

The Board of Supervisors of Humboldt County, Iowa met at 8:30 a.m. on the 18th day of March 2019 with the following members present: Underberg, Pedersen, Reimers, Loney and Lee. Absent: None.

The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Moved by Pedersen and seconded by Underberg to approve the amended agenda for the March 18, 2019 Board meeting. All voting aye.

Moved by Underberg and seconded by Loney to approve the minutes for the March 11, 2019 Board meeting. All voting aye.

Chairman Lee opened the meeting up for general public concerns. Humboldt County Secondary Road Engineer Ben Loots was present to give the Board an update on flooding and closed roads in Humboldt County. No official Board action was taken.

Jerry Chizak, Iowa State Extension Service Regional Director was present to give the Board an update on services offered by the Extension Service. No official Board action was taken.

Moved by Underberg and seconded by Pedersen to approve Resolution #2018-8, a Resolution opposing SF184 load allowances on roads as follows:

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Resolution #2019-8

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

WHEREAS, Humboldt County owns and maintains 77 structures classified as bridges by the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and;

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

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

WHEREAS, Humboldt 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 Humboldt County Board of Supervisors strongly urges all Iowa lawmakers to vote in opposition to this legislation.

Resolved this 18th day of March, 2019.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

/s/David Lee
David Lee, Chairman
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

/s/Erik Underberg
Erik Underberg, Vice Chair
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

/s/Rick Pedersen
Rick Pedersen, Member
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

/s/Bruce Reimers
Bruce Reimers, Member
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

/s/Sandy Loney
Sandy Loney, Member
Humboldt County Board of Supervisors

Attest: /s/Peggy J. Rice
Peggy Rice, Humboldt County Auditor

All voting aye.

Moved by Reimers and seconded by Pedersen to approve a County Disaster Declaration for Humboldt County because of recent snowmelt and flooding. All voting aye.

Moved by Reimers and seconded by Loney, to recess as the Board of Supervisors and convene as the Board of Trustees for DD#35 Branch C, DD#11 Sub 5, and DD#35 Outlet. All voting aye.

Moved by Loney and seconded by Pedersen to adjourn as the Board of Trustees for Drainage and reconvene as the Board of Supervisors. All voting aye.

The Chairman declared a brief recess.

The Chairman reconvened the meeting.

Bob Lincoln, CEO of County Social Services was present to go over with the Board the FY 2018 Annual Report and to give the Board some updates on County Social Services Programs. No official Board action was taken.

Todd Anderson with Community & Family Resources was present to discuss Mental Health First Aid Training. No official Board action was taken.

Committee Reports:

Lee, Loney, Pedersen	3/14-3/15	Iowa State Association of Counties Conference, Des Moines
Reimers	3/14	Iowa State Association of Counties Conference, Des Moines
Lee	3/12	Met with Secondary Roads
	3/17	Investigated Ice Jam on Des Moines River

Moved by Underberg and seconded by Reimers to adjourn at 10:43 a.m. All voting aye.

/s/Peggy J. Rice
Auditor

/s/David Lee
Chairman, Board of Supervisors