

Tuesday, January 23, 2024, the Jasper County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 9:30 a.m. with Supervisors Talsma, Stevenson, and Cupples present and accounted for; Chairman Talsma presiding.

Nicholas Pietrack, Assistant County Attorney, presented a TruNarc Device that can scan controlled substances and determine what the substance is. This device would be crucial for the task force when trying to determine what a substance is and a safety mechanism for the employees that are handling the substance. Nick applied for a grant through the Iowa Byrne Justice Assistance Grant and was awarded \$32,000.00 to put towards the purchase of the TruNarc Device. County Attorney, Scott Nicholson suggested the remaining dollars would come from the Collections fund.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Stevenson to approve the purchase of a TruNarc Device from Thermo Scientific Portable Analytical Instruments, Inc. in the amount of \$33,133.00.

YEA: CUPPLES, TALSMA, STEVENSON

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Stevenson to approve a quote from Zoll Medical Corporation in the amount of \$11,466.00 for a 2-year maintenance agreement beginning 6/1/2024 through 5/31/2026.

YEA: CUPPLES, TALSMA, STEVENSON

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Stevenson to set a Public Hearing for Ordinance #61B On-Site Wastewater Treatment & Disposal & Ordinance #66B Animal Control with recommended dates & times of February 6th, February 13th, and February 20, 2024, at 9:30 a.m.

YEA: CUPPLES, TALSMA, STEVENSON

Community Development Director, Kevin Luetters, presented bids for the sale of 248 Hickory St in Newton that was acquired through Code Section 657a, Abandoned Property. The property was put out for bid with a minimum of \$16,000 to try and recoup what the County had in the property between legal fees and cleaning it up. One sealed bid was presented:

Buddy Cupples \$8,000.00

After discussion, Buddy Cupples raised his bid to \$10,000.00.

Motion by Cupples to accept Buddy's \$10,000.00 bid.

Motion died for lack of a second.

Motion by Stevenson, seconded by Talsma, to advertise again with no minimum bid and the option to reject any offers.

YEA: TALSMA & STEVENSON

NAY: CUPPLES

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Stevenson to approve the revised wage policy for Salary and Department Head employees.

YEA: CUPPLES, TALSMA, STEVENSON

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Stevenson to approve a liquor license for Colfax Country Club.

YEA: CUPPLES, TALSMA, STEVENSON

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Stevenson to approve the Board of Supervisors minutes from January 16, 2024.

YEA: CUPPLES, TALSMA, STEVENSON

There were no Board appointments.

Motion by Cupples, seconded by Stevenson to enter into a closed session requested by Scott Nicholson in accordance with Iowa Code Section 21.5(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 the litigation.

YEA: CUPPLES, TALSMA, STEVENSON

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to come out of closed session.

YEA: CUPPLES & TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to authorize the County Attorney, HR Director, and Auditor to consult with outside legal counsel regarding the closed session.

YEA: CUPPLES & TALSMA

Motion by Talsma, seconded by Cupples to adjourn the Tuesday, January 23, 2024, meeting of the Jasper County Board of Supervisors.

YEA: CUPPLES & TALSMA

Jenna Jennings, Auditor

Brandon Talsma, Chairman