

November 9, 2017

The Bremer County Board of Supervisors met in session on Thursday, November 9, 2017 in the Courthouse, Waverly, Iowa, at 10:30 a.m. Neil and Hildebrandt present. Finance Director, Kassandra Johansen, also present.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Hildebrandt. Neil moved/Hildebrandt second to approve the agenda.

Board met with Randy McKenzie, B & Z Admin., to review a master matrix for construction of two confinement feeding structures in the SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ Sec 1, T92N, R14W of the 5th P.M., Bremer County, Iowa. Iowa Citizens for Community Improvement (CCI) claims were addressed and pass the matrix.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Hildebrandt moved/Neil second to approve payroll changes for Sheriff's Office, Connie Sents, Communications Supervisor, from \$24.21/hr to \$24.71/hr, merit increase, and Adam Spray, Jail Administrator, \$51,528/hr to \$52,800/hr, both effective 11/12/17.

Neil moved/Hildebrandt second to adopt Resolution 17-63: **Stepping Up Initiative Resolution Bremer County**. "Stepping Up Initiative to Reduce the Number of People with Mental Illnesses in Jails" November 9, 2017. **WHEREAS**, counties routinely provide treatment services to the estimated 2 million people with serious mental illnesses booked into jail each year; and **WHEREAS**, prevalence rates of serious mental illnesses in jails are three to six times higher than for the general population; and **WHEREAS**, almost three-quarters of adults with serious mental illnesses in jails have co-occurring substance use disorders; and **WHEREAS**, adults with mental illnesses tend to stay longer in jail and upon release are at a higher risk of recidivism than people without these disorders; and **WHEREAS**, county jails spend two to three times more on adults with mental illnesses that require interventions compared to those without these treatment needs; and **WHEREAS**, without the appropriate treatment and services, people with mental illnesses continue to cycle through the criminal justice system, often resulting in tragic outcomes for these individuals and their families; and **WHEREAS**, Bremer County and all counties take pride in their responsibility to protect and enhance the health, welfare and safety of its residents in efficient and cost-effective ways; and **WHEREAS**, Bremer County has coordinated services with the Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities of the East Central Region to offer Jail Diversion; and **WHEREAS**, through *Stepping Up*, the National Association of Counties, the Council of State Governments Justice Center and the American Psychiatric Association Foundation are encouraging public, private and nonprofit partners to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails; **NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, THAT I Duane Hildebrandt, Regional Governing Board representative for Bremer County, do hereby sign on to the Call to Action to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in our county jail, commit to sharing lessons learned with other counties in my state and across the country to**

support a national initiative and encourage all county officials, employees and residents to participate in *Stepping Up*. We resolve to utilize the comprehensive resources available through *Stepping Up* to:

- Convene or draw on a diverse team of leaders and decision makers from multiple agencies committed to safely reducing the number of people with mental illnesses in jails.
- Collect and review prevalence numbers and assess individuals' needs to better identify adults entering jails with mental illnesses and their recidivism risk, and use that baseline information to guide decision making at the system, program, and case levels.
- Examine treatment and service capacity to determine which programs and services are available in the county for people with mental illnesses and co-occurring substance use disorders, and identify state and local policy and funding barriers to minimizing contact with the justice system and providing treatment and supports in the community.
- Develop a plan with measurable outcomes that draws on the jail assessment and prevalence data and the examination of available treatment and service capacity, while considering identified barriers.
- Implement research-based approaches that advance the plan.
- Create a process to track progress using data and information systems, and to report on successes. PASSED AND APPROVED in this 9th day of November, 2017.

Board/Committee updates: Hildebrandt reported on the Board of Health meeting.

Neil moved/Hildebrandt second to open the public hearing for construction of a confinement feeding operation for Lafayette Finisher Farm Site in the SE¹/₄ SE¹/₄ Sec 1, T92N, R14W of the 5th P.M., Bremer County, Iowa. Andy Scharnhorst, Ron Krumwiede & Keith Kratchmer present in support. McKenzie referenced concerns from CCI shared during review of the Master Matrix earlier in today's meeting. Hildebrandt and Neil expressed concern of road damage during construction of the site and requested an agreement to return road to its current condition post construction be signed before giving approval. Neil moved/Hildebrandt second to close the public hearing. Neil moved/Hildebrandt second to table the decision to Monday, 11/13/17 at 11:00 a.m.

Board recessed 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Board canvassed the City of Waverly Regular City Election. Susi LaRue, Deputy Commissioner of Elections and Eric Van Sickle, Waverly Newspapers, present. A Runoff will be held 12/5/17 for the Mayor race.

Neil moved/Hildebrandt second to adjourn at 1:15 p.m.

The above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes and proceedings of a regular session of the November 9, 2017 meeting of the Bremer County Board of Supervisors.

Dewey Hildebrandt, Vice-Chairman

Attest: _____
Shelley Wolf, Auditor