

April 13, 2020

Hildebrandt and Neil met as part of the Bremer-Waverly Law Board in the Law Center at 9:00 a.m. Minutes taken by Dan Pickett, Sheriff.

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors met in session by a blend of in person in the board room in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, and by virtual “Go To Meeting” on Monday, April 13, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. Neil, Kammeyer and Hildebrandt participated. Cassandra Johansen, Finance Director, present in person for the duration of the meeting. Given the directives on March 20, 2020 by Governor of the State of Iowa, Kim Reynolds, to protect the public from the possible spread of COVID-19 this meeting was made available to the public by telephone conference number. Unless otherwise noted all actions were approved unanimously. Resolutions and Ordinances herein are summary descriptions, full text is available for viewing M – F 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM in the Bremer County Auditor’s office and on online at:
http://www.co.bremer.ia.us/government/resolutions_and_ordinances.php#

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Neil. Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to approve the agenda.

Minutes of the 4/6/20 & 4/7/20 meetings were read and approved.

Board met with Landon Moore, County Engineer, by phone for a weekly Secondary Roads department update. Cody Meister, 2087 150th St., Waverly, joined by phone to appeal the denial of an application to widen an existing driveway. Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to grant the driveway variance with the expectation that the property owner is responsible for all changes made to the driveway as long as they are in accordance with county specifications and the property owner is also responsible for ongoing expenses.

COVID-19 and Bremer County Government discussions/action:

Board considered the option to offer no cost share to health insurance plan members for treatment related to COVID-19 as Wellmark has done for fully insured plans.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to Opt-in on implementation of a new benefit under the county’s self-funded health plan, to waive members’ cost-share when seeking care from an in-network provider between 2/4/2020 and 6/16/2020 for appropriate treatment related to COVID-19.

Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to opt-in and amend the Nationwide 457 Plan document to take advantage of COVID-19 CARES Act relief provisions.

Discussion was held on purchasing germ shields and other protective equipment for when county buildings re-open to the public.

Board met with Randy McKenzie, B & Z Admin. Kammeyer moved/Hildebrandt second to set the date and time to be 5/18/2020 at 10:00 a.m. for a Public Hearing on the request to vacate Parcel C in the SW1/4 SW1/4 of Section 33, T92N, R12W, of the 5th P.M., Bremer County, IA, owned by Thomas B. & Jaci R. Hogan.

COVID-19 and Bremer County Government discussions/action:
Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to amend the Advantage Administrators Cafeteria Plan to implement the over-the-counter medications provisions of the CARES Act of 2020.

Presenting COVID-19 policies adopted by the Board of Supervisors on April 7, 2020, to Boards and Commissions with autonomy over their areas of Bremer County Government, was discussed. Chairman Neil will consult with ISAC and each of the Boards/Commissions.

Board/Committee updates: Hildebrandt participated in a statewide transportation ICEA Service Bureau meeting.

Grouping County employees by level of criticalness, how to administer the open enrollment process and volume of workloads were discussed.

Hildebrandt moved/Kammeyer second to adjourn at 11:01 a.m.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular session of the April 13, 2020 meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

Tim Neil, Chairman

Attest: _____
Shelley Wolf, Auditor