Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the
Louisa County Agricultural Extension Council
6pm, Monday, March 9th, 2020
317 Van Buren, Wapello Iowa

Meeting was called to order at 6:20pm by Council Chair Mark Carroll. Those present included Carroll, Marsha Gerot, Dana Howell, David Wilson and Joy Lekwa by phone. Also present were Kasey Heindel, Regional Director Janet Smith and County Director Kathy Jolly Vance.

It was moved by Wilson to approve the minutes and financials of the consent agenda as presented including approval of And financial reports that included the approval of voucher number 11742 through voucher number 11767, EFT’s for IPERS, State Treasurer/Treasury, Alliant and Payroll for a total of $32,293.00 in expenses as well as deposits totaling of $115,985.95. The BANK Checking account balance is $112,653.25 the CD Balance at Washington State Bank is $76,566.77, Petty Cash $500 and Cash Box $20.00 for a total cash balance of $189,740.02 and to approve the following volunteers for insurance: Dianna Bolander, Charles Bolander, Sandra Elliot, Joy Lekwa, Rachel McNeil and Randy Wetzel; and to amend the agenda by moving item #7 up to #2. Second by Howell. All ayes.

Moved by Lekwa, 2nd by Howell to approve the appointment of Kasey Heindel to the unexpired council term of Zion Nwal. All ayes.

At this time Lekwa left the meeting and newly appointed Council Member Kasey Heindel joined the meeting.

At 6:25 the public hearing for the FY2020 Budget Amendment and the FY2021 Budget was opened by Chair Mark Carroll. At 6:27 the hearing was closed without comment as no one from the public was present.

It was then moved by Wilson and seconded by Heindel to amend the FY20 budget from $413,498 to $459,375. An increase in grants and program fee expenditures requires this amendment. No increase in taxes will be paid in the fiscal year ending June 30th, 2020. Motion passed unanimously.

Moved by Howell, 2nd by Wilson that the FY2021 budget be approved for $495,584 in expenditures with a tax request of $219,416 with $201,307 from property tax and $18,109 from utility excise tax. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Wilson, 2nd by Howell to approve the following Public Forum Policy to be printed on the council agenda and referred to as necessary at meetings. Motion passed.
The Louisa County Extension Council allows time for public forum, where the public may present information or concerns to the council. Each participant will be limited to 5 minutes. There will be no action taken at this meeting, but concerns may be an agenda item at future meetings. No defamation of character or slander will be tolerated during this forum and office personnel issues will be directed to the proper chain of command and not discussed in this forum.}

Oral staff reports were shared by Vance including a Beef Trip planned for 4-H Beef Producers; a Strengthening Families program set in April in Columbus; a dinner and economic development session in late March in Morning Sun and continued adolescent pregnancy prevention classes in both Wapello and Louisa-Muscatine High Schools.

Move to adjourn by Wilson, 2nd by Howell, Meeting adjourned at 7:45.

Respectfully,

Marsha Gerot
Secretary