

March 3, 2025

The Board of Supervisors met as Drainage District Trustees. To view the minutes from the drainage meeting, see the Drainage District minutes on the County website.

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:07 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of February 24, 2025 were read and approved with one clarifying entry to the conservation habitat stamps.

Approved claims for payment.

In open forum for public input, Rod Heiden and Tony Olson with Wright County Search and Rescue presented old and deteriorating equipment. Heiden explained that he will be retiring the position and Tony will be taking over, he continued to say that he wants to leave knowing the team has good equipment. He continued to say that they are completing a grant with Wright County Charitable Foundation and are requesting the Board matches the funds from the grant. Supervisor Ellis explained that the Search and Rescue does have a budgeted line to use for equipment.

Also, in open forum for public input, Dan Odland expressed concern for the excessive gravel being pushed into the ditches and silt around the culverts not allowing water to drain through them. Wright County Engineer, Adam Clemons stated that he is reviewing the concerns.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to approve a \$1,500 payment to the Belmond Area Arts Center for dust control for the Power Show. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve the appointment of Cory Anderson as Woolstock Township Trustee to fill the current term. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution 2025-10, a resolution adjusting the recommendation of the Wright County Compensation Board from a three percent increase to a two percent increase. By roll call vote: ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis; nays – none. Resolution 2025-10 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-10

WHEREAS, the Wright County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Wright County Compensation Board met on January 9, 2025 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$ 87,704.83	3%	\$ 90,335.97
County Attorney	\$ 117,828.04	3%	\$ 121,362.88
Recorder	\$ 87,704.83	3%	\$ 90,335.97
Sheriff	\$ 131,197.24	3%	\$ 135,133.16
Supervisors	\$ 45,065.83	0%	\$ 45,065.83
Treasurer	\$ 87,704.83	3%	\$ 90,335.97

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Wright County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$ 89,458.93	2%
County Attorney	\$ 120,184.60	2%
Recorder	\$ 89,458.93	2%
Sheriff	\$ 133,821.19	2%
Supervisors	\$ 45,065.83	0%
Treasurer	\$ 89,458.93	2%

Approved this 3rd day of March 2025.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Kluss to set the date for the proposed property tax levy hearing for April 7, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. Motion carries.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented Resolution 2025-11, Establishment of Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-11. By roll call vote: ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis; nays – none. Resolution 2025-11 duly passes and reads as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-11

ESTABLISHMENT OF INTEGRATED ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

WHEREAS, Wright County has developed an Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) Plan, and

WHEREAS, IRVM incorporates the management of vegetation in road and trail right of way properties to improve safety, wildlife habitat, and water quality, and

WHEREAS, the IRVM Plan was written following an assessment of current activities and input from Wright County Secondary Road Dept. and Wright County Conservation, and

WHEREAS, if approved by the Wright County Board of Supervisors, the plan will be submitted to the Iowa Department of Transportation for approval; and

WHEREAS, once approved by IDOT, the County will begin implementing the Plan and be eligible for state grants and funding opportunities to assist with purchases such as seed and equipment.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Wright County, Iowa approves the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan and authorizes the Wright County Secondary Roads Department to submit the plan to the Iowa Department of Transportation on behalf of Wright County.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of March 2025.

Clemons then presented a resolution for a setting a public hearing for vacating a road in Iowa Township lying between sections 1 and 2. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to approve Resolution 2025-12 a resolution for Road Vacation Public Hearing. By roll call vote: ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis; nays – none. Resolution 2025-12 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution No. 2025-12

RESOLUTION FOR ROAD VACATION PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, A request has been filed with the Wright County Engineer asking that action be taken to vacate and close a section of Wright County Secondary Road, described as follows:

That Portion of Youngblood Avenue, originally established on April 14th, 1883 (See Road Record Book 1, Page 90), lying between Sections 1 and 2, T-92N, R-23W of Wright County, Iowa. The intention of this road closure is to vacate the entire portion of the road commencing at the North Right of Way line of 170th Street, thence running in a Northerly direction approximately 5,663’ to the South Right-of-Way line of 160th Street.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a hearing on the proposed vacation will be held in the Board Room, Wright County Courthouse, Clarion Iowa, 50525, at 9:30 on Monday, March 17, 2025, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 306.

Clemons then gave a brief update on Secondary Roads department.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to open the 9:30 a.m. hearing on on the Wright County Budget Amendment for fiscal year 2024-2025. Motion carries.

No written or verbal objections were submitted.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to close the public hearing. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-09. A resolution approving 2024-2025 Budget Amendment #1. By roll call vote: ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux and Ellis; nays – none. Resolution 2025-09 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025-09

2024-2025 Budget Amendment #1

WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors met on March 3, 2025 for the purpose of amending the county budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025; and

WHEREAS, no written objections were filed

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amendment of the county budget for Fiscal Year 2024-2025 shall be adopted and published.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriations for Fiscal Year 2024-2025, which were adopted on June 17, 2024 and amended on March 3, 2025 shall now be appropriated as follows:

EXPENSES	FROM	TO	DIFFERENCE
Auditor	524,364	506,391	-17,973
Treasurer	570,607	546,507	-24,100
Sanitarian	84,847	159,650	74,803
Engineer	7,999,033	7,602,763	-396,270
Conservation	1,515,865	1,310,461	-205,404
Public Health	847,652	778,350	-69,302
General Services	604,240	648,268	44,028
Data Processing	380,770	385,770	5,000
Communications	806,131	861,831	55,700
TOTAL EXPENSES			-533,518

By Fund Expenses

General Basic	85,249
Public Health Basic	-66,700
Opioid Litigation	2,000
General Supplemental	-21,941
Public Health Supplemental	-4,602
Secondary Roads	-396,270
Conservation Reserve	-186,954
Communications	55,700

Revenues were increased by \$377,370.

Passed and approved this 3rd day of March, 2025.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman Wright County Board of Supervisors

Deb Nesheim, Wright County Deputy Auditor