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Date: Wednesday, July 28, 2021 @ 10:30 AM

Location: **Supervisors' Chambers, 2nd floor of the government center & Zoom Conference Call.**

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Committee Chair's Agenda			
1. Proclaim August 14 - August 21, 2021 as Wyoming County Fair Week!		Motion: Brick Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
10:30 AM County Forestlands w/E. Stawitzky			
1. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Progress on new Ten (10) Year Management Plan <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Eff. 01/01/21 – 12/31/30 ○ Data collection is underway and should be completed in the next couple of weeks. Data workup/written update will commence right after with the expectation of completion in early September. Will plan on coming to board meeting to discuss new work schedule, management issue, etc. ○ Timber markets: still strong and expected to stay that way through the end of the year. 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. Discussion: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gypsy Moth infestation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mild levels of defoliation found within the county ownership; no immediate health concerns identified. Will do general walk through of the properties this fall to count existing egg masses to gauge threat for next spring. ○ If it becomes a serious issue – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Options: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do nothing (potential for significant tree loss), • Aerial spray (\$200 - \$250 per acre on average) normally fungal and viral pathogens 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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	attach to the caterpillar and limit damage – limited success this year. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Real concern if trees are not showing signs of re-leafing. Spraying is effective but costly. 		
3. Amend Resolution Number 19-129 , passed by the Board of Supervisors on March 12, 2019, “Chairman Authorized to Award Bid and Sign a Contract with Timber Ridge Logging, Inc. on Behalf of the Board of Supervisors,” as amended by Res. #20-323, passed by the Board of Supervisors on August 11, 2020 to extend the effective date one (1) year through August 31, 2021. This request is to extend the effective date through March 01, 2022.	<i>The first request was made due to extremely poor market conditions. The contract is paid in full. \$60,226.50 (Hobday & Poplar Tree Rds.)</i> <i>This request is due to weather and wet ground conditions.</i>	Motion: Becker Ayes: 8 Noes: Absent: 1 Jacoby	Carried: XXX Defeated: Referred to: *RESOLUTION
11:00 AM Cooperative Extension w/A. Griffith			
1. <u>General Update</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
2. <u>Cornell Cooperative Extension Helps Farmers Access COVID Relief Funding</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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3. <u>COVID Relief by county</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
4. <u>Wyoming County Fair 4-H Events calendar</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Fair Association w/M. Roche			
1. General Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supervisor Roche, T/Eagle and Superintendent of the County Fairgrounds started by thanking Chairwoman Ryan and Supervisors Brick and King for being instrumental in a temporary solution for the pedestrian bridge. The bridge is in and will receive formal approval during Public Works Committee tomorrow. As long as the COVID numbers remain low should be ok! Pray for dry weather!! 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
10:45 AM Animal Control w/J. Goodell			
1. <u>June 2021 Monthly Update</u>		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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2. Update: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Puppy Playground dedication held on July 25. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Board Chair Ryan and Committee Chair Klein spoke at this event. ○ The volunteer group raised over \$12K selling candy bars and holding other fund raisers. No county money was involved!! ○ <i>Batavia Daily News photos</i> • Committee Chair Klein spoke to the bird rescue Animal Control Officer Goodell phoned him on a few weeks ago. She called to get permission to take the county truck out of county to deliver a baby kestrel to Hawk Creek in East Aurora 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
<i>Committee Chair Klein shared with the committee the plaque prepared in recognition of the dedication of the new puppy playground to be presented to Animal Control Officer Goodell and the Animal Shelter by Board Chair Ryan during the August Board of Supervisors' meeting.</i>			
Dairy Industry w/S. Klein			
1. General Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In the midst of wheat harvest, which is going horribly because of all the rain. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Wheat has sprouted, it's moldy and the fields are soggy. ○ Can be used for animal feed and cover crop. Same as straw. • Third cutting of hay coming along nicely. • More milk in Wyoming County / Milk plants are "having fun" dealing with trying to sell. • Supply chain <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Machinery dealerships are full of machinery "split in half" waiting on parts ○ Dealerships do not have machinery in the lots to sell. ○ Labor shortage 		Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Plants are unable to run 3rd shifts ▪ Orders are being placed but unable to deliver to the market place • Fuel - Escalation of fuel pricing puts a damper on productivity. Difficult to find a truck to move product • A wooden pallet that cost \$8 last year costs \$22 this year. • Supervisor Brunner, T/Java commented on an article she read recently that dairy farms were down another 5%. However, the number of cows remains unchanged. • Supervisor Brick, T/Perry commented that his corn contract is highest in years but due to “falling numbers” his contract was reduced \$2.00/bushel. 			
Ag. & Farmland Protection w/J. Bragg			
	<i>~Noting to Report~</i>	Motion: Ayes: Noes: Absent:	Carried: Defeated: Referred to:
Soil & Water w/A. Fagan			
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Green Energy Committee			
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Signature of Committee Chairman: p/S. Klein & B. Becker (minutes prepared by C. Ketchum).

Next Agriculture Committee Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, September 01, 2021 @ 10:30 AM.**

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