity to comment at a public hearing or petition for a referendum on the bond issue. The Board will also check into getting a financial advisor to put together an analysis of the borrowed funds and repayment options, to get a better picture of the required property tax levy for this project.

The Board discussed the Farmers Win Coop rezoning question. Rustad reviewed comments he had received from the Turkey Valley School officials and the Fort Atkinson Fire Department. Vermace referenced the petition by local residents to vote against the rezoning. The Board held additional discussion on the issue. Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to hold the first reading of the proposed rezoning ordinance. Motion carried with Vick, Langreck, and Rustad voting aye; and Beard and Vermace voting nay. The reading was held. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Vick to set the second reading for August 22 at 10:25am. Motion carried with Vick, Langreck, and Rustad voting aye; and Beard and Vermace voting nay.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Beard to sign the Audit acknowledgment letter with Hacker Nelson & Co for the FY22 Annual Financial Audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Beard and seconded by Vermace to adopt resolution 23-09, setting the public hearing on the vacation of a portion of

Nordness Road, for September 6, 2022 at 9:30 am. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Notice of hearing will be published as required and sent to adjoining property owners.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Rustad to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Bethany Jordan, Martin Gardner Architecture, met with the Board to review several change order items related to the Courthouse Tower restoration project. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Rustad to approve all of the presented change order items. Motion carried unanimously. Moved by Beard and seconded by Rustad to approve the change order for the refinishing of the eagles, that was removed from the prior change order until more details were presented. Motion carried unanimously. Jordan also reviewed the continued issue with leaks related to an area that was included in the roofing project in 2018. She recommends an expert analysis to determine which areas specifically are leaking, for evidence to present to the roofing company when making a warranty claim. Moved by Vermace and seconded by Beard to approve the contract with Larry Steinbronn for specifically phase 2, which is the infrared imaging needed to determine the water penetration areas, at a cost of \$2575. Motion carried unanimously.

Vick gave an update on a couple of potential sites for the 911 Tower project. Moved by Rustad and seconded by Beard to authorize Vick and Langreck to negotiate on the Board's behalf with the landowners. Motion carried unanimously. Final purchase agreements will still be approved by the full Board if negotiations are successful.

The Board and Bjerke took a tour of potential road projects to be included in the bonding program.

Moved by Vick and seconded by Vermace to adjourn to 9:30am Monday, August 22, 2022. Motion carried unanimously.

*ATTEST*  
*Benjamin D Steines*  
*County Auditor*  
*Daniel Langreck, Chair*  
*Board of Supervisors*

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