

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, IA October 20, 2015

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.

The minutes of October 13, 2015 were approved as presented on motion of Ives, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as presented on motion of Siepker, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

Lori Hopkins advised the board the Hopkins family has an interest in Ware and having helped with the tornado cleanup. There are five lots on the north side of the pavement that need to be cleaned up. There is one on tax sale. Sarah Winkler, County Treasurer advised the board they will need to assign the tax sale certificate. Hopkins advised they would like assignment of the tax sale for the bare lot and we will clean it up; the other property owners indicated they are interested in selling their properties. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to assign the tax sale certificate 2009-00079 to Mike and Lori Hopkins and to abate the taxes of \$472.00 with interest and penalty for the tax sale and to abate the \$557.00 taxes, penalty and interest for the 2009/2010 through 2013 contingent upon the receipt of the Treasurers tax deed. Ayes all, motion carried.

Margo Underwood, Hometown Pride Coach advised the County's Home Town Pride program is beginning the fourth year of the five year program. The committees are working to complete their applications for the County Foundation Grants which are due November 20<sup>th</sup>. This year was a first for a bus tour around the county in which each community was able to show case their home town pride projects. The idea of the bus tour resulted from the Leadership Program. It was a six hour tour with very positive evaluations requesting the bus tour be considered again in the future. Brian Reis, County Conservation Director joined Margo to discuss the proposal of MIDAS to coordinate a feasibility study of current county trails and future trail developments to coincide with the regional trails system of northwest Iowa for connectivity. Supervisor Ives volunteered to serve on the trails committee work group. MIDAS has agreed to utilize some of their funding to assist Pocahontas County with the \$10,000.00 commitment for the study to be commissioned by the PCEDC. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Peters to approve Pocahontas County to be the contracting agency for the trails feasibility study with the financial commitment provided by PCEDC. Ayes all, motion carried.

Daryl Long, Caretaker of the Swan Lake Pioneer Cemetery provided a written synopsis of the activities at the cemetery this past year. Long noted all trees were trimmed with branches disposed of at the brush disposal site of the City of Laurens. Two mulberry trees were cut down and the stumps treated. There were 10 Maple trees planted and watered throughout the summer and fall with the weeds sprayed this fall. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters to approve the annual report and to approve the claim of \$54.00 for the six trips with a water wagon to the cemetery to water the maple trees. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Ives to approve the quarterly reports of the Auditor and Recorder. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Gruntorad Finisher Farm facility ID# 62482 located in the NE NW, Section 34, Dover Township with Coachlight Farms, LLC as the owner and Keith Kratchmer as the contact person; (2) Rod Wells Finisher Farm facility ID# 62483 located in SE NE, Section 25 Newell Township, Buena Vista County with Timberline Farms, LLC as the owner and Keith Krachmer as the contact person; (3)

Baker 2 Finisher Farm facility ID # 61829 located in SW SW, Section 24, Poland Township Buena Vista County with The Maschhoffs as the owners and Maschhoff Environmental, Inc. as the contact person; (4) Grossnickle Feedlot facility ID # 64408 located in the SW SW, Section 36, Booth Township Palo Alto County with Jeff Grossnickle as the owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dale Smith presented information on city owned farm land and the cash rent of \$265.00 and \$270.00 the city is to receive through a bidding process versus the county farm cash rent set at \$250.00 by the board according to the averages received from the ISU Extension office. Smith noted the CSRs are nearly equal and there are no point rows on the county farm ground. Supervisor Stauter noted that there are banks that will not provide loans for land rented above the \$250.00 per acre.

Smith next requested a closed session to discuss the sale of county property. Upon inquiry it was determined Smith was not wanting to purchase property but to discuss a county owned gravel pit in Webster County that is no longer utilized for mining of gravel. The board remained in open session. Smith advised the gravel pit is no longer productive and felt the property could be sold. Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised the county continues to pay a small mining fee for the gravel pit. Moellering will investigate the site and if there is a need for the property.

County Engineer Jack Moellering presented the last payment vouchers for approval for the Palmer bridge replacement and the Rolfe bridge replacement. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to authorize the chairman to sign the final pay vouchers of \$726,042.50 for (66) project and \$407,819.98 for the (67) project. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisor Peters advised Pocahontas County has received a \$10,000 Healthy Iowans Grant. The committee is comprised of representatives from the towns and the county to develop a plan that incorporates healthy activities and education for the residents of Pocahontas County. The grant comes through MIDAS and a member city or county needs to be the grant contractor. Following discussion it was moved by Ives, seconded by Siepker to designate Pocahontas County as the grant agent to expend the \$10,000 to be reimbursed through the grant. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Supervisors Stauter and Dewey had no meetings. Peters attended the Healthy Iowans committee meeting and the Palmer Hometown Pride meeting. Siepker met with the Genesis Director and Community Services employees and attended the Mental Health and Law Enforcement Annual meeting. Ives tended to drainage and bridge concerns.

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

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Louis Stauter, Chairman

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Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor