

The Monroe County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment February 18, 2020 with Board of Supervisor members John Hughes (Chairman) and Michael R. Beary present. Dennis Amoss (Vice-Chairman) was absent.

Minutes of February 11, 2020, read and signed for approval by Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to open the public hearing at 9:30 am to discuss the Monroe County Budget for fiscal year 2020/2021. Notice was published in both official newspapers on February 4, 2020 and February 6, 2020.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Auditor Amanda Harlan reported an overall decrease of \$8,227 in county requested tax dollars for all county set levies in proposed budget fiscal year 2020/2021 when compared to the prior year. Other significant budget information as follows:

\* The 2% decrease in FY 20/21 General Services requested tax dollars is due to decreases in employee benefit costs and decreased Conservation equipment costs from the prior budget year.

\* The 4% increase in FY 20/21 Rural Services requested tax dollars is due to the need to replenish cash reserves from the prior budget year's partial depletion of cash reserves from increased costs for the Zoning Department, the addition of a deputy to Sheriff's Office and the increased transfer to Secondary Roads Fund for equipment purchases. To aid in replenishing cash reserves, FY 20/21 budgeted expenditures decreased \$36,604 from prior year while still maintaining at least the minimum required transfer to Secondary Roads to qualify the County for receipt of Road Use Tax Funds.

There were no oral or written objections filed.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to close the public hearing at 9:35 am.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to approve the following resolution for approval of the Monroe County Budget for fiscal year 2020/2021 and certification of taxes:

*WHEREAS, the Monroe County Board of Supervisors has considered the proposed FY 2020/2021 county budget and certification of taxes, and*

*WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county budget was held on February 18, 2020,*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Monroe County that the county budget and certificate of taxes for FY 2020/2021, as set forth in the budget*

summary, is hereby adopted and that the Monroe County Auditor is directed to file said budget and to establish accounting records in accordance with the attached schedules.

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED* that the Chairperson and the County Auditor be and are hereby authorized to sign the approved FY 2020/2021 county budget.

*Signed and dated this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.*

The property tax levies per \$1000 are as follows:

	<b>Valuation</b>		<b>Property Taxes</b>
County Wide	<b>without G&amp;E</b>	<b>Rate</b>	<b>Levied</b>
General Basic	510,049,637	4.35000	2,218,716
General Supplemental	510,049,637	2.30000	1,173,114
Pioneer Cemetery Fund	510,049,637	-	-
County MHDS Fund	510,049,637	0.58735	299,578
Debt Service	510,049,637	0.35380	180,456
<b>Subtotal Countywide</b>		<b>7.59115</b>	<b>3,871,863</b>
<b>Rural Services Only</b>			
Rural Services Basic Fund	405,522,935	3.79000	1,536,932
<b>Subtotal Rural Services</b>		<b>3.79000</b>	<b>1,536,932</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>11.38115</b>	<b>5,408,795</b>

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes 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 2020/2021 in the amount not to exceed \$100,000 (\$25,000 to be paid in August, October, January, and April).*

*Approved this 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2020.*

*All voting aye. Motion carried.*

AIDC's Dan Tometich and Albia Chamber of Commerce's Laura Teno were present to discuss consideration of a 28E agreement between the City, County and Trails group. The County will pass this along to the County Attorney for his review prior to further consideration. No action taken.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to approve hiring of Sheriff's Deputy Joshua Farrington at the recommendation of Sheriff Dan Johnson.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to approve an amendment to the minutes of October 22, 2019 to read as follows: Precinct Election Official pay at \$150 per election day with an extra \$25 per day for the Chairman. Elections scheduled to open at noon will be paid for half days at the rates previously mentioned. Absentee Board members will be paid at the full, half or quarter day rates depending on the hours required for various elections. Absentee board reconvening will not require additional pay. \$25 will also be paid out for working post-election audits and attending training sessions.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Chairman Hughes opened the public hearing at 10 am for consideration of a grader lease for the Secondary Roads Department.

Engineer Jeremiah Selby recommended trading in two graders at \$155,000 each in order to keep the County's graders under a comprehensive warranty for 5000 hours or 5 years. No objections were received on the proposed grader leases and trade-ins.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to close the public hearing at 10:05.

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Beary and seconded by Hughes to approve the following grader lease resolution:

*Resolution for approving and authorizing a Purchase Agreement and providing for the approval of a \$227,800.00 financing agreement with Ziegler Financial.*

*WHEREAS: Monroe County, Iowa (the "County") has heretofore proposed to contract indebtedness and enter into a Purchase Agreement and Finance Contract in the principal amount of \$227,800.00 to provide funds to pay the cost, to that extent, of acquiring equipment for the Monroe County Secondary Road Department; and*

*WHEREAS: on the 11th day of February, 2020 and the 13th day of February, 2020 a Notice of Intended Action/Public Hearing was published in the Albia Union Republican and Monroe County News, newspapers of general circulation in said County; and*

*WHEREAS: it is necessary at this time to authorize and approve the Purchase Agreement and Finance Contract to make provision for payments from the Road Tax Revenue in evidence of the obligation of the County under the Purchase Agreement; and*

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

- Pursuant to Section 331.301 of the Code of Iowa, it is hereby determined by the Monroe County Board of Supervisors that the provisions of and the procedures specified in Section 331.402 of the Code of Iowa are appropriate to be followed by this Board prior to entering into the Purchase Agreement and Finance Contract, and it is hereby found and determined that the County has complied with such procedures.
- The County hereby determines to enter into a Purchase Agreement and Finance Contract with Ziegler Financial, as lender (the "Lender") providing for financing to the County in the principal amount of \$227,800.00 for the purpose or purposes previously set forth.
- The Monroe Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes and directs the Monroe County Engineer to sign the Purchase Agreement and Finance Contract on behalf of the County and the Purchase Agreement is hereby approved.
- The Purchase Agreement and Finance Contract shall be payable in semi-annual principal and interest installments in the amount of \$30,996.26 each, due on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 3<sup>rd</sup>, beginning August 3, 2020 and continuing through and including February 3, 2024.
- The Purchase Agreement shall bear interest at the rate of 3.85% per annum.
- The Purchase Agreement and Finance Contract will not constitute a general obligation of the County but will be payable solely and only from annual road use tax funds received by the County from the State of Iowa.

*This Resolution passed and approved this 18th day of February, 2020.*

All voting aye. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

(John Hughes)  
John Hughes, Chairman

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