

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA February 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 participated via telephone.

The minutes of February 9, 10, and 12, 2016 were approved as presented on motion of Peters, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as amended on motion of Stauter, seconded by Siepker to include human resource update and read a thank you. Ayes all, Motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters to table the Compensation Board until next week. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dean Behrendson, Garfield Township Clerk and Steve Stamper, Lake Township Clerk and the trustees of each Township discussed the cost of replacement fire department equipment. Lake Township has been at the maximum fire levy for their township budget and the township is unable to meet the requested dollars budgeted of the fire departments serving Lake Township and have no means of raising more dollars. Chairman Ives advised changing of the levy rate would require state legislation. Stamper inquired of the board if they would pursue this on the townships behalf with the state. Supervisor Ives advised the more voices that reach the legislators the better the request is heard.

Sarah Winkler, County Treasurer presented handouts previously requested by the board to learn what the railroads and the United States government owe in drainage assessments. Winkler advised she has contacted other county treasurers through phone conversations and all counties have trouble collecting from the railroads. It appears the railroads pay the smaller assessments but not the larger ones. The listing showed the railroads that pay their property taxes. Supervisor Stauter inquired if this is something that needs Jim Hudson's attention. The total without interest or penalties is \$17,105.42 and if the larger assessment for D.D. 178 there would be very few dollars on the books. The US Department of Interior owns 651 acres in Pocahontas County and they also refuse to pay drainage assessments and pay approximately \$5,000 each year in lieu of taxes. Chairman Ives will discuss this with Jim Hudson to see what can be done.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised he needs to correct the map of the recent bridge postings presented last week. The resolution is correct for the posting changes. Moellering advised he has nothing else to report.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to approve the quarterly report of the County Auditor as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker to acknowledge receipt of the Manure Management Plan: (1) Baker 1 Finisher – facility ID# 61828 located in the SE SW, Section 13, Marshall Township with The Maschhoffs as the owner and Maschhoff Environmental, Inc. as the contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda advised Bolton & Menk provided via email a summary of the Plans and Specifications for D.D. 41, Br11 with the cost proposed to be \$501,750 for the private lands and \$56,850 for the road crossings with a completion date of November 4, and the original will be delivered by UPS at noon today. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to approve the Plans and Specifications and set the Bid Letting for 10:45 a.m. with the award to be at 11:15 a.m. on March 8, 2016. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisors Ives read a thank you from Daniel Van Holland who interned with Pocahontas County during the month of December.

Supervisor Siepker advised at the State Supervisors meeting the three MCO providers for Medicaid made presentations. This will be a another learning process as things are implemented.

Supervisor Ives attended the water quality meeting that discussed the funding potentials to implement the water quality initiatives proposed by the Governor.

Supervisor Peters presented an email from Paul Gruefe, Human Resouce provider. Supervisor Stauter suggested Paul come meet with the board. There is concern if the services are needed full time, part time, or as an on call basis.

Supervisors Weekly Meetings: Ives attended the budget reviews, State Supervisors meeting, Water Quality meeting. Peters attended the budget reviews and the Palmer Home Town Pride meeting. Siepker attended the State Supervisors meeting and budget reviews. Dewey attended the budget reviews and the IMWCA safety meeting. Stauter attended the budget reviews.

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

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor