

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA November 17, 2015

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

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

The minutes of November 10, 2015 were approved as presented on motion of Ives, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as amended on motion of Siepker, seconded by Peters to include Eric List, Pocahontas City Administrator.

Joe Pedersen advised he had requested to be on the agenda to rent the 1.25 acres of land by the tower in Laurens. The FFA had rented the land for training purposes in years past. Pedersen advised he has learned an individual renting the portion of the property owned by the City of Laurens is interested in renting the county property also. Pedersen advised he would like to withdraw his request to rent the land. The board acknowledged the request.

Auditor Bunda presented the amended sections of the Personnel Policy Handbook that has been discussed by the department administrators. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Peters to approve the amendment with clarification of Section 4.1 Holidays; When a Holiday Falls on a Saturday or Sunday (page 7) and Section 4.12 was added – Fit for Duty (page 13). Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisor Ives advised several landowners are interested in having an informational meeting to review and discuss the repairs they would like to have considered for Drainage District No. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to set the informational meeting to be at 10:00 a.m. on Friday December 11, 2015 at the Rolfe Community Center. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plan: (1) Steve Wheatley Facility – facility ID # 57923 located in SE NE, Section 22, Lincoln Township with Steve Wheatley the owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda advised the board an individual presented an aerial map of the county farm noting the location of the burial area used during the operation of the county home. He requested the board investigate the area and provide fencing to preserve the area from being farmed through. The board advised they would investigate the area and get some fencing placed to assure protection of the burial area.

Eric List, Pocahontas City Administrator advised the board the City Council requested he visit with the board. List advised for several years they had not requested TIF funded dollars but did request dollars last fall as the reserve had been spent. The City did not receive any TIF funding from the September tax collections Auditor Bunda advised the office had not received a TIF Certification and thus there were no TIF collections assigned for the city. After investigating the situation for a resolution the following options are available: (1) the county can make adjustments and include the \$112,000 of TIF tax dollars for the March tax collections; the other taxing authorities would have to receive notification an adjustment to their taxes would be made and the entities would receive fewer tax dollars with the second half tax collections; (2) make a 50% adjustment for March and include the other 50% with the TIF certification to be collected beginning September 2017; (3) add the total TIF funding of the current year to the TIF certification due by December 1, 2015 to be collected

beginning July 1, 2016. List requested Auditor Bunda provide the options in writing to him to review with the City Council for a decision.

Renee Von Bokern, Union Negotiator requested consideration of the management team to set the first bargaining meeting to be December 8, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. The board approved the date for initial bargaining.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised there are four (4) Chevrolet C70 single axle dump trucks to be disposed of. One has been converted to a flat bed. There is approximately 100,000 miles on each of the trucks. There is no longer a need for these trucks as they are used one time a year. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters to dispose of the trucks by sale at the Winegarden Auction to be held on December 1, 2015. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised the state and the railroad have determined safety gates will be installed at the railroad crossing on C15 near the Pro Coop in Plover. The state will assume approximately 90% of the cost with the remaining 10% cost to be born by the railroad company. There are currently stop signs located at the tracks for both the east and west bound traffic. Those regulatory signs will be removed.

Ann Beneke, County Attorney presented the revised Lease Agreement for the County Farm. Mark Korte, the farmer's name drawn from the hat was present. Chairman Stauter reviewed the premise of the advertisement of the renting of the county farm and inquired if Korte felt he met the qualifications of the ad. Korte stated he believed he did meet the qualifications. The cover crop was discussed of which Korte advised he has used in some of his operation, however it was determined it is impractical to implement such crop this year and would remain the discretion of the renter. Minimum tillage was discussed as well as the area of the burial grounds located on the land. Stauter advised when the weather is fit the county will install fencing around the current burial grounds. Korte advised he would like to begin doing soil samples to know what is needed for fertilizer. Korte will review the lease with legal counsel and have the lease signed at the next board meeting.

Russ Jergens, EMA Director advised the contractors will begin work on the switch over for the new generator. The power will be pulled at 8:30 a.m., Wednesday morning with the generator then taking over. There will be no heat or use of the elevator during the generator powered operations.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Peters, Siepker, and Dewey had no meetings. Ives tended to drainage matters. Stauter attended the YES Center board meeting and drainage matters.

The board at 11:35 a.m. participated in the conference call with Calhoun County Board and Brian Blomme, Engineer regarding Jt. D.D. 173-67. The engineer advised the two appraisers appointed by the board did not feel comfortable in setting the value of the land to be taken for the construction of the new drainage ditch facility and requested the services of a land appraiser be sought. The joint board determined it would be best to seek out the cost of a land appraiser. Official minutes will be received from Calhoun County as control county.

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

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor