

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
July 17, 2018

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

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Louis Stauter, Ed Dewey, and JoAnn Peters; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen.

The minutes of July 10, 2018 were approved as presented on motion by Dewey, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Sarah Winkler, County Treasurer, presented the Semi-Annual Report, Quarterly Investment Report, and Statement of Condition. It was noted that there was \$600.00 cash in the Treasurer's Office, \$6,002,469.69 in Certificated of Deposits, \$1,367,454.58 in Stamped Drainage Warrants, \$3,008,689.26 in Drainage Improvement Certificates, \$5,573,420.76 in banks, for a total of \$15,952,634.29. This quarter there were 4 CD's renewed, \$66,980.33 in interest earned, and 516 driver's licenses issued that generated \$3,612.00 in revenue. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the County Treasurer's reports. Ayes all, motion carried.

Larry and Dorothy Siefken, from Palmer, addressed the Board. The Board discussed that King Construction accepted the bid on DD 47 Branch F, with the understanding that they could start the improvement project at their convenience. Siefken had hoped that the project would start after harvest but will cooperate with the contractor. Siefken also inquired if the Board had decided on his request to separate the district's classification. Chairman Ives explained that at the completion of the project, Bolton & Menk will make a recommendation on reclassification, and the Trustees will make a determination at that time.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to approve payment to Sindergard Excavating for tile repair on Jt. DD 63 in the amount of \$712.03. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve payment to ISG for Watchman Services on Jt. DD 1 MOD, Lateral 1, and Lateral 2 in the amount of \$67.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey, to approve payment to ISG for Watchman Services on Jt. DD 183 in the amount of \$22.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m., a teleconference was held with the Calhoun County Board of Supervisors. Members present in Calhoun: Supervisors, Mike Cooper, Scott Jacobs, and Carl Legore; and Auditor, Robin Batz. Members present in Pocahontas County: Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Clarence Siepker, Louis Stauter, Ed Dewey, and JoAnn Peters; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Legore, to appoint Jeff Ives as Chairman and Kelly Jepsen as Recording Secretary for the Jt. DD 43-72 conference call. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Cooper, to approve the levy of \$391,600.00 or 89% (Pocahontas County \$346,782.63 & Calhoun County \$44,817.37) against all lands, tracts, real estate, highways, and railroads in Jt. DD 43-72 Main Open Ditch due on September 30, 2018. Any parcels over \$500.00, are eligible for a 20-year waiver at 5% simple interest. Ayes-Cooper, Jacobs, Legore, Ives, Siepker, Stauter, Dewey. Nays-none. Peters abstained for reasons of conflict of interest. Motion carried.

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

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised the Board that due to an unintended detour, there are safety concerns, there warrant temporary stop signs. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Siepker, Peters, Ives, Stauter, Dewey; Nays – none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION – 2018-07- #17

Traffic Control for Unintended Detour of Highway 3

WHEREAS, State Highway 3 has been closed for bridge reconstruction, and
WHEREAS, some traffic chooses to use a route other than the posted detour, and
WHEREAS, the intersection of 530th Street and 200th Avenue is currently uncontrolled and the intersection of 530th Street and 210th Avenue is controlled only for the eastbound approach, and
WHEREAS, a local resident reports that detour traffic often drives through the uncontrolled intersection without slowing even though corn growing in adjacent fields obscures visibility, and the Pocahontas County Engineer notes that corn is also obscuring sight at the 210th Avenue intersection, and
WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Engineer recommends that the intersection of 530th Street and 200th Avenue be stopped at the northbound and southbound approaches and the intersection of 530th Street and 210th Avenue be stopped also at the west bound approach. That these additional stops be temporary and remain until Highway 3 is re-opened or harvest removes the obstruction, whichever is later.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors that during the closure and detour, that stop signs (and associated stop ahead signs) be installed, at the intersection described above, to control the interactions of traffic while Highway 3 is detoured.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pocahontas County Secondary Roads Department will be responsible to erect and maintain said signs.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, upon completion of construction and reopening of Highway 3 and the harvest of the crop obscuring sight lines, the stop signs be eliminated and previous conditions restored.

Stauter and Moellering discussed a drainage concern in Section 26 of Cedar Township. Moellering will investigate and address the drainage concern.

Ives and Moellering discussed the dust problem created by detours taken when Pilot Creek Road is closed. In the future, Moellering will provide dust control while the road is closed.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Pedersen, Kenny – ID# 58221 located in the SW SE, Sec. 21 Cummins Township with Kenny Pedersen as owner & contact person; (2) Lenz Poultry Inc. – ID# 58877 located in the SE SW, Sec. 4 Bellville Township with Philip Lenz as owner & contact person; (3) Ekstrand Farms – ID# 67371 located in the SW SW, Sec. 36 Grant Township with Dean Ekstrand as owner & as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board held a public hearing on a CAFO for Dan & Laura Erickson. The site is located in Section 24 of Colfax Township. Jepsen presented the affidavit of mailing and proof of publication to the Chairman. The publication stated that this would be an increase in animal numbers only, with no new construction, at an existing swine confinement facility. Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after increase: 1,240 animal units (3,100 head of swine finishers). No one from the public was present to express concerns and there were no written objections filed. No scoring was needed for this particular application. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to approve Dan & Laura Erickson's CAFO construction application. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pre-classification of DD 31. Ayes all, motion carried.

Discussion continued about purchasing property adjacent to Secondary Roads' Maintenance Shop in Pocahontas. Supervisors Dewey and Ives will investigate concerns and try to negotiate a purchase price of the property.

Weekly meetings: Ives–meeting with Pro Coop and constituent concerns; Stauter–Yes Center and drainage concerns; Dewey–Wellness committee and meeting with Pro Coop; and Peters–Board of Health, Second Judiciary, and drainage concerns. All Supervisors were present at DD 31 Informal Information Meeting.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor