

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA August 30, 2016

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

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

The minutes of August 23, 2016 were approved as read on motion of Dewey, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as changed on motion of Stauter, seconded by Dewey to remove drainage levies. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board next reviewed the resolution for the NACO challenge on rural poverty. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to approve the Poverty Challenge Resolution. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Peters, Stauter, Dewey, Ives; Nays – none; Absent – Siepker. Whereby the resolution is duly adopted and on file in the Auditor's office.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to approve the wage increase for Nicol Betton, HCA to \$14.75 effective September 1, 2016. Ayes all, motion carried.

The letter from Sheriff Lampe to Auditor Bunda was read advising the demotion of Brian Larsen from chief deputy to sergeant effective August 24, 2016 and adjust payroll. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to table action. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters to acknowledge the letter of Don Etler, P.E. with Bolton and Menk the D. D. 41, Br 22 project is complete and set 9:30 a.m., Wednesday, September 28, 2016 as the time for the completion hearing. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter to authorize the chairman to sign the contract with KMA Trucking and Excavating for the D.D. 11 project. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey to approve the claim in the amount of \$4,409.60 for Secondary Road repairs to Jt. 63, Br 5G lateral repairs. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda advised the board has received a second notice for the Iowa Drainage District Association dues for the FY 2017 year. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter to table action. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plan: (1) Dean Pedersen – facility ID# 60387 located in the SW NW, Sec. 16, Cummins Township with Dean Pedersen as owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Ann Beneke, County Attorney was present to announce her retirement effective December 31, 2016. Chris Klein was present and advised he was not prepared to consider running for the position. Beneke advised Iowa Code Chapter 69 advised the appointed person must reside in the county for 60 days prior to an appointment. This could potentially be a special election she noted. Beneke advised she has provided a memo to the board with recommendations for consideration: the county attorney positions needs to be a full time position for the time the job requires in Pocahontas County; Judy Essing, secretary in Ann's office was introduced and noted she is being trained to assist Vicki Truog with collections and would be very helpful to Vicki. There are several options to be considered. Ann was commended for her many years of dedicated service to Pocahontas County.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer presented the preliminary plans for the N65 road project. Moellering will submit the plans to the IDOT and they will provide comments and recommendations for changes.

Moellering advised he is working on the ROW crop removal matter and noted the project involved more than he had anticipated and a reevaluation of the procedures will be done. There was lengthy discussion on establishment of a cost to charge the landowner. Moellering advised he had

included a cost of \$100.00 for crop removal and \$300 for Conservation to reseed the ditch in the original letter. There was lengthy discussion of disposal of the dirt from the road right of way. Moellering noted that in discussing with Auditor Bunda she recommended not giving the dirt away for the project being worked on. Auditor Bunda noted her recommendation was based on setting a precedence without a policy in place to assure consistency.

The board continued discussions of the costs of ROW clean up following the delivery of written notice. The board recalled Moellering for further discussion. Moellering returned to the board room for discussions relating to charges relating to sloping of the ditch right of way, crop destruction billed at the cost for the project, etc. The board advised Moellering to provide a full cost to them next week.

Moellering advised he has received the letter from Calhoun Burns bridge inspection consultants requesting a renewal of the county's agreement.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Ives attended the MIDAS board meeting, County Solid Waste Commission meeting, Jt D.D. 173-67 meeting, and the Trails Committee meeting. Ives noted the committee has completed a county plan. Peters attended the MIDAS board meeting, County Solid Waste Commission meeting, and JT. D.D. 173-67 meeting in Calhoun County. Dewey attended the Region V Hazmat and LEPC meeting. Stauter attended the Fair Board meeting as liaison, CFR board meeting, and JT. 173-67.

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

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor