

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA August 16, 2016

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

Members present: Chairman Jeffrey K. Ives, Clarence Siepker, JoAnn Peters, Louis Stauter, Ed Dewey.

The minutes of August 9, 2016 were approved with a typographical correction on motion of Siepker, seconded by Peters to correct the motion for the telephone service provider to read – *It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to table action on the service provider. Ayes all, motion carried.*

The tentative agenda was approved with the following changes on motion of Stauter, seconded by Siepker to include approve Pay Estimate No. 1 and Change Order No. 001 – JT D. D. 181, approve drainage district petition filed, and remove the telephone service provider. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board and Lisa Peterson, Co. Community Services Director participated in a telephonic conference call with Andrew Whitacre, NACO representative regarding the Rural Impact County Challenge – poverty in counties. Joining Whitacre is Arthur Scott who advised the White House Rural Council approached NACO to look at counties to see what has been working to counter poverty of children in rural counties. The program is interested in what is working in rural counties to market such programs for improved poverty levels. There is a platform for additional resources through the Woods Foundation and others to provide personal county coaching personnel to assist in developing programs, educational resources, webinars, and assistance of Andrew Whitacre as well. There is absolutely no cost to the counties to participate in the program. The county would develop a 5-8 member Core Team to work with the coach in the development of our program. There will be 10 counties chosen to participate in this program and this Challenge program is not tied to the federal administration as it is a program of the Rural Council. The Board expressed interest and will consider the resolution in the near future.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters to approve the IDOT Agreement with Drainage District No. 53 for the replacement of the bridge at the west side of Pocahontas and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter to approve a 60 % levy for Drainage District No. 179 to be levied September 1, 2016. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Christiansen Turkey Site –facility ID # 64034 located in SE NE, Section 22, Newell Township, Buena Vista County with Dale Christiansen as owner and contact person; (2) Hog Guy Farms, LLC –Kim Site – facility ID 61834 located in SW SW, Section 20, Cedar Township with John Esler as owner and contact person; (3) Kinkade Pork, Inc. facility ID# 62461 located in NW NE, Section 33, Marshall Township with Noman Kinkade as owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board next considered a drainage petition for Drainage District No. 51, Section 5 of Garfield Township. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to approve the petition to clean out the open ditch that runs through the northerly portion of the town of Rolfe with the work to be completed by the county secondary road crew. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters to approve Change Order NO. 001 for Jt. Drainage District No. 181 FEMA repairs in the amount of a net increase of \$489.15 to revise the final quantities bringing the Contract Price to \$59,067.85 with this change order. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 for Jt. Drainage District No. 181 FEMA Repairs in the amount of \$53,161.07 with \$5,906.79 held for retainage and including the approved Change Order No. 001. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer presented a utility permit for MidAmerican Energy to move electrical poles along the portion of the N65 road project. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker to approve the permit to move the poles. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised the City of Plover and the Fire Department are requesting consideration of closure of the roads into Plover for a controlled burn of the old elevator and office building on the 28th of August weather permitting. The board is recommending the closure of all roads leading into the town. Moellering will contact Palo Alto County regarding 400th Street as a joint road to post a road closed ahead sign.

Supervisors Weekly Meetings: Ives and Siepker met with the phone company. Peters, and Dewey had no meetings. Stauter attended the County Conservation Board meeting as liaison and tended to D.D. 21 concerns.

Max Elg with Solutions, Inc of Spencer reviewed with the board the functionality of the tablets purchased the beginning of the year. Solutions will also be the trainer for the technology policy recently approved by the board and reviewed for board approval some of the specifics to offer greater security to the system to be utilized by all county employees.

The board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The board reconvened at 1:15 p.m. in the Assembly Room to view the Precinct Atlas program for elections as demonstrated by Ken Kline, County Auditor of Cerro Gordo County who with their IT department developed the electronic poll books. The 28E agreement will be placed on the agenda for next week.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised that the Palo Alto County Asst. Engineer was okay with the closure of 400 St for the Plover controlled burn and will place the appropriate signage.

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

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor