

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

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

The minutes of September 29, 2015 were approved as presented on motion by Peters, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved with the cancellation of the 10:05 A.M. appointment on motion of Dewey, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker to abate the \$80.00 taxes for Jim Myers - receipt #17157 for the current year taxes only. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) PI-275 Finisher –facility ID # 65495 located in SW SE, Section 21, Sherman Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as the owner and Dennis Benning, contact person; (2) PI-253 Finisher – facility ID# 65459 located in NE NW, Section 20, Sherman Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as the owners and Dennis Benning, contact person; (3) Mefford Site – facility ID # 58466 located in SW SE, Section 5, Lake Township with Tim Flaherty as the owner and Tim Flaherty, contact person; (4) TJ 1 Site – facility ID# 65456 located in SW NW, Section 27, Roosevelt Township with Tim & Josh Flaherty as owners, and Tim and Josh Flaherty, contact persons. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters to approve the bill of Bolton & Menk, Inc in the amount of \$195.00 for FEMA engineering on JT D.D. 63 and previously approved by Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors as joint trustees. Ayes all, motion carried.

Sarah Winkler, County Treasurer presented the quarterly investment report ending September 30, 2015. There is \$600.00 Cash in Office; \$3,002,428.08 in CD's; \$1,390,550.52 in stamped drainage warrants; \$421,504.46 in Drainage Improvement Certificates; and \$12,052,075.94 in the Banks for a total of \$16,867,159.00 of which moneys will be apportioned out to other taxing authorities. Winkler renewed three \$500,000 CD's through this quarter of business. The county earned \$38,809.53 in interest, mainly through drainage. There were 452 driver's licenses renewed with \$3,164.00 revenue. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker to approve the report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Winkler advised Jennifer Sandvig wishes to receive assignment of the Tax Sale Certificate on the property owned by Jerry Loss, Smith's Subdivision in Laurens. The house is dilapidated and will be torn down and continued to be maintained by Sandvig. Winkler advised the City of Laurens has abated the special assessment in the amount of \$276.00 and there are two \$5.00 drainage assessments that Sandvig would pay for. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey to assign Tax Sale Certificate 2011-00122 and abate the taxes of \$1,109.48 for the tax sale and abate the current taxes, interest, and penalties of \$1,542.07 for a total abatement of \$2,365.47 for this property described as Lot 17, Smith's Sub-Division, OLS F & G, City of Laurens. Ayes all, motion carried.

Winkler advised she would like to add the United Bank of Iowa, locating a branch office in Pocahontas, with an amount of \$3,000,000.00 for deposits to the listing of the County Depositories. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to approve the United Bank of Iowa as a depository agent for Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer presented letters of notification of obstacles in the county road right-of-way to Timothy Mohr and Scott & Tammy Griffin. The board reviewed the letters and concurred the named persons were correct for each of the properties and to proceed with mailing the notifications.

Ann Beneke, County Attorney presented a draft advertisement for leasing of the county farm land. Beneke advised she does not like the age description noting it is problematic; the age was removed. The farming method will be minimum tillage with a cover crop; crops will be rotated; the cash rent is set at \$250.00 per acre with 314 acres tillable. The four (4) year lease when signed will run from March 1, 2016 through November 15, 2019. Application will be a written letter of intent sent to the Pocahontas County Auditor's Office with an October 30, 2015 deadline. The board will review the applications with the names placed in a box and winner drawn at the November 10, 2015 board meeting. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker to approve the handwritten corrections to the ad; Beneke will email the final revised ad to the board members for their final approval with submission to the newspapers by midday on Thursday, October 8, 2015. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisor Dewey advised some offices are having trouble with their phones; however he will defer discussion until Supervisor Ives is present as he serves on the courthouse committee.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Stauter, Peters, and Dewey had no meetings. Siepker attended the UDMO meeting and the D.D. 41, BR 22 bid letting.

There being no further business the board adjourned on motion of Dewey, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried.

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Louis Stauter, Chairman

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Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor