

March 25, 2019
Garner, Iowa

The Hancock County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors met in adjourned session on the above captioned date pursuant to adjournment with Supervisors Florence (Sis) Greiman, Gary Rayhons and Jerry J. Tlach present. Absent: none.

The minutes of March 18, 2019 meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: Approved up to five positions for summer help in the Secondary Road Department. Awarded the project for Drainage District no. 169 Open Ditch Repair and Lateral D Tile Improvement to Rognes Bros Excavating, Inc., Lake Mills, Iowa, in the amount of \$236,992.75 as the best and lowest of nine bids. Signed 28E Agreement with Hancock County and Hancock County Cities for Dispatching and Communication Services for Law, Fire and EMS. Allowance and disallowance of various family farm credit applications.

On motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Rayhons and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: Approved the plans and specifications for Drainage District no. 3 and 4 Lateral 2 Open Ditch and Lateral 51 Tile Improvements and set the date and time for opening of bids for Drainage District no. 3 and 4 Lateral 2 Open Ditch and Lateral 51 Tile Improvements for April 11, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and set the date and time for consideration of bids for award for Drainage District no. 3 and 4 Lateral 2 Open Ditch and Lateral 51 Tile Improvements for April 15, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. with the option of no more than 10 installment payments at a 5 percent interest rate. Class B Beer permit for 4 Wide Promotions, LLC doing business as Hancock County Speedway.

On motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Rayhons and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following resolution:

Resolution No. 2019-013
A RESOLUTION OPPOSING SENATE STUDY BILL 1045 AND SENATE FILE 184
PASSED BY THE SENATE COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

WHEREAS, the Transportation Committee in the Iowa Senate has passed House Study Bill 1045 (SF 184) which would amend and make changes to Iowa Code Chapter 321 related to transportation of indivisible loads and raw forestry products on primary and non-primary highways, and;

WHEREAS, Hancock County owns and maintains nonprimary highways, and is fiscally and legally responsible for the nonprimary highways within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Hancock County owns and maintains 132 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and;

WHEREAS, many of the bridges owned by Hancock County are aging and structurally deficient or functionally obsolete, and;

WHEREAS, current funding is not adequate to replace or rehabilitate these bridges at the rate their conditions are deteriorating, and;

WHEREAS, the nonprimary roads and bridges owned by Hancock County serve a critical need for residents, agricultural users, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed bill would allow the Iowa Department of Transportation to issue annual permits to forestry industry haulers for loads up to 130,000 pounds on nonprimary highways throughout Iowa, without knowledge of or notice given to the agencies which own these highways and the structures thereon, and;

WHEREAS, bridges within Hancock County have been designed for loads that were legal on Iowa roads at the time of their construction, and bridges have only been rated or posted with weight restrictions for loads that are currently legal on roads, and;

WHEREAS, each bridge within Hancock County is unique based on its age, design, and current condition, and;

WHEREAS, load rating to ensure safe passage of loads greater than 80,000 pounds would be unique for each load on each individual bridge, and;

WHEREAS, the traversing of Hancock County bridges by loads up to 130,000 pounds without the County being afforded the knowledge of or the ability to restrict each occurrence, would result in gradual and possibly sudden failure of bridges within the County, and;

WHEREAS, Hancock County would likely bear legal and financial liability for subsequent failure of its bridges, even if such failures are caused by loads, they did not permit, and;

WHEREAS, Hancock County is not financially able to repair or replace bridges which would be subject to accelerated deterioration by increased loads, and;

WHEREAS, Hancock County and its residents, farmers, businesses, schools, post offices, and emergency responders, would be subjected to undue operational and economic hardships by further degradation of its road system and the structures thereon;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hancock County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to this legislation.

No further business to come before the Board, motion made to adjourn at 12:40 p.m. by Supervisor Greiman and carried. All Supervisors present voting, "Aye," session to adjourn and will meet again on April 1, 2019.

ATTEST: _____
Michelle K. Eisenman, Auditor

Jerry J. Tlach, Chair