

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment April 16, 2019, with Board of Supervisor members Dennis Amoss (Chairman), John Hughes and Michael R. Beary present.

Minutes of April 9, 2019, read and signed for approval by Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to approve the Resolution for Inter-Fund Operating Transfer as follows,

WHEREAS, it is desired to transfer monies from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Road Fund.

WHEREAS, said operating transfers are in accordance with section 331.432. Code of Iowa;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Monroe County, Iowa, as follows:

Section 1. The sum of \$292,118 is ordered to be transferred from the Rural Services Fund to the Secondary Road Fund effective April 16, 2019.

Section 2. The Auditor is directed to correct her books accordingly and to notify the Treasurer of the operating transfer, accompanying the notification with the copy of this resolution and that record of its adoption.

Passed and approved this 16th day of April 2019.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to approve quarterly reports from Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff and Veteran Affairs.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to approve the following annual noxious weeds notice as recommended by Weed Commissioner Dianna Husted-Daily:

PUBLIC NOTICE: DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS & FINES ASSESSED

To All Property Owners in Monroe County, Iowa

You are hereby notified that in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa and amended thereto, the Board of Supervisors and the appointed Weed Commissioner of Monroe County Iowa declare the owners or persons in control of real estate within said county

should destroy all weeds declared “noxious” by the Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship that exist on real estate within Monroe County, Iowa.

The following species of “noxious” weeds shall be destroyed by landowners in Monroe County, Iowa before the 15th of May and as often as necessary thereafter to prevent seed production and spread:

- Musk Thistle*
- Red Sorrel (Sheep Sorrel)*
- Buckthorn*
- Curly Dock (Sour Dock)*
- Smooth Dock*
- Hoary Cress (Perennial Pepper Grass)*
- Leafy Spurge*
- Quackgrass*
- Multiflora Rose*
- Teasel*

The following species of “noxious” weed shall be destroyed by landowners in Monroe County, Iowa before the 15th of June and as often as necessary thereafter to prevent seed production and spread:

- Canada Thistle*
- Buckhorn Plantain*
- Russian Knapweed*
- Wild Mustard*

The following species of “noxious” weed shall be destroyed by landowners in Monroe County, Iowa before the 15th of July and as often as necessary thereafter to prevent seed production and spread:

- Field Bindweed*
- Poison Hemlock*
- Bull Thistle*
- Horse Nettle*
- Perennial Sowthistle*
- Tall Thistle*
- Velvetleaf (Butterprint)*
- Wild Sunflower*
- Cocklebur*
- Wild Carrot*
- Puncturevine*
- Shattercane*

The following species of “invasive” species shall be added to the Monroe County, Iowa list of noxious weeds and should be sprayed or otherwise controlled whenever they are found on lands in Monroe County, Iowa:

- Purple Loosestrife*
- Phragmites (Reed Grass)*
- Garlic Mustard*
- Japanese Knotweed*
- Marijuana*

In case of landowners and tenants failing to comply with an order to destroy weeds made pursuant to Chapter 317, the Weed Commissioner or designee may enter private lands five days after serving a destruction notice in order to conduct control on any weed infestation. The cost of this destruction, plus a 25 percent on the dollar fine shall be billed to the landowner if the bill is not paid; the cost of said destruction will be assessed to the tax rolls of the weed violator. Also, the Weed Commissioner may pose a fine for each day of non-compliance up to ten days at the rate of ten dollars per day.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF MONROE COUNTY

Passed and approved this 16th day of April 2019.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to approve Federal-Aid SWAP Funding Agreement BRS-SWAP-C068(76)—FF-68 (Avery UP Bridge) and BRS-SWAP-C068(77)—FF-68 (Avery BNSF Bridge).

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to open the public hearing to hold a bid letting for the courthouse HVAC heating and cooling upgrade at 10 am.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Discussion was held regarding the proposed project. Auditor Amanda Harlan reported that there were no oral or written objections filed.

There being no further comments, motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to close the public hearing at 10:10 am.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

One bid was opened by Mike Nolan, Architect with Horizon Architecture. Bid documents for the eligible bid are summarized as follows: Christner Contracting, Inc., Ottumwa, Iowa, base bid \$760,000.

Architect Mike Nolan recommended the supervisors reject the bid as it was so far off from the engineer estimate of \$400,000 and said he would report back to the County on his recommendation to move forward.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to reject the bid for \$760,000.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

A preconstruction meeting for the Courthouse restoration project was held at 11 am. Also present were architect Mike Nolan, TNT's Josh Smyser and Michael Lee and Monroe County's Ray Vitko, Steve Selvy and Amanda Harlan.

Contractor Josh Smyser of TNT stated that he planned for an aggressive project timeline, beginning the following week with a substantial completion date of May 31, 2019 and a final completion date of July 31, 2019. He plans to work with a crew of 11 and work on two sides of the courthouse at a time. Entrances to the Courthouse will likely be cut to two of the four current entrances, on rotation depending on the progression of the project.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to approve Birmingham Buff stone for any necessary replacement stone as recommended by Architect Mike Nolan.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

(Dennis Amoss)
Dennis Amoss, Chairman

ATTEST: (Amanda R. Harlan)
Amanda R. Harlan, Monroe County Auditor