
Harrison County Assessor
111 N. 2nd Ave. Logan, IA 51546

Harrison County Conference Board
February 5, 2015 Minutes

The Harrison County Conference Board met in the Harrison County Courthouse, Supervisors' Office at 11:00 a.m. on February 5, 2015. Meeting Agenda was noted for Annual Budget Review. Meeting notice was posted January 23, 2015.

Supervisor Chairman, Walter Utman, called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Those in attendance were:

Supervisors: Walter Utman, Gaylord Pitt, Russ Kurth

School Board Representatives: Matt Pitt, Logan

Mayors: Bernard Murphy, Dunlap; Brian Rife, Mondamin; Richard Gau, Woodbine; Steve Howerton, Modale; Lori Cohrs, Logan Mayor Pro-Tem; Sherman Struble, Missouri Valley Mayor Pro-Tem

Assessor/Clerk: Brenda Loftus

Others in Attendance: Susan Bonham, Auditor; Joanna Barnard, Deputy Assessor; Jesusa Christians, Missouri Valley Times

Moved by Matt Pitt, seconded by Steve Howerton, to approve the agenda as written. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Moved by Brian Rife, seconded by Steve Howerton, to approve the minutes from January 22, 2015 as written. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Discussion of an opportunity to do a news article regarding the changes within the office, the revaluation process and progress toward computer integration.

The 2015 – 2016 Budget documents were reviewed by the Conference Board.

Moved by Richard Gau, seconded by Sherman Struble, to approve the budget as previously prescribed by the Conference Board and written. The line item for the assessor's salary would be matched to the current elected officials' salaries of \$52,920 plus 3% increase.

Roll call vote: Supervisors: Walter Utman - N , Gaylord Pitt - N , Russ Kurth - N

School Board Representatives: Matt Pitt - N

Mayors: Bernard Murphy -Y, Brian Rife - N, Richard Gau -Y, Steve Howerton - Y,

Lori Cohrs - Y, Sherman Struble -Y

Motion failed. Split: 1/1

Moved by **Brian Rife**, seconded by **Russ Kurth**, to approve the budget with a change of the assessor's salary matched to the current elected officials' salaries of \$52,920 plus 2½ % increase.

Roll call vote: Supervisors: Walter Utman-Y , Gaylord Pitt -Y , Russ Kurth-Y

School Board Representatives: Matt Pitt - Y

Mayors: Bernard Murphy - N , Brian Rife - Y, Richard Gau - N, Steve Howerton - N,

Lori Cohrs - N, Sherman Struble - N

Motion failed. Split: 1/1

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Moved by Brian Rife, seconded by Matt Pitt, to approve the budget with a change of the assessor's salary as a 3% increase from current salary of \$52,000.

Roll call vote: Supervisors: Walter Utman - N, Gaylord Pitt - N, Russ Kurth - N

School Board Representatives: Matt Pitt - Y

Mayors: Bernard Murphy - N, Brian Rife - Y, Richard Gau - N, Steve Howerton - N,
Lori Cohrs - N, Sherman Struble - N

Motion failed.

Moved by Bernard Murphy, seconded by Rick Gau, to approve the budget with a change of the assessor's salary matched to the current elected officials' salaries of \$52,920 plus 2 ¾ % increase.

Roll call vote: Supervisors: Walter Utman - N, Gaylord Pitt - N, Russ Kurth - N

School Board Representatives: Matt Pitt - N

Mayors: Bernard Murphy - Y, Brian Rife - N, Richard Gau - Y, Steve Howerton - N,
Lori Cohrs - Y, Sherman Struble - N

Motion failed.

Moved by **Matt Pitt**, seconded by **Brian Rife**, to approve the budget for publications with a change of the assessor's salary matched to the current elected officials' salaries of \$52,920 plus 2½ % increase. Office expenditures were approved for \$64,960; Unreserved/Designated Fund Balance for \$257,500 (designation to contracted revaluation services \$250,000 & motor vehicle purchase \$7,500); and Unreserved/Undesignated Fund Balance of \$69,475. Total proposed expenditures for year ending 6-30-2016 of \$274,760; with \$475,434 to be allocated by taxation. Proposed taxation rate per \$1,000 valuation: 0.56784.

Roll call vote: Supervisors: Walter Utman - Y, Gaylord Pitt - Y, Russ Kurth - Y

School Board Representatives: Matt Pitt - Y

Mayors: Bernard Murphy - Y, Brian Rife - Y, Richard Gau - Y, Steve Howerton - Y,
Lori Cohrs - Y, Sherman Struble - Y

Motion carried.

Moved by Brian Rife, seconded by Steve Howerton, to set the Public Hearing to February 26, 2015 at 11:00. Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Moved by Steve Howerton to publish the Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Budget in both the Logan Herald Observer & the Missouri Valley Times. No Second.

The Conference board had discussion of publishing deadlines for the local papers.

Moved by Steve Howerton to publish the Notice of Public Hearing – Proposed Budget only in the Missouri Valley Times due to publishing deadlines, seconded by Lori Cohrs. The proposed budget will be printed on Wednesday, February 11, 2015.

Motion carried. Unanimous vote.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:05pm. Motion made by Bernard Murphy, seconded by Richard Gau.

Walter Utman, Chairman

Brenda Loftus, Clerk