

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, IA met in regular session pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Chairman Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Joann Peters, Jeffrey K. Ives. Ed Dewey attended the meeting telephonically.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker to approve the minutes with clarification the new clerk hired is an sheriff's office. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as amended on motion of Ives, seconded by Peters to include JT. Drainage District Brush Control quotes with Calhoun and Buena Vista Counties. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker to authorize the chairman to sign the Grant Extension Notice for DR-1998 – Hazard Mitigation for Cities. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Siepker to approve the Jt. Drainage District Brush Control quotes based on time and material with a "not to exceed" cost - for JT. D.D. 1-54 OD, Br 6 0.6 mile for \$1,000; Jt D.D. 1-54, OD – 12 miles for \$8,500; Jt D.D. 37-35 OD 3.6 miles for \$2,500; and Jt. 79-40 OD – 1.4 miles for \$1,000. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey to approve the Jt. Drainage District Brush Control quotes based on time and material with a "not to exceed" cost – Jt. D.D. 1, MOD – 4.3 miles at \$3,500; Jt. D.D. 1, lat 1 OD – 3.25 miles at \$2,500; Jt D.D. 1, Lat 2 – 4 miles \$2,500; Jt D.D. 183 1.9 miles at \$2,000. Ayes all, motion carried.

Lisa Peterson, Coordinator of Disability Services presented the CSS sharing resolution for office space and staff. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Ives to adopt the resolution. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Siepker, Peters, Ives, Dewey, Stauter; nays – none. Whereby the resolution is duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION 2015 – 03 -#16

COME NOW, Pocahontas County, Iowa and County Social Services 28E (CSS) and mutually agree as follows:

WHEREAS, The Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors has deemed it in the best interests of Pocahontas County to Provide Staff and office space to CSS as provided for under the intergovernmental Agreement Creating County Social Services, April 1, 2014:

- (a) To efficiently and effectively provide the Mental Health & Disability Services mandated under sections 331.388 through 331.398 of the 2013 Code of Iowa for member counties. CSS may also provide other social services including but not limited to Medicaid Targeted Case management, general assistance, children services, substance abuse services and any county funded social service program or county function as contracted from member counties, and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County is the employer of record and will provide the associated human resource policies, insurance and benefits to all FTEs for the positions designated and funded by CSS and,

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County as the employer of record retains the authority to make all final decisions on hiring, termination and discipline associated with these positions, and

WHEREAS, CSS shall train, supervise, support, direct work and evaluate performance and assist with hiring, termination and discipline to the extent directed and approved by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, CSS will reimburse direct occupancy and operating cost for the delivery of Mental Health and Disability and Targeted Case Management Services that is within the CSS approved annual budget associated with the FTEs designated. CSS will not pay rent to member counties or reimburse any indirect costs mutually provided to other county departments, and

WHEREAS, any local equipment or supply purchases approved by CSS become the property of Pocahontas County but may be reallocated as needed between member counties in coordination with representative member county Auditors,

NOW THEREFORE, based upon the mutual covenants contained herein, the parties do agree as follows:

1. CSS agrees to provide coverage to Pocahontas for Mental Health & Disability Services (MHD) and to assume management of county funded substance abuse services and children's protective services.
2. CSS requests and Pocahontas agrees to provide the following positions as a percentage of the FTE: Coordinator of Disability Services – Lisa Peterson – 1 FTE; Office Manager – Kelly Jepsen – 1 FTE.

Either party upon sixty (60) days written notice may terminate this agreement at any time.

Peterson advised the desk in her office is a combination of two old computer desks put together. She has received a quote of \$2,507.15 from Office Elements for a work station desk without the top shelving. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters to approve the purchase of the work station. Ayes all, motion carried.

Peterson also advised the board that Vocational Rehabilitation Services were in the building one day a week and has been beneficial to the community and utilizing an unused office space. It would be helpful also to be able to provide office space to Genesis when needed also. There will be additional review prior to committing this space.

It being 10:30 a.m. the board proceeded with the FY16 Budget Hearing. The affidavits of publication of March 4, 2015 are on file with the auditor. No written objections have been filed. There is no public present for the hearing. Following review of the numbers it was moved by Siepker, seconded by Ives to adopt the budget as published. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised he has not completed the resolution for the road vacation. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker to table action until next week. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey to approve the \$80.00 subsidy for the 2015 application of dust control. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised Gary Atherton began his employment today as Assistant to the Engineer/drainage clerk. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Peters to approve the employment of Gary Atherton this date with a salary of \$58,000.00 and he will receive a two (2) week vacation. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Ives to approve the transfer of Vicki Showers to the position of Office Manager effective March 16, 2015. The wage remains at \$18.65 per the union agreement and will work 40 hours per week. She will continue to input the use of fuels and provide the appropriate claim disbursement from the office. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised a meeting with landowners along N65 needs to be scheduled. The board concurred to hold the meeting in the Assembly Room, Courthouse at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 7, 2015.

James Roetman, Hospital Administrator introduced Patrick Mooney, EMS Director recently employed. Roetman advised that the hospital now provides paramedics with the ambulance service. Mooney advised he has 20 years of experience in Emergency Services with the majority of this time being with a hospital based ambulance service. There are 3 drivers, 3 EMTs, 4 Paramedics, and one nurse exception currently. The Policy and Procedures manuals have been reviewed and updated. There are new protocols prepared and signed, doing training on the new state reporting software and hopes to have two (2) individuals taking the Death Investigator training. Roetman advised the contract set up when the hospital became the beneficiary of the EMS program was the financial support of \$10,000 from the county and \$2,000 from Pocahontas, Laurens, Rolfe, and Fonda. Initially this was approximately 30% of the EMS budget. Since 2007 the expenditures have increased with no additional funding being requested from these entities. The paramedic service has required approximately another \$75,000 in equipment costs. These improvements have been the decision of the

hospital board and we have withstood the costs, however we are also requesting the board review the information and if the county can provide additional financial assistance it would be beneficial.

Arnold Lubinus and Bonita Eberle requested what the plan was for cleaning the ditch west of their home at the west edge of Pocahontas. The drainage clerk will confer with the contractor.

Larry Schmitz and Don Etlar reviewed with the board the concerns of Schmitz regarding the Shimon marsh. There was extensive review and discussion regarding the exact concerns of the landowner with the actual request being to take out the dam as it should not have been put in there and return everything to its original state. Following a lengthy discussion Schmitz was given the option to (1) contact other landowners in D.D. 91 if repairs are needed; (2) discuss his drainage concerns with the IDNR and his concerns regarding the dam and the marsh, or petition for a sub-district for D.D. 181.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Stauter attended the County Fair Board meeting and County Conservation board meeting as liaison. Peters and Ives attended the ISAC Spring school. Siepker attended the Iowa Workforce Development meeting, met with Tom Grau to discuss tourism, and attended the ISAC Spring School. Dewey attended the Home Care Aide board meeting and met with Helen Beneke and Tom Grau on the Art project.

There being no further business the board adjourned on motion of Siepker, seconded by Peters.

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor