

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
February 6, 2018

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

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, and JoAnn Peters; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Supervisor Dewey was present telephonically and Supervisor Siepker was absent.

The minutes of January 30, 2018 were approved as presented on motion by Peters, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to approve the tentative agenda. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dale Smith addressed the Board about a letter he received from MidAmerican Energy pertaining to the Pomeroy Wind Farm-repowering project. Since MidAmerican would be bringing in heavy equipment to do the project, he has concerns about who is going to be the watchdog to make sure they do not crush drainage tiles. The Board agrees with his concerns. Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and Russ Jergens, Zoning, will work together to come up with language in the permits to address these concerns. There will be a public hearing on February 15, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse to discuss MidAmerican's application for a variance and special use permit.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve payment in the amount of \$1,080.00 to Hudson Law Firm for legal services on Jt. DD 43-72. Ayes: Stauter, Ives, Dewey; Nay: Peters. Motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve payment in the amount of \$2,862.00 to Bolton & Menk for professional services on Jt. DD 43-72. Ayes: Stauter, Ives, Dewey; Nay: Peters. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the letter received from ISAC about the Opioid Litigation. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to table until more information becomes available. Ayes all, motion carried.

Next, the Board discussed the letter received from the Iowa State University Health Promotion Club about the possibility of banning e-cigarettes from the Courthouse. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to table until more information becomes available. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to appoint JoAnn Peters to the Homeward Housing Committee. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, let the Board know that he recently realized that the N28 project is on federal funding for the next fiscal year, so it cannot be let until after October, when the fiscal year starts. He will push the N28 project back and start working on C56.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Jeff Grossnickle Site 2 – ID# 59198 located in the NW SW, Section 31, Rush Lake Township, Palo Alto Co. with Jeff Grossnickle as owner & contact person; (2) K&M Turkey Farm– ID# 68050 located in the SW SE, Section 34, Coon Township, Buena Vista Co. with Matt McCarthy as owner & contact person; (3) Farm 235-Reed – ID# 67051 located in the SE NE, Section 26, Dover Township with New Fashion Pork as owner & Sarah Withers as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to approve the salary increase of \$0.50 per hour for Kevin Martin as Kevin has completed his probationary period. Kevin's new salary will be \$15.50 per hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen let the Board know that they received the order from Chief Judge Wilke allowing the regulation of weapons and firearms in the Courthouse in public areas not exclusively controlled or totally occupied by the state court system be under the control of the Board of Supervisors. The Board acknowledged receipt of the order.

Weekly meetings: Ives–Supervisor's state wide meeting and Solid Waste; Peters– Supervisor's state wide meeting and Solid Waste; Siepker– Supervisor's state wide meeting; and Dewey—Department Head meeting. Supervisor Ives, Stauter, Peters and Siepker were present at the Jt. DD 18-42 Annexation & Reclassification Hearing.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor