

MINUTES
MARION COUNTY CONFERENCE BOARD

FEBRUARY 8, 2022

Members Present:

Mayors

Brian Hatch – Knoxville
Don DeWaard – Pella
Dennis Seibert – Harvey

School Board

Shane Ripperger – Melcher-Dallas
Steve Nearmyer – PCM
Tim Tripp – Pella

Supervisors

Mark Raymie
Kisha Jahner
Steve McCombs

Also present:

Kelli Kingrey, County Assessor

Chairperson Mark Raymie called the meeting to order at 5:45 P.M. There being at least two representatives from at least two voting groups in attendance, a quorum was present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed. Hatch moved to approve the minutes. McCombs seconded. Supervisors – Ayes 3-0, Mayors – Ayes 3-0, School Board Reps – Ayes 3-0. Motion carried 3-0.

Kingrey reviewed the options that had been emailed after the last meeting; she gave a few different scenarios for salary increases, total expenditures, and levy adjustment. After some discussion, it was decided that an 8% increase for all full-time employees with another levy decrease was the best option. There is still a healthy fund balance, and Kingrey will contemplate setting aside designated funds in next year's budget for future reappraisals. Hatch would like to see another bump in pay next year. There was also a discussion regarding the ARPA funds that was divvied out to all county employees minus the elected officials. The assessor's office was included in the giving of bonuses, although the supervisors had some discussion about leaving the assessor out since we have our own board and levy. The city mayors present were in agreement that the supervisors made the right choice. Hatch moved for the aforementioned changes in the salaries and lowered levy rate. DeWaard seconded. Supervisors – Ayes 3-0, Mayors – Ayes 3-0, School Board Reps – Ayes 3-0. Motion carried 3-0.

With no further business to discuss, Seibert moved to adjourn the meeting. McCombs seconded. Supervisors – Ayes 3-0, Mayors – Ayes 3-0, School Board Reps – Ayes 3-0. Motion carried 3-0. Raymie adjourned the meeting at 6:13 P.M.

Mark Raymie, Chairperson

Kelli Kingrey, Clerk