

MINUTES
July Regular Board Meeting
Village Office, July 9th, 2025 5:30 p.m. – 6:14 p.m.

Regular Village Board meeting for the Village of Cobb was called to order at 5:30 pm by President Liz Lenz.

Members Attending: President – Liz Lenz, Trustees – Kris Schoville, Marlin Harms, Renee Linscheid, Alisha Martin, and Nick Klaas

Members Absent: Alaina Benton

Staff Present: Village Clerk – Carley Rider, Public Works Director – Mark Flanagan

Public Present: Robert Roelli, Mark Flanagan

Public Notices: **MOTION** (Schoville, Linscheid): motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve posting of agenda at the following four places: Cobb Post Office, Cobb Food Mart, Royal Bank, and the Village Office on Monday, July 7th, and compliance of the open meeting law.

Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes: **MOTION** (Harms, Martin): a motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the Regular Village board meeting June 11th, 2025 minutes.

Treasurer's Report: **MOTION** (Linscheid, Klaas): a motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the June 2025 Treasurer's reports.

COMMITTEE & COMISSION REPORTS

Library Board – No discussion occurred.

Cobb-Highland Recreation Commission – Discussion regarding attendance occurred. Carley is coordinating with the Recreation Commission and staff regarding expectations and requirements of attendance as stated in the bylaws.

Fire District Board – no discussion occurred.

Splash Pad Committee – Renee reported that the concession stand for ball tournaments is done for the season. Shade structures for the splash pad are expected to be installed soon as the cement has been poured. Renee also noted that the Iowa County Tourism presentation went well, completing the last requirement for the grant.

CITIZENS AND DELEGATIONS

Robert Roelli commented on authorization of fireworks in village limits.

Robert Roelli and Mark Flanagan raised concerns for allowing chickens in the Village. It was also questioned that if chickens are allowed, would other farm animals be permitted within village limits.

An anonymous letter was received in the drop box stating opposition to allowing chickens in Cobb.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

Med Flight Landing Zone- Alisha Martin noted that Montfort, Livingston, and Highland have permanent landing zones approved for Med Flight. Alisha noted that the landing zones are used from existing infrastructure and that no changes are needed to approve the landing zone.

MOTION (Schoville, Klaas); Motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve a permanent Med Flight landing zone at Scheper Park.

Premier Co-op Contract-- MOTION (Klaas, Harms); motion carried by 6-0 roll call vote (Linscheid – Aye, Schoville – Aye, Martin – Aye, Harms – Aye, Klaas – Aye, Lenz – Aye) to approve to prepay \$817.15 for 454.225 gallons for the Premier Co-op Propane Contract.

Chip Seal Quote—Mark noted that chip sealing for North and South Wilson Street would cost \$14,700. Chip sealing of North and South Wilson Street was budgeted for in the 2025 budget. As a result, no motion was required.

Discussion/Possible Action on Personal Property Recommendation regarding Chicken Ordinance—The Personal Property Committee reviewed other municipalities chicken ordinances and relating documents. Discussion around current animal ordinances were discussed. Carley and Mark noted that there are several unlicensed animals in the Village. Another concern noted was the attraction of additional predators or other wild animals to town. Current ordinance only allows chickens in Rural Development zoning districts with a conditional use permit. Carley noted that the Attorney's hourly fee is \$210.00, a correction from the noted amount at the June Regular Village Board Meeting.
MOTION (Linscheid, Klaas); motion carried by 4-1 roll call vote (Linscheid – Aye, Schoville – Abstain, Martin – Aye, Harms – Aye, Klaas – Aye, Lenz – Nay) to not further pursue updating ordinances to allow chickens.

Cobb Volunteer Fire Department Temporary Class B License- MOTION (Klaas, Martin); motion carried by 6-0 roll call vote (Linscheid – Aye, Schoville – Aye, Martin – Aye, Harms – Aye, Klaas – Aye, Lenz – Aye) to approve a Temporary Class B Retailer's License for Cobb Corn Roast August 5-10 2025 to Cobb Volunteer Fire Department.

Temporary Operator Licenses for John Wienkes, Jerry Spurley, Renee Linscheid, Kelly Michek, and Elizabeth Lenz (August 5th-10th, 2025) –

MOTION (Harms, Klaas); motion carried by unanimous vote to approve Temporary Operator Licenses for John Wienkes, Jerry Spurley, Renee Linscheid, Kelly Michek, and Elizabeth Lenz. Linscheid and Lenz abstained from the voice vote.

Personnel Committee- Public Works Transition- Renee informed the board that updates are being made to the employment manual, an updated job description for a public works assistant is being drafted.

CLOSED SESSION NOT NEEDED

Approval of Bills for the Month: MOTION (Linscheid, Martin); motion carried by unanimous voice vote to approve the monthly bills.

Adjournment: MOTION (Lenz, Linscheid); The motion carried by unanimous voice vote and the meeting was adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,
Carley Rider, Village Clerk/Treasurer