

Board of Equalization

Motion by Rabe, second by Burbach to approve the acceleration of taxes for Carolyn's Quilting due to sale of the business. Roll call vote: Rabe-aye, Burbach-aye, Wurdeman-aye; motion carried.

Federally declared disaster #1878 was discussed. Wurdeman reported on propane deliveries made from December 22nd through January 8th. Emergency Manager Kemnitz is obtaining information from rural fire districts. Documents were signed to receive disaster payments.

A communications drill using equipment purchased with Homeland Security money will be planned for this year. Rabe agreed to represent the board in the planning process.

Highway Superintendent Carlson presented DR Form 530, a project programming request for Bridge #C009003310, 2 miles west and 2.3 miles south of Wayne, 574th Avenue, Mile 853 for board review. The construction engineering estimate was increased.

Burbach reported safety committee concerns included the foundation on the south side of the courthouse building and panic button testing. Information on foundation repairs will be obtained.

National Insurance representative Mike Boden presented information on public sector insurance. The company specializes in insurance for schools, counties and municipalities. Boden was asked to obtain additional information on an eye care policy that is materials only.

As per the recommendation of the Lodging Tax Committee, grant applications of \$100 for the Carroll Spring Fling, \$250 for Carroll Fun Days, and \$1000 for publishing the Wayne County Fair books were approved on motion by Wurdeman, second by Burbach. Roll call vote: Wurdeman-aye, Burbach-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Bid proposals for the purchase and installation of fiber optic cable from the courthouse to the court services building were reviewed. Motion by Wurdeman, second by Burbach to accept the quote of \$2,250 submitted by Computer Cable Connection; and to request District 2 Probation pay half the cost. Roll call vote: Wurdeman-aye, Burbach-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

General Fund warrant #10040034 was cancelled due to duplicate payment on motion by Wurdeman, second by Burbach. Roll call vote: Wurdeman-aye, Burbach-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Estimates for a freestanding desk and witness stand for the courtroom were reviewed. Motion by Burbach, second by Wurdeman to accept the estimate of \$9,425 submitted by Hanson Construction. Roll call vote: Burbach-aye, Wurdeman-aye, Rabe-aye; motion carried.

Finn stated the courthouse had been without a maintenance person for a year and asked if the board would consider hiring someone part-time as an employee or contract labor. Commissioners and road personnel have responded to emergency requests but basic upkeep has deteriorated. The board reviewed a list of current maintenance requests and requested a detailed listing of duties and responsibilities.

A work session on the personnel policy was held. Updated copies of the proposed changes will be prepared for the next meeting.