

MAY 21, 2024, TWENTY-FIRST MEETING OF THE WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors met on Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at 3:00 p.m. Board members present were Nelson, Ung, Bittinger II, and Taylor; Radig was absent. Staff members present were Karen James, Board Administrative Assistant, Melissa Thomas, Human Resources Director, Dennis Butler, Budget and Finance Director, and Patrick Gill, Auditor/Clerk to the Board.

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

Motion by Ung second by Nelson to go out of closed session per Iowa Code Section 21.5(1)(c). Carried 4-0 on roll-call vote.

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

1. Motion by Ung second by Nelson to approve the agenda for May 21, 2024. Carried 4-0. Copy filed.

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

2. To approve minutes of the May 14, 2024 meeting. Copy filed.
3. To approve the claims totaling \$2,697,995.01. Copy filed.
- 4a. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a resolution for a tax suspension for Matthew Kelsheimer, 1817 W. 2nd St., parcel # 894730286010.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA
RESOLUTION #13,742
RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITION FOR SUSPENSION
OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, Matthew Kelsheimer as titleholder of property located at 1817 W. 2nd St., Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, and legally described as follows:

Parcel # 894730286010

HORNICKS LOT 10 BLOCK 16

WHEREAS, Matthew Kelsheimer as titleholders of the aforementioned real estate has petitioned the Board of Supervisors for a suspension of taxes pursuant to the 2017 Iowa Code section 427.9, 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 grants the request for a suspension of taxes, and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to so record the approval of this tax suspension for this property.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of May 2024.

WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Copy filed.

- 4b. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a resolution for a tax suspension for Veo Ceola Rolfes, 4428 Tyler St., parcel #894711206003.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA
RESOLUTION #13,743
RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITION FOR SUSPENSION OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, Veo Ceola Rolfes, as titleholder of a property located 4428 Tyler St., Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, and legally described as follows:

Parcel #894711206003

LEEDS LOTS 4-6 INCL BLOCK 27

WHEREAS, Veo Ceola Rolfes of the aforementioned property has petitioned the Board of Supervisors for a suspension of taxes pursuant to the 2017 Iowa Code section 427.9, 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 grants the request for a suspension of taxes, and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to so record the approval of this tax suspension for this property.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of May 2024.
WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Copy filed.

- 4c. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a resolution for a tax suspension for Peggy Rol, 901 S. Alice St., parcel #894735302101.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA
RESOLUTION #13,744
RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITION FOR SUSPENSION
OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, Peggy Rol, as titleholder of property located at 901 S. Alice St., Sioux City, Woodbury County, Iowa, and legally described as follows:

Parcel #894735302010

HOLMANS LOT 1 BLOCK 6

WHEREAS, Peggy Rol as titleholders of the aforementioned real estate has petitioned the Board of Supervisors for a suspension of taxes pursuant to the 2017Iowa Code section 427.9, 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 grants the request for a suspension of taxes, and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to so record the approval of this tax suspension for this property.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of May, 2024.
WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Copy filed.

- 4d. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a resolution approving petition for suspension of taxes through the redemption process for Steven Bell, 1900 s. Lemon St., parcel #8847051430001.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA
RESOLUTION #13,745
RESOLUTION APPROVING PETITION FOR SUSPENSION**

OF TAXES THROUGH THE REDEMPTION PROCESS

WHEREAS, Steven Bell is a titleholder of property located at 1900 s. Lemon St., Sioux City, Iowa, Woodbury County, Iowa, and legally described as follows:

Parcel #884705143001

HEDGES MORNINGSIDE W 100 FT LOT 22 BLOCK 13

WHEREAS, Steven Bell, 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 **#884705143001** 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 21st day of May 2024.
WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Copy filed.

- 5a. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution setting the public hearing and sale date for parcels #894726127004 & #894726127005, 3314 14th St & 3315 13th St.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA
RESOLUTION #13,746
NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE**

WHEREAS Woodbury County, Iowa was the owner under a tax deed of a certain parcel of real estate described as:

**Lot One (1) Block Three (3) of Long View Addition to Sioux City and Woodbury County Iowa
(3314 14th Street)**

**Lot Twelve (12) Block Three (3) of Long View Addition to Sioux City and Woodbury County Iowa
(3315 13th Street)**

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Woodbury County, Iowa as follows:

1. That a public hearing on the aforesaid proposal shall be held on
The **4th Day of June, 2024 at 4:35 o'clock p.m.** in the basement of the
Woodbury County Courthouse.
2. That said Board proposes to sell the said parcel of real estate at a
public auction to be held on the **4th Day of June, 2024**, immediately
following the closing of the public hearing.
3. That said Board proposes to sell the said real estate to the highest
bidder at or above a **total minimum bid of \$100.00** plus recording fees.
4. That this resolution, preceded by the caption "Notice of Property Sale"
and except for this subparagraph 4 be published as notice of the

aforesaid proposal, hearing and sale.

Dated this 21st Day of May, 2024.
WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Copy filed.

- 5b. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution setting the public hearing and sale date for Parcels #894726126007 & #894726126004, 3273 13th St. & 3274 14th St.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA
RESOLUTION #13,747
NOTICE OF PROPERTY SALE**

WHEREAS Woodbury County, Iowa was the owner under a tax deed of a certain parcel of real estate described as:

Lot Twelve (12) & the West Twenty-five (25) feet vacated Paxton Street Abutting Block Four (4) in Long View Addition to Sioux City and Woodbury County Iowa (3273 13th Street)

Lot One (1) & the West Twenty-five (25) feet vacated Paxton Street Abutting Block Four (4) in Long View Addition to Sioux City and Woodbury County Iowa (3274 14th Street)

NOW THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Woodbury County, Iowa as follows:

- 1. That a public hearing on the aforesaid proposal shall be held on The **4th Day of June, 2024 at 4:37 o'clock p.m.** in the basement of the Woodbury County Courthouse.
- 2. That said Board proposes to sell the said parcel of real estate at a public auction to be held on the **4th Day of June, 2024**, immediately following the closing of the public hearing.
- 3. That said Board proposes to sell the said real estate to the highest bidder at or above a **total minimum bid of \$471.00** plus recording fees.
- 4. That this resolution, preceded by the caption "Notice of Property Sale" and except for this subparagraph 4 be published as notice of the aforesaid proposal, hearing and sale.

Dated this 21st Day of May, 2024.
WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Copy filed.

- 6. To set the dates and times for three public hearings, for the proposed Zoning Ordinance Map Amendment (rezone) from Agricultural Preservation (AP) to the Agricultural Estates (AE) Zoning District on Parcel #874705200001: June 11th at 4:40 p.m., June 18th at 4:40 p.m., and June 25th at 4:40 p.m. Copy filed.
- 7. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign a Resolution authorizing a tax abatement for Woodbury County, Iowa, parcels #884301100010, #884301100012, #884723100008, and #884301100009.

**WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA
RESOLUTION #13,748
RESOLUTION APPROVING ABATEMENT OF TAXES**

WHEREAS, the Woodbury County, Iowa are the titleholders of real estate Parcels #884301100010, #884301100012, #884723100008 and #884301100009 located in Woodbury County, Iowa and legally described as follows:

Parcel #884301100010

Kedron Township Briese First Addn Lot #4

Parcel #884301100012

Kedron Township — An irreg tct being part of Govt Lot 10 in 1-88-43 described as corn at SW cor of Govt lot 10 thnc E 365' to pob; thnc NE 1100.95', thnc NE 458.76', thnc E 78.95', thnc S 1309.02", thnc W 940.12' to pob

Parcel #884723100008

Woodbury Township — An irreg tct being pt of NW 1/4 of 23-88-47 described as beg at NW cor of NW 1/4 of sec 23 thnc S 1431 ft, thnc E 594 ft, thnc N 438.50 ft, thnc NE 241.50 ft, thnc NW 760.50 ft, thnc W 531 ft to pob

Parcel #884301100009

Kedron Township Briese First Addn Lot #3

WHEREAS, the above-stated property has an unpaid balance of taxes owing, and the parcel is owned by a political subdivision of the state; and

WHEREAS, the political subdivision, namely the Woodbury County, Iowa, is failing to immediately pay the taxes due; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors sees that good cause exists for the abatement of these taxes and any future taxes that may be levied against this parcel; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Woodbury County Board of Supervisors hereby abates the taxes owing on the above parcels according to Code of Iowa, 427.3, and hereby directs the Woodbury County Treasurer to abate these aforementioned taxes from the tax records.

SO RESOLVED this 21st day of May, 2023.
WOODBURY COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Copy filed.

- 8. To approve a lease agreement between Woodbury County and State of Iowa for occupying space in the SWAT garage located at the Training Center, 1600 County Home Road. Copy filed.
- 9a. To approve the separation of Pablo Ajpacaja, Civilian Jailer, County Sheriff Dept., effective 05-10-24. Separation.; the reclassification of Phoenix Larned, Civilian Jailer, County Sheriff Dept., effective 05-27-24, and \$24.95/hr, 4%=\$0.98/hr. Per CWA: From 3rd Class to 2nd Class. Anniversary Date 06/07/2024.; transfer Juan De La Roca, Youth Worker, Juvenile Detention Dept., effective 05-20-24. Transfer from Part Time to Part Time-Temporary.; transfer Gavin Reitsma, Youth Worker, Juvenile Detention Dept., effective 05-20-24. Transfer from Part Time-Temporary to Part Time.; transfer Allen Welte, PT Operations Officer-Paramedic, Emergency Services Dept., effective 05-20-24, Transfer from Interim EMS Director to Operations Officer-Paramedic.; and the reclassification of Gabe Madsen, Senior Deputy, County Sheriff Dept., effective 4-19-24, \$34.84/hour, 7%=\$2.13/hr. Per CWA Contract: 5 Years of Service Reclassify to Senior Class. Copy filed.
- 9b. To approve and authorize the Chairperson to sign the Authorization to initiate the hiring process for Civilian Jailers (3), County Sheriff Dept. CWA: \$23.97/hour. Copy filed.

- 9c. To approve broadening the scope of the Assistant Engineer position. Copy filed.
Carried 4-0.
10. Motion by Ung second by Nelson to receive the Woodbury County's Certified Annual Financial Report FY2023. Carried 4-0. Copy filed.
11. John Torbert, Iowa Drainage District Association, present annual report to the board from the Iowa Drainage District Association. Copy filed.
- 12a. Motion by Nelson second by Ung to award the truck quote for the tandem axle truck to TEC Equipment for \$254,032.00. Carried 4-0. Copy filed.
- 12b. Motion by Nelson second by Ung to award the quote for the wheel loader and grapple bucket to Mid Country Machinery for \$284,550. Carried 4-0. Copy filed.
- 12c. Motion by Nelson second by Ung to award the quote for the tracked loader, grapple bucket, pallet forks, and counterweights to Murphy Equipment for \$82,350 for the loader, \$13,350 for the trailer, \$4195 for the grapple bucket, \$882 for the pallet forks, and \$1200 for three sets of counterweights. Carried 4-0. Copy filed.
- 12d. Motion by Ung second by Nelson to allow the county engineer to hire up to two temporary equipment operators. Carried 4-0. Copy filed.
13. Motion by Taylor second by Nelson to authorize the chairman to sign a letter of support for Koskovich & Murphy Developments application for the Iowa Workforce Housing Tax Credits. Carried 4-0. Copy filed.
14. Matthew Ung, Board of Supervisors, updated the public on Woodbury County's filed legal brief with the Iowa Utilities Board, concluding that Summit's hazardous pipeline does not promote the public convenience and necessity. Copy filed.

Doyle Turner, Merville, and Deb Main, Sioux City, discussed pipeline concerns with the Board.
15. Reports on committee meetings were heard.
16. Craig Levine, Sioux City, and Jaylee Hurst, Sioux City addressed the Board with concerns about voter fraud in Woodbury County involving Supervisor Talyor and expressed concerns about Supervisor Radig's silence on the issue.
17. Board concerns were heard.

The Board adjourned the regular meeting until May 28, 2024.

Meeting sign in sheet. Copy filed.