

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment on November 28, 2017, with Board of Supervisor members Dennis Amoss (Chairman), Michael R. Beary and John Hughes present.

Minutes of November 21, 2017, read and signed for approval by Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to approve Engineer Jeremiah Selby's recommendation to set the bid letting for fuel quotes for Secondary Roads for calendar year 2018 on December 19, 2017, at 10 am. Notice will be published in the local newspaper on December 12 and 14, 2017.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Hughes and seconded by Beary to approve the resolution as follows as recommended by the Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) and County Attorney John Pabst:

WHEREAS, Monroe County ("County") is concerned with the recent rapid rise in troubles among County citizens, residents, and visitors in relation to problems arising out of the use, abuse and overuse of opioid medications, which according to certain studies, impacts millions of people across the country; and

WHEREAS, issues and concerns surrounding opioid use, abuse and overuse by citizens, residents and visitors are not unique to County and are, in fact, issues and concerns shared by all other counties in Iowa and, for that matter, states and counties across the country, as has been well documented through various reports and publications, and is commonly referred to as the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the societal costs associated with the Opioid Epidemic are staggering and, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, amount to over \$75 billion annually; and

WHEREAS, the National Institute for Health has identified the manufacturers of certain of the opioid medications as being directly responsible for the rapid rise of the Opioid Epidemic by virtue of their aggressive and, according to some, unlawful and unethical marketing practices; and

WHEREAS, certain of the opioid manufacturers have faced civil and criminal liability for their actions that relate directly to the rise of the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, County has spent millions in unexpected and unbudgeted time and resources in its programs and services related to the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, County is responsible for a multitude of programs and services, all of which require County to expend resources generated through state and federal aid, property tax levy, fees and other permissible revenue sources; and

WHEREAS, County's provision of programs and services becomes more and more difficult every year because the costs associated with providing the Opioid Epidemic programs and services continue to rise, yet County's ability to generate revenue is limited by strict levy limit caps and stagnant or declining state and federal aid to County; and

WHEREAS, all sums that County expends in addressing, combatting and otherwise dealing with the Opioid Epidemic are sums that cannot be used for other critical programs and services that County provides to County citizens, residents and visitors; and

WHEREAS, County has been informed that numerous counties and states across the country have filed or intend to file lawsuits against certain of the opioid manufacturers in an effort to force the persons and entities responsible for the Opioid Epidemic to assume financial responsibility for the costs associated with addressing, combatting and otherwise dealing with the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, County has engaged in discussions with representatives of the law firms of Crueger Dickinson LLC, Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, and Von Briesen & Roper, s.c., (the "Law Firms") related to the potential for County to pursue certain legal claims against certain opioid manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, County has been informed that the Law Firms have the requisite skill, experience and wherewithal to prosecute legal claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers on behalf of public entities seeking to hold them responsible for the Opioid Epidemic; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have proposed that County engage the Law Firms to prosecute the aforementioned claims on a contingent fee basis whereby the Law Firms would not be compensated unless County receives a financial benefit as a result of the proposed claims and the Law Firms would advance all claim-related costs and expenses associated with the claims; and

WHEREAS, all of the costs and expenses associated with the claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers would be borne by the Law Firms; and

WHEREAS, the Law Firms have prepared an engagement letter, which is submitted as part of this Resolution ("Engagement Letter") specifying the terms and conditions under which the Law Firms would provide legal services to County and otherwise consistent with the terms of this Resolution; and

WHEREAS, County is informed that the Iowa Counties Association has engaged in extensive discussions with the Law Firms and has expressed a desire to assist the Law Firms, County and other counties in the prosecution of claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers; and

WHEREAS, County would participate in the prosecution of the claim(s) contemplated in this Resolution and the Engagement Letter by providing information and materials to the Law Firms and, as appropriate, the Iowa State Association of Counties as needed; and

WHEREAS, County believes it to be in the best interest of County, its citizens, residents, visitors and taxpayers to join with other counties in and outside Iowa in pursuit of claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers, all upon the terms and conditions set forth in the Engagement Letter; and

WHEREAS, by pursuing the claims against certain of the opioid manufacturers, County is attempting to hold those persons and entities that had a significant role in the creation of the Opioid Epidemic responsible for the financial costs assumed by County and other public agencies across the country in dealing with the Opioid Epidemic.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

County authorizes, and agrees to be bound by, the Engagement Letter and hereby directs the appropriate officer of the County to execute the Engagement Letter on behalf of the County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

County shall endeavor to faithfully perform all actions required of County in relation to the claims contemplated herein and in the Engagement Letter and hereby directs all County personnel to cooperate with and assist the Law Firms in relation thereto.

The County Auditor shall forward a copy of this Resolution, together with the signed Engagement Letter, to the Law Firms at Erin Dickinson, Crueger Dickinson LLC, 4532 N. Oakland Ave., Whitefish Bay, WI 53211.

Respectfully submitted this 28 day of November, 2017.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

The Board of Supervisors examined and allowed claims – check numbers 2166-2329 included.

Meeting adjourned.

(Dennis Amoss)
Dennis Amoss, Chairman

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

General Basic Fund

Adams A/B Co, Repair Latch.....	45.00
Ahlers & Cooney P.C., Svcs.....	798.00
Albia Motor Co, Battery/Moulding....	460.60
Alliant Energy, Museum Gas	187.45
Banleaco, Copier lease pymt.....	88.80
Bug Pro LLC, Pest Extermination	140.00
C-D Supply LLC, Cleaning supplies	194.94
Card Services, Decals, flap, liner	208.04
Carpenter Uniform, Uniform	338.14
Carter-Miller Services, Trash pick-up	41.00
Tracy Casady, Mileage	22.05
Coltrain Implement, Air filter, oil filter.	40.48
Dollar General, Cleaning Supplies	14.00
Scott Dunning, School	49.35
Eslinger Cemetery, Vet grave care....	45.00
Goff & Nash, Oil & air filter	225.11
Robin Haselhuhn, Services	300.00
John Hughes, Mileage	239.61
Hy-Vee Pharmacy, Inmate Meds.....	53.61
Hy-Vee Food Store, Supplies	37.78
Hy-Vee Inc Store, Prescriptions	5898.53
IA State Sheriff & Deputies, School.	300.00
Indian Hills Inn, Dixon 1 night stay	63.00
Infomax Office, Copier Agreement ..	540.30
ISAC, 2018 ISAC University	195.00
Daniel Johnson, Reimburse fuel.....	27.21
McGee Sanitation, Trash pickup	150.00
Mediacom, Phone Bill	207.28
MidAmerican Energy, Elec	684.85
Monroe Co Sec Rds, Copy paper....	120.00
Office Center, Yellow Toner	104.99
Pella Reg Health Center, Physicals.	402.00
Polk Co Treasurer, ME Review	170.15
Sirchie Finger Print Lab, Ink Pad.....	38.85
Verizon, Mobile internet cards	128.07
WEX Bank, Fuel patrol vehicles	1589.46
WINDSTREAM, Phone.....	64.88

General Supplemental Fund

Central Iowa Detention, Service.....	218.00
Amanda Harlan, Mileage	24.50
Marci Kraber, Mileage, cards.....	18.69
Lovilia Comm Betterment, Rental	75.00
Kristin Mick, Mileage 10.54	
St. Patrick's Church, Rental.....	85.00
Ray Vitko Jr., Mileage.....	49.00

Secondary Roads Fund

Access Systems Leasing, Expense.	370.92
Alliant Energy, Utility Expense.....	7.28
Aramark Uniform Services, Svcs.....	145.54
Bituminous Materials & Sup., Oil.....	386.06
Black's Tire Company, Tire Exp	193.85
Caterpillar Financial Svcs, Pymt..	65169.01
City of Melrose, TJ Payment/Oct.....	217.15
CJC-CJ Cooper & Assoc, Services ...	85.00
Robert Coughlin, Reimb Boots	150.00
Goff & Nash, Equipment expense .	1760.90
Housby Mack Inc, Equipment Exp.	1991.36
IA Dept of Ag & Land, License	25.00
IA Dept of Transportation, Expense	143.74
IBS of Des Moines, Equipment Exp	225.90
Mediacom, Utility Expense	298.17
Metal Culverts, Metal pipe	14489.54
Murphy Tractor & Equip, Expense...	187.57
Newman Traffic Signs, Signs	9506.63
O'Reilly Automotive, Equipt Exp.....	17.34
Office Center, Office supplies	5.65
Rainbo Oil Company, Oil expense ..	788.65
Rathbun Regional Water, Water.....	64.00
Star Equipment, Equipment Exp	384.72
Grand Total.....	111308.24