

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
September 19, 2017

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, JoAnn Peters; and Auditor Kelly Jepsen. Supervisor Dewey was absent.

The minutes of September 12, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Siepker, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

The minutes from the Canvass of the School Election on September 15, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Peters informed the Board that she spoke with the City of Palmer and they told her to proceed with having Don Etler, from Bolton & Menk, prepare the reports and do a pre-classification to help make the decision to move forward or not with the project of DD 47 Br. F. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to approve payment to Bolton & Menk for survey, study & report for DD 47 Br. F in the amount of \$4,605.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Sarah Winkler, County Treasurer, explained that Megan Cash from Rolfe has requested an assignment of 2016 tax sale number 221 and abatement on parcel 0805157030. The total unpaid taxes are \$18.00. The property is an empty lot adjacent to Cash that she is already taking care of. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the tax sale assignment and abatement. Ayes all, motion carried

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to appoint JoAnn Peters to the Home Care Aide Administrative Board. Dewey had resigned from the HCA Board effective August 31, 2017. Peter's term will expire December 31, 2017. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Recorder's August Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Liquor License for the Laurens Golf & Country Course. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve payment to I+S Group for Wetland Adm. & Preconstruction Reclassification on Jt. DD 173-67 for \$1,704.81. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen let the Board know that it is National Voter Registration Month and asked the Board to make a Proclamation to recognize it. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to adopt the following Proclamation for National Voter Registration Month. Ayes all, motion carried.

National Voter Registration Month
OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and WHEREAS, while Iowa is one of the nation's leaders in voter registration and voter participation, with more than two-million residents currently registered to vote, some eligible citizens have not yet registered; and WHEREAS, the voter registration process in Iowa is easier and more convenient than ever before, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has an online voter registration system enabling citizens to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and WHEREAS, the need for public information and education regarding voter registration is extremely critical as Iowa voters prepare to take part in the 2017 city elections; and WHEREAS, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa. NOW, THEREFORE, We, the Board of Supervisors, of Pocahontas County, do hereby proclaim September 2017 as National Voter Registration Month; and September 26, 2017 as National Voter Registration Day.

Atherton was contacted by Lee Gravel, Water Quality Initiative Project Coordinator for the NRCS. They may be placing bioreactors by the Drainage Ditches and Atherton is concerned about damaging them when they have to do work in the District. He feels that they need to be marked and have a GPS coordinate of their location. Gravel was contacted telephonically and he agrees with Atherton that GPS coordinates should be given to the drainage districts.

Peters inquired what a bioreactor was. Siepker explained that a bioreactor lessens the nitrate content in the water by filtering water through wood chips. Gravel elaborated on Siepker's explanation by explaining, the tannins in the wood are high in acidity which kills the microbes and does the denitrification. The wood chips would be 3.5 to 7 feet deep with 1.5 to 2 feet of top soil on top of the

chips. The entire wood chip box would be wrapped in plastic sheeting that would retain the water inside. The only thing above ground will be the water control structures. The NRCS is limited to the site where they can place bioreactors as it has to be the right tile size, the right slope in the field and willing land owners. There are funds available, a lot of these projects are 100% paid for, so any interested farmer should inquire with the NRCS.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, explained the University of Iowa-IIHR Hydroscience & Engineering would like to put in a water quality monitoring station in Cedar Creek, east of N33/160th Ave. Bridge. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign the permit. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Kelsey Staiert – ID# 64121 located in the SW NW, Section 5, Colfax Township with Kelsey Staiert as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to set the Completion Hearing for Jt. DD 43-72 for October 24, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Pocahontas Court House. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen received an email from CASI. They reported the annual indirect cost recovered from the cost allocation report for FY 17, based of FY15 cost allocation, as \$14,004.16. Jepsen also reported that Brian Blomme, Engineer from ISG, recommended an extension on the completion date for Jt. DD 173-67 from September 26, 2017 to November 1, 2017. Jepsen will set up a teleconference with Calhoun County to discuss. IMWCA sent their 2016-2017 Payroll Audit and Audited Premium Schedule for the Board to review. They are recommending a credit of \$756.00.

Weekly meetings: Siepker–Workforce Development, Canvass the School Election, and Jt. DD 181; Stauter–Meet with Don Reffer from B&W Control Specialists, Canvass the School Election, Jt. DD 181, and bridge concerns; and Peters–Homeward Housing Trust, Board of Health, Canvass the School Election, and Jt. DD 181.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor