

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment February 9, 2021 with Board of Supervisor members Dennis Amoss (Chairman), John Hughes (Vice-Chairman) and Michael R. Beary present.

Minutes of February 2, 2021, read and signed for approval by Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to approve the following resolution for the County's annual contribution of \$100,000 to Albia Industrial Development Corporation.

Resolution Designating and Authorizing Financial Support and Leadership of Albia Industrial Development Corporation as Monroe County's Source for Industrial and Economic Development

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Monroe County, Iowa that:

Monroe County and Albia Industrial Development Corporation have in past years recognized the importance of actively being engaged in industrial and economic development for the welfare of the citizens and businesses in Monroe County and, since developing this partnership in 1984, have created well over 1,500 high paying jobs at 23 new plants and 44 plant expansions that have invested over \$ 1.5 Billion in new plant and equipment;

Without continued emphasis on growing our industrial base, Monroe County's economy is not sufficiently diversified to provide a stable economic base if in large part it once again becomes dependent on agriculture and agribusiness;

While the current economic problems in agriculture, agribusiness industries, and in other industries are serious in other areas of the state, Monroe County's industries have fared much better but are still at risk to suffer the same fate if we do not continue to work to create and retain jobs for our residents;

IT IS THEREFORE, in the best interest of the citizens of Monroe County, Iowa to take steps reasonably calculated to lead to diversified industrial and economic development in the county of Monroe, Iowa;

Monroe County does not have sufficient resources to hire a Director of Economic Development as a county employee and lacks sufficient resources to effectively operate an economic development program on its own;

Other cities and counties in the state of Iowa have found it necessary to engage in industrial and economic development efforts;

THEREFORE, Monroe County, Iowa finds that it is in the best interests of its citizens to cooperate with the cities in Monroe County, Iowa and the Albia Industrial Development

Corporation, a non-profit corporation, as well as other organizations which may arise in order to promote diversified industrial and economic development in Monroe County, Iowa;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Monroe County, Iowa has and will continue to support in efforts to enhance industrial and economic development by its financial contribution to Albia Industrial Development Corporation to be approved by the Board of Supervisors of Monroe County, Iowa.

THEREFORE, Monroe County, Iowa authorizes and approves expenditures to Albia Industrial Development Corporation (AIDC) for fiscal year 2021/2022 in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 (\$25,000 to be paid in August, October, January, and April).

Approved this 9th day of February, 2021.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Dan Tometich with Albia Industrial Development Corporation discussed extending 27th Avenue East road to meet 652nd Avenue. No action taken.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to open the public hearing at 10 am to determine if it is in the public interest to lease real estate in Section 36-73-18 and Section 31-73-17 (locally known as the County Farm) for March 1 2021- February 28, 2024.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Also present for the hearing were Chris Turner, John Pabst, Laura Davis, Krystal Fowler, Bryan Reed, Jerry Findley, Mike Fisher, Andy Denburger, and Larry and Patty Clark.

Chairman Amoss reviewed the proposed County Farm Rules and opened the floor up for questions from the public. The supervisors took questions regarding the property and related waterways, though no oral or written objections to the proposed lease were made.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to close the public hearing at 10:35 am.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to adopt the rules for the Monroe County Farm Land Lease Auction and to accept the high bid of \$29,000 from Andy Denburger and Randy Denburger, 1295 280th Street, Oskaloosa, Iowa.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

The lease will begin March 1, 2021, and end February 28, 2024. County Attorney John Pabst will prepare the contract.

Monroe County Attorney John Pabst advised the Supervisors to consider going into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5(1)(c), "To discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation."

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to go into closed session at 10:45 am pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c).

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to come out of closed session at 11:30 am.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to direct County Attorney Pabst to prepare a petition for Declaratory Judgment concerning House File 2502 and Iowa Code Chapter 25B with regards to firearms in the courthouse. The petition will be reviewed, modified, and subject to approval by the Board at its regular meeting on February 16, 2021 as an item on the agenda.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors examined and allowed claims – check numbers 3211-3423 included.

Meeting adjourned.

(Dennis Amoss)
Dennis Amoss, Chairman

ATTEST: (Chris Turner)
Amanda R. Harlan, Monroe County Auditor
By: Chris Turner, Deputy