



**Tim Wichman, Pottawattamie Co. Supervisor**



Tim Wichman (right) was introduced by Jeff Jorgensen (left) as a Supervisor who knows the budget and keeps it in check like no one else!

Tim stated interesting facts: Pott

Co. is the second largest county, with Kossuth Co. being larger. In Pottawattamie County there are:

- 1500 miles of road with 250 miles being paved, the rest being primarily rock, some dirt.
- 1700 culverts/bridges.
- 17,000 signs on the sides of roads
- 464 full time workers and 100 seasonal workers
- 24 departments or divisions led by quality department heads.

The Board of Supervisors are all elected at large. They have a \$100 million budget, half of which is from property tax. They are responsible for the salaries and benefits of all employees.

\$3M has been provided in economic dev outside corporate limits. Last year the Board worked with E Pott. Co. Soil and Water district to provide dry hydrants on the east side so that fire departments can get water out of ponds. They want to expand this project in the county.

ARPA funds were given to every little town outside of Council Bluffs for economic development needs. Treynor was a recipient.

\$125,000 has been provided to both county fairs to help with improving water and power. Both are aging and facilities and infrastructure are needing work. The fairs are seeking donations.

Wichman stated a road will be paved (mostly asphalt) on 240<sup>th</sup> St. and Pioneer Trail where a 188-home subdivision of \$500,000 homes is being built. The county will be able to lower the mil levy for taxes as a result of this subdivision.

There will be one smaller subdivision in the Treynor School District, which will be just east of the airport off old Hwy 6. Twelve lots will be available for homes in the \$500,000-700,000 range.

Tim stated that the goal is to provide quality services the citizens want at a price they want. Costs have increased. He stated that a million dollar project in 2018 is now 30-50% higher in cost, and that makes for a tough environment. For employees, workman's comp went up \$300,000 and health insurance went up \$400,000.

Wichman stated that tax levy rates are actually lower now. They've gone down 42 cents from \$4 to \$3.58 since he has been on the Board. Debt service is down 23 cents. Rural basics have gone down 9 cents.

Two years ago the state took over mental health funding, but 66 of the 99 counties kept the levy in place. Wichman was proud to state in Pott Co. every penny was given back to the people.

Pott Co. taxes are a little lower on the commercial side and a little higher on the residential side when compared with Nebraska county taxes in the area.

Questions were asked and discussed regarding the following: Westfair facilities, grading of rural roads, and paving the Pioneer Trail leading to the Silver City road which inquirers felt could help with truck traffic on Hwy 92. Regarding the latter, Wichman offered that any road improvement project is up for discussion. The Board would need to find the money. Traffic count helps to justify.

Mike Holton, Treynor City Administrator, was present and praised the Supervisors for 1) their efforts during COVID, 2) helping rural towns with funding. The improved Treynor City office only cost the city \$10,000. 3) their willingness to look at an expanded area around Treynor to prevent windmills, and allow for future growth, and 4) helping keep the tax levy lower.

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### Next week's Speaker:

**Christina Bateman – Faith's Friends, a nonprofit organization with the mission to help relieve financial burden during times of infant and child loss.**

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### FAMOUS QUOTE

**"Keep your face always toward the sunshine, and shadows will fall behind you."**

**Walt Whitman**

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### Meeting Minutes

Dale Willenborg, President, called the meeting to order. Fifteen members were present. Tim Wichman was a guest.

The group recited the pledge and Dee Guttau gave the prayer.

**Jokes:** Bill Vorthmann, Steve Chambers

**50/50:** John Klein

**Attendance:** Joel Beyenhof

**Birthdays/Anniversaries:** None

**Bragging Rights:** (Dollars are contributed to benefit local youth programs.)

- Steve Irvin had his second knee replacement and praised his wife for her care and his daughter who came to help and tracked all his medicines on a spread sheet. He also praised Mick and Judy's grandson, Dane Guttau for taking good care of mowing the lawn.
- Dick Fox bragged on his grandson Tyler, University of Nebraska, who placed second in the discus (184 ft) and threw javelin (234 ft) – both PRs at an event. At Drake he came in 5<sup>th</sup> in the discus (183 ft.)
- Dick also gave a rain gauge report. Sorry, I didn't get the exact amounts.
- John Klein bragged on Treynor participants at Drake – Brady Wallace and Clara Tieglund and others.
- Jordan Campbell praised the school for dismissing school early at 2:30 on Friday for potential threatening weather and stated the local meteorologist and town siren all helped.

- Dick Fox shared that his granddaughter teaches in Lincoln and Friday was a day off for the students. With threatening weather, she spent several hours alone in the bathroom at the school.
- Gary Guttau commented that Steve Hart who is painting the community building painted his house as well as Mick's but suffered from appendicitis at that time and was very sick in the hospital.

### Business:

- The Treynor Optimist Youth Appreciation event is Sunday at Zion at 3:00 PM. Twelve youth are being honored and they and their families number a total of 81 planning to attend.
- Can Kennel sorting will proceed at 4:00 PM Sunday with the Silver Keg Feeders 4-H club.
- Dale Willenborg stated that May 13 is Treynor Awards Night when we will announce Optimist scholarship winners.
- Gary Guttau reported that 112 flags have been paid for thus far.
- Gary reported that \$917 was dropped into the Optimist account from Droppett for the last can kennel sorting. Mike Holton stated he would call Droppett to encourage them to pick up our cans.
- John Klein and Jordan Campbell have been working to bring back the project of sponsoring a swim lesson bus for local youth. This is hoped to happen in June or July.
- John Klein reported that May 14 is the day for the Mulch Madness project. This year all volunteers must have background checks as required by the school. The form needs to be returned to Jill Kay, Treynor Elementary principal one week ahead. John sent an email this past week to volunteers who have served in the past. There was discussion about this new requirement.
- There was discussion about what we could do to help local tornado victims as well as Minden. Mike Holton stated that more information will be shared when known.

### Community:

- All April – Shoe Drive – Donation Box at Treynor School outside Secretary's office. (donate unwanted shoes)

- Mon., Apr. 29 – Treynor 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade concert
- Thurs. May 2, Treynor High School Fine Arts 7:30 PM
- Fri., May 3 – (Set out Thurs.) Treynor Spring Clean Up
- Sat., May 4 - Master Gardener Plant Sale 8-11AM
- Sat., May 4 at Lewis Central – State Large Group Music Contest – Treynor choir and high school band.
- Sun., May 5 – Legion sponsoring a Staley's chicken dinner at noon.
- Sun. May 5 – Cinco de Mayo fiesta – Zion 5-7:30 PM - \$1 tacos, etc.
- Mon., May 13 – Senior Awards Night
- Tues., May 14 – Mulch Madness 12:30 PM
- Wed., May 22 (new date) – Fundraiser spaghetti supper and silent auction 5-7 PM at Treynor High School Commons for Ava Steeve, age 5, diagnosed with severe aplastic anemia. Daughter of Derek & Amberly Steeve. He is a Treynor teacher.  
There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

## CALENDAR

### Events:

- Apr 28 Optimist Youth Appreciation Event 3 PM  
Zion Congregational Church
- Apr 28 Can Kennel sorting 4:00 PM Silver Keg Feeders

### Birthdays

- Apr 28 Gene Seran  
May 11 Keith Denton  
May 21 Steve Irvin  
May 22 Kirk Vorthmann

### Anniversaries

None

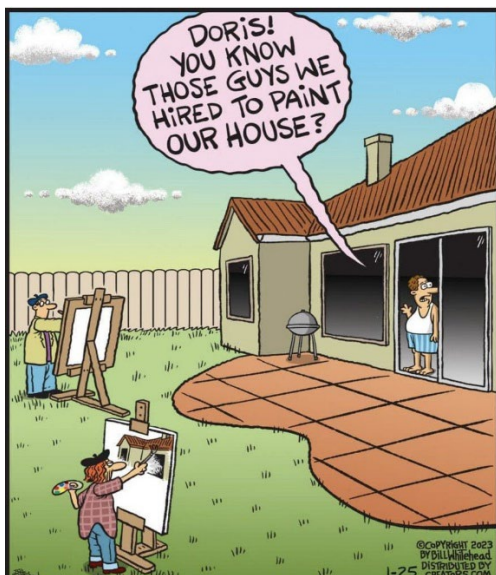
### Programs:

- May Linda Danker (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)  
Phil Waggoner (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sat)
- June Steve Irvin (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)  
Joel Beyenhof (3<sup>rd</sup> Sat)  
Judy Guttau (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sat)  
**First three Sat. OPEN**  
Joel Beyenhof (4<sup>th</sup> Sat)
- July Chad Guttau
- Aug Jim Clausen (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)  
Bill Vorthmann (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sat)
- Sept Gary Guttau
- Oct Jordan Campbell (1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Sat)  
Jerry Hempel (3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> Sat)
- Nov Mick and Judy Guttau
- Dec

### Speakers

- May 4 Christina Bateman, Faith's Friends  
May 11 Susan Enewold, Council Bluffs C.A.R.E.S.,  
May 18 Scott Rucker, Boys Basketball Coach  
May 25 Joe Chapman, Girls Basketball Coach  
June 1 Matt Hansmann, Science Teacher  
June 7 Jacob Beresh, Social Science Teacher  
June 15 Carrie Currin, Elementary Counselor

## Humor



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