

The Board of Supervisors of Calhoun County met with the following members present: Cooper, Legore and Jacobs.

Agenda additions: None.

It was moved by Jacobs and seconded by Legore to approve the agenda as is with no additions. Ayes all. Motion carried.

The minutes of the last meeting were read. It was moved by Legore and seconded by Jacobs to approve the minutes. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Tine Math Farrington, County Attorney, was present for the entire meeting.

Public comments: The Board reviewed a property tax complaint from Kenneth Hinners, Pomeroy.

Zac Andersen, Engineer, presented Secondary Roads updates. Mike Moeller, Assistant to Engineer, Safety Officer/Zoning and Flood Plain Administrator was also present.

Motion was made by Legore and seconded by Jacobs to review and approve Resolution 2019-14 to oppose Senate File 184.

RESOLUTION 2019-14

A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE STUDY BILL 1045 AND SENATE FILE 184
PASSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee in the Iowa Senate has passed House Study Bill 1045 (SF 184) which would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 related to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways, and;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County owns and maintains nonprimary highways, and is fiscally and legally responsible for the nonprimary highways within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County owns and maintains 182 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and;

WHEREAS, many of the bridges owned by Calhoun County are aging and structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, current funding is not adequate to replace or rehabilitate these bridges at the rate their conditions are deteriorating, and;

WHEREAS, the nonprimary roads and bridges owned by Calhoun County serve a critical need for residents, agricultural users, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to issue annual permits to forestry industry haulers for loads up to 130,000 pounds on nonprimary highways throughout Iowa, without knowledge of or notice given to the agencies which own these highways and the structures thereon, and;

WHEREAS, bridges within Calhoun County have been designed for loads that were legal on Iowa roads at the time of their construction, and bridges have only been rated or posted with weight restrictions for loads that are currently legal on roads, and;

WHEREAS, each bridge within Calhoun County is unique based on its age, design, and current condition, and;

WHEREAS, load rating to ensure safe passage of loads greater than 80,000 pounds would be unique for each load on each individual bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the traversing of Calhoun County bridges by loads up to 130,000 pounds without the County being afforded the knowledge of or the ability to restrict each occurrence, would result in gradual and possibly sudden failure of bridges within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County would likely bear legal and financial liability for subsequent failure of its bridges, even if such failures are caused by loads they did not permit, and;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County is not financially able to repair or replace bridges which would be subject to accelerated deterioration by increased loads, and;

WHEREAS, Calhoun County and its residents, farmers, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, would be subjected to undue operational and economic hardships by further degradation of its road system and the structures thereon;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Calhoun County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to the legislation.

Resolved this 19th day of March, 2019.

Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Legore to review and approve the 2019 Calhoun County Dust Control Policy. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:27 AM, motion was made by Legore and seconded by Jacobs to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(j) for real estate discussions. Ayes: Cooper, Legore, Jacobs. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 9:43 AM, motion was made by Legore and seconded by Jacobs to exit closed session. Ayes: Cooper, Legore, Jacobs. Nays: none. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Legore and seconded by Jacobs to authorize Zac Andersen, County Engineer, to make offer on real estate contract. Ayes all. Motion carried.

At 9:45 AM, motion was made by Jacobs and seconded by Legore to enter closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(c) to discuss hiring an attorney on legal issues. Ayes: Cooper, Legore, Jacobs. Nays: none. Motion carried.

At 10:06 AM, motion was made by Legore and seconded by Jacobs to exit closed session. Ayes: Cooper, Legore, Jacobs. Nays: none. Motion carried.

David Jorgenson, Engie Business Development Manager for Iowa, presented an overview of energy services for public entities. Also present: Dewey Snyder, Director of Facilities.

Motion was made by Legore and seconded by Jacobs to approve Drainage claims as presented which are available for review in the Auditor's office upon request. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion was made Legore and seconded by Jacobs to approve Transfer Resolution 2019-13.

TRANSFER RESOLUTION 2019-13

NOW THEREFORE, Be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Calhoun County, Iowa, that on this 19th day of March 2019 that transfer #600 in the amount of \$113,541.41 be transferred from Capital Project-Ambulance Fund to the Rural Services Basic Fund, a budgetary procedure. Ayes all. Motion carried.

It was moved by Legore second by Jacobs to adjourn until Tuesday, March 26th at 9:00 A.M. for the next scheduled meeting. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Mike Cooper, Chairman

Scott Jacobs, Member

Carl Legore, Vice-Chairman

Kristi Johnson, Deputy Auditor