

**JANUARY 30, 2024, FIFTH MEETING OF THE WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

The Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at 3:15 p.m. Board members present were Nelson, Ung (by phone), Bittinger II, Radig, and Taylor. Staff members present were Dennis Butler, Budget & Finance Director, Karen James, Board Administrative Assistant, Melissa Thomas, Human Resources Director, Joshua Widman, Assistant County Attorney, and Michelle Skaff, Deputy Auditor/Clerk to the Board.

1. Motion by Bittinger second by Radig to go into closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Carried 4-0 on roll-call vote.

Taylor entered the meeting at 3:20pm.

Motion by Bittinger second by Nelson to go out of closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Carried 5-0 on roll-call vote.

- 2a1. Motion by Taylor second by Radig to receive the Board of Supervisors Starcom Program budget as submitted. Carried 5-0.
- 2a2. Motion by Taylor second by Nelson to receive the Board of Supervisors Youth Guidance Services budget as submitted. Carried 5-0.

The regular meeting was called to order with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and a Moment of Silence.

4. Motion by Bittinger second by Nelson to approve the agenda for January 30, 2024. Carried 5-0. Copy filed.

Motion by Taylor second by Radig to approve the following items by consent:

5. To approve minutes of the January 23, 2024 meeting. Copy filed.
6. To approve the claims totaling \$294,882.14. Copy filed.
- 7a. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution approving abatement of taxes for Dreamhomes LLC, vin #19A19399, 1991 Bonnavilla.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA  
RESOLUTION #13,694  
RESOLUTION APPROVING ABATEMENT OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS,** Dreamhomes LLC is the titleholder of a mobile home

VIN# 19A19399 located in Woodbury County, Iowa and legally described as follows:

VIN# 19A19399 Year/Model 1991 Bonnavilla

**WHEREAS,** the above-stated mobile home has taxes payable including special assessments and the mobile home is owned by Dreamhomes LLC

**WHEREAS,** these taxes are uncollectable or impractical to pursue collection through personal judgment or tax sale.

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors sees that good cause exists for the abatement of these taxes and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors hereby abates the taxes owing on the above mobile home according to Code of Iowa, 445.16 for the taxes owed and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to abate these aforementioned taxes from the tax records.

**SO RESOLVED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

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Copy filed.

- 7b. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution approving abatement of taxes for Dreamhomes LLC, vin #9311, 1979 Kit Mobile Home.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA  
RESOLUTION #13,695  
RESOLUTION APPROVING ABATEMENT OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS,** Dreamhomes LLC is the titleholder of a mobile home

VIN# 9311 located in Woodbury County, Iowa and legally described as follows:

**VIN#** 9311 **Year/Model** 1979 Kit Mobile Home

**WHEREAS,** the above-stated mobile home has taxes payable including special assessments and the mobile home is owned by Dreamhomes LLC

**WHEREAS,** these taxes are uncollectable or impractical to pursue collection through personal judgment or tax sale.

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors sees that good cause exists for the abatement of these taxes and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors hereby abates the taxes owing on the above mobile home according to Code of Iowa, 445.16 for the taxes owed and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to abate these aforementioned taxes from the tax records.

**SO RESOLVED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

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Copy filed.

- 7c. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution approving abatement of taxes for Donald Moore, vin #0567034052, 1976 Champion.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA  
RESOLUTION #13,696  
RESOLUTION APPROVING ABATEMENT OF TAXES**

**WHEREAS,** Donald Moore is the titleholder of a mobile home

VIN# 0567034052 located in Woodbury County, Iowa and legally described as follows:

**VIN#** 0567034052 **Year/Model** 1976 Champion

**WHEREAS,** the above-stated mobile home has taxes payable including special assessments and the mobile home is owned by Donald Moore

**WHEREAS,** these taxes are uncollectable or impractical to pursue collection through personal judgment or tax sale.

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Supervisors sees that good cause exists for the abatement of these taxes and;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors hereby abates the taxes owing on the above mobile home according to Code of Iowa, 445.16 for the taxes owed and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to abate these aforementioned taxes from the tax records.

**SO RESOLVED** this 30<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024.

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Copy filed.

- 8a. To approve the appointment of Stepen Warren to Commission to Assess Damages, Category B – Owners of City Property. Copy filed.
- 8b. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution approving for suspension of taxes through the redemption process for Darin Miller, 403 Herbold Blvd., parcel #894301379006 and #894301379005.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA  
RESOLUTION #13,697  
RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITION FOR SUSPENSION  
OF TAXES THROUGH THE REDEMPTION PROCESS**

**WHEREAS**, Darin J. Miller is a titleholder of property located at 403 Herbold Blvd. Pierson, Iowa, Woodbury County, Iowa, and legally described as follows:

**Parcel #894301379006 and 894301379005**

**HERBOLDS FIRST ADDITION LOTS 27-28-29-30-31-32-33-34 BLOCK 3 AND LOTS 35-36-37-38-39-40 BLOCK 3**

**WHEREAS**, Darin J. Miller, is a titleholder of the aforementioned property has petitioned the Board of Supervisors for a suspension of taxes pursuant to the 2017 Iowa Code Section 447.9(3) and,

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors recognizes from documents provided that the petitioner is unable to provide to the public revenue; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors hereby directs the County Auditor to redeem this property Parcel #**894301379006 and 894301379005** owned by the petitioner from the holder of a certificate of purchase of the amount necessary to redeem under section 447.9, and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to so record the approval of this tax suspension for this parcel.

**SO RESOLVED** this 30th day of January 2024.  
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Copy filed.

- 8c. To lift tax suspension for Carolyn Merchant, parcel #894723327013, 3319 6<sup>th</sup> St. Copy filed.
- 9. To receive for signatures the Farmers Drainage Trustee for Sub-District #2, the Garretson Drainage District Trustee for Sub-District #2, and the Garretson Drainage District Trustee for Sub-District #1 – To fill vacancy official Canvass.

For the office of Farmers Drainage District Trustee for Sub-District #2 there were forty thousand, four hundred and thirty-six (40,436) ballots cast as follows:

Todd Rand	Received forty thousand, four hundred and thirty-six (40,436) votes
Scattered write-ins	Received zero (0) votes

We therefore declare Todd Rand duly elected to the office of Farmers Drainage District Trustee for Sub-District #2 for a term of three years (2024, 2024, 2026).

For the office of Garretson Drainage District Trustee for Sub-Division #2 there were thirty-two thousand, eight hundred and forty-one (32,841) ballots cast as follows:

Jon Winkel	Received thirty-two thousand, eight hundred and forty-one (32,841) votes
Scattered write-ins	Received zero (0) votes

We therefore declare Jon Winkel duly elected to the office of Garretson Drainage District Trustee for Sub-District #2 for a term of three years (2024, 2025, 2026).

For the office of Garretson Drainage District Trustee for Sub-District #1 – To fill vacancy there were thirty-two thousand, eight hundred and forty-one (32,841) ballots cast as follows:

Shane Williams	Received thirty-two thousand, eight hundred and forty-one (32,841) votes
Scattered write-ins	Received zero (0) votes

We therefore declare Shane Williams duly elected to the office of Garretson Drainage District Trustee for Sub-District #1 for a term of one year (2024).

Copy filed.

- 10. To approve the appointment of Melissa Evans, Clerk II, County Treasurer Dept., effective 2-05-24, \$18.68/hour. Job Vacancy Posted 12-13-23. Entry Level Salary: \$18.68/hour.; and the appointment of Brenda Jensen, Custodian, Building Services Dept., effective 02-05-24, \$16.79/hour. Job Vacancy Posted 1-10-24. Entry Level Salary: \$16.79/hour. Copy filed.

Carried 5-0.

- 11. Motion by Taylor second by Radig to receive for signatures a Resolution of proclamation for National Human Trafficking Prevention Month. Carried 5-0.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA**  
**RESOLUTION #13,698**  
**PROCLAMATION FOR NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING PREVENTION MONTH**

**Whereas, the United States was founded upon the principle that all people are created with the inalienable right to freedom, and added the 13<sup>th</sup> amendment to the Constitution making slavery illegal;**

**Whereas, slavery within the United States today is most often found in the form of forced labor and sex trafficking, which weakens our social fabric, increases violence and organized crime, and debases our humanity;**

**Whereas, this problem is found even within our community;**

**Whereas, every business, community organization, faith community, family and individual can make a difference by choosing products that are not made by forced labor; by working to protect our young people from sexual exploitation; by addressing the problems of internet sex trafficking and pornography; and by becoming more aware of the problem and possible solutions;**

**NOW, THEREFORE, Woodbury County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of January, 2024 as**

***National Human Trafficking Prevention Month***

**and encourage our citizens to become more familiar with the problem and to work toward solutions.**

**SO RESOLVED** this 30th day of January 2024.  
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Copy filed.

- 12. Motion by Radig second by Nelson to receive handout from Ms. Logan. Carried 5-0. Copy filed.

Motion by Taylor second by Radig to approve additional funding of \$75,000.00 for FY 2024 for General Assistance. Carried 5-0. Copy filed.

13. Reports on committee meetings were heard.
14. Mark Nahra advised that the bid award for project #FM-CO97(149)—55-97 from 1-23-24 was to Croell, Inc. for \$2,472,020.82. Copy filed.
15. Board concerns were heard.
- 2b1. Motion by Radig to reduce the Emergency Services budget by 5,595.00.  
  
Motion was amended by Radig and seconded by Taylor to receive the Emergency Services budget with a reduction of \$6,395.00. Carried 5-0.
- 2b2. Motion by Nelson second by Taylor to receive the Emergency Services Paramedics budget as submitted. Carried 5-0.
- 2b3. Motion by Radig second by Bittinger to receive the Emergency Services Animal Control budget as submitted. Carried 5-0.
- 2b4. Motion by Radig second by Nelson to receive the Emergency Services EMS Training budget as submitted. Carried 5-0.
- 2c. Motion by Radig second by Taylor to receive the Emergency Management budget with a reduction of \$62,492. Carried 5-0.
- 2d1. Motion by Taylor second by Radig to defer the Juvenile Detention Facility budget discussion. Carried 5-0.
- 2d2. Motion by Bittinger second by Radig to defer the Juvenile Detention Federal Food Program budget discussion. Carried 5-0.
3. Motion by Radig second by Taylor to approve reducing line item 0001-16-9113-000-63500 to zero dollars for FY25 for the Building Services new LEC Facility. Carried 5-0. Copy filed.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting until February 13, 2024.

Meeting sign in sheet. Copy filed.