

DEWITT COUNTY BOARD MEETING
March 23, 2023
6PM
DEWITT COUNTY BUILDING

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Chairman Matthews.

Roll call was answered by: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Tilley was absent.

Sharon Mills from the DeWitt County Mental Health Board informed the committee that their Board was sponsoring a Community Presentation and Resource Fair at the library on April 4, 2023 from 4- 6 p.m. Invited all members.

Grace Clark, DeWitt County Farm Bureau Manager, gave a brief overview of the economic impact of agriculture in DeWitt County. It is National Agriculture Month and asked for the county's support with a resolution. Motion by Ferguson, 2nd by Farris to approve the Resolution Acknowledging the Importance of Agriculture to DeWitt County. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Werts, 2nd by Myers to approve the February 23, 2023 County Board meeting minutes. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Matthews 2nd by Ferguson to appoint Ronald Craig commission of Prairie Center Drainage District with term to expire the first Tuesday of September 2025. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Carter gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Land Use meeting. Will finalize the revisions to the Wind and Solar ordinances in April and bring to the board in May. Minutes from the Land Use meeting are filed with these minutes. Ryan spoke to the committee about the hearing procedures that Piatt County did where the state's attorney compiled the findings of fact after all testimony was given.

Carter gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Public Safety meeting. Minutes from the Public Safety meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Carter, 2nd by Deerwester to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with the City of Clinton for EMA services with the City paying \$15,000. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Sheriff Walker presented the request for new tasers. The savings come from bundling the tasers with rechargeable batteries and cartridges. The purchase can be spread over 5 years with the first year payment being \$12,139.40. Sheriff Walker indicated that Axon Enterprises is a sole source provider of tasers. Motion by Carter, 2nd by Ryan to enter into a five year agreement with Axon Enterprises for 15 new tasers for \$12,139.40 for the first year using funds from the contingency budget. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Ferguson stated that the property committee did not meet this month. Should have more information concerning the roof bid next month.

Prestegaard gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Road and Bridge meeting. Minutes from the Road & Bridge meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Prestegaard 2nd by Riddle to approve BLR 09110 Resolution for Improvements, Highway Safety Improvement Project. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Prestegaard 2nd by Deerwester to approve BLR 09110 Resolution for Improvements, Section 16-02112-00-BR. Prestegaard indicated that this was the Washington Road bridge project. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Prestegaard, 2nd by Riddle to approve the Concurrence of Award, Section 20-00044-04-RS, Revere Rd. Prestegaard stated that this Revere Rd project is funded with federal dollars with the State letting and awarding the project which requires concurrence from the County. Low bid came in at \$2,168,095.50. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Matthews gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Marina meeting. Minutes from the Marina meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Matthews, 2nd by Carter to approve the quote from JLS for repairs to docks 1 and 2 in the amount of \$24,000.00. Witte asked Matthews if this was correct with docks 1 and 2 because last month's minutes indicated that the floats were for docks 2 and 5 in the amount of \$24,500. Matthews stated that he didn't have the quote with him but that the floats were needed on 1 and 2 and that the price for a specific number of floats and hardware. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Matthews, 2nd by Prestegaard to approve up to \$20,000.00 for A2 treatment of the parking lot. Ferguson explained that this work would be where the islands were removed. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Matthews, 2nd by Farris to hire a certified appraiser to conduct an appraisal of the marina property comprising of parcel 08-35-400-009 (28 acres) and parcel 08-35-400-008 (62.55 acres), all structures, and all chattel thereon at a cost not to exceed \$20,000.00. Matthews stated that the committee was leaning towards selling the marina and that he contacted two appraisers and could get both appraisals for the \$20,000.00. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Ferguson gave the Board a brief description of what was discussed at the current month's Finance meeting. Minutes from the Finance meeting are filed with these minutes.

Motion by Ferguson, 2nd by Myers to pay all bills. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, 2nd by Carter to approve the purchase of furniture for the County Clerk's office in the amount of \$18,950.00 from CDS. Aye: Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Matthews abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by Ferguson, 2nd by Deerwester to approve the Treasurer's Annual Report. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Riddle, Ryan, Werts, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Motion carried.

Motion by Matthews, 2nd by Ferguson to pursue the sale marina property comprising parcel 08-35-400-009 (28 acres) and parcel 08-35-400-008 (62.55 acres), all structures and all chattel thereon. Discussion among members. Matthews indicated that someone was at the marina yesterday looking at the facility. Matthews said that everyone that he has talked to says not to do a lease. Werts asked if the marina committee had looked at hiring a manager and then leasing out the mechanic area, restaurant and gas dock with the county keeping all of the revenue. Ferguson stated that the biggest item would be hiring the staff for the summer. Matthews has a meeting next week with Constellation concerning how they feel about the county selling the marina. Matthews said it's not good business for the county to own the marina. This motion allows the committee to move forward with gathering information for a sale. Discussed possibly having to extend the current lease with amendments for another year. Farris stated that the county is not in the business of running a business similar to when the county owned a nursing home. Werts wants to make sure that all possibilities are looked at. Riddle asked if the committee was going to continue to pursue other options. Riddle feels the motion indicates that no other options are going to be looked at. Aye: Matthews, Myers, Prestegaard, Ryan, Witte, Carter, Deerwester, Farris and Ferguson. Nay: Riddle and Werts. Motion carried.

Witte spoke about the roof replacement project that was discussed last month utilizing budgeted money. The Chastain report indicates between 6 -700,000 of additional building repairs. Currently have a little over \$1,000,000 of ARPA funds not yet allocated. He feels the finance committee needs to start discussions to officially allocate the remaining funds by reaching out to department heads and board members. The property committee is waiting to see what the roof project bids comes in at and then will be making plans for the remaining building repairs. Discussed using funds to update the county website.

Motion by Carter, 2nd by Myers to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. with all in favor.