

Supervisors Room, Courthouse

Pocahontas, IA September 30, 2014

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

Members present: Chairman Vincent L. Triggs, Louis Stauter, Paul Beneke, Jeffrey K. Ives.
Absent: Ed Dewey. Also present : County Attorney Ann Beneke.

The minutes of September 23, 2014 were approved as read upon motion of Ives, seconded by Stauter with the addition of the time frame for the requested documentation by County Attorney Ann Beneke to read as follows: Requested of Auditor bunda the documentation of the close-out of the COPS grant relative to the Pictometry services performed be provided within 48 hours and the letter from the IRS relative to the late filings of the W2 and the 1099's for FY 2012 be provided within 24 hours. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as amended to include Ann Beneke, County Attorney to the agenda. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:15a.m. the Board met telephonically with Buena Vista County as JT Trustees of Jt. D.D. 183 to approve the six repair sites noted by I & S Group of Storm Lake. The minutes are recorded in the appropriate drainage record.

Ann Beneke, County Attorney advised she would like to send a letter of response to the IRS noting the county is in disagreement of the proposed fine of \$15,500.00 for the late W2 and 1099 electronic filings for the 2012 calendar year. It was moved by Stauter seconded by Ives to authorize Ann Beneke, County Attorney to prepare a response to the IRS noting the county's disagreement of said penalty. Ayes all, motion carried.

Helen Beneke, as Chairperson of the Legends of the Great Plains Art project reviewed the project from the beginning of the Core Committee and meetings with DRG with David Dahlquist. Buena Vista University also provided assistance with several students working with Dahlquist and his team throughout the study of Pocahontas County in providing support services for media coverage with a Face Book page established that has been very beneficial to providing the information to the public. There have been several meetings for the public to learn of the project with the next step being to include Gerry Schneff, Director of Keep Iowa Beautiful to explore funding sources to support the art project.

Supervisor Stauter advised he was disappointed that Dahlquist has not contacted IA Department of Natural Resources (IDNR). Stauter advised the Art project may be a good idea, however their approval is needed as the funding comes from hunting and fishing licenses. Need to make sure to talk to IDNR before moving forward. Supervisor Ives noted the project looks wonderful and it was noted it will take many generations to complete. How long will the limestone last was a question along with Supervisor Triggs noting the gravel roadway would need to be paved as dust control would be a concern.

Helen Beneke requested Tom Grau, PCEDC Director provide input to the various funding sources. The Commission has met and will complete Phase I of the project. There will be a review and various funding sources will be explored for the continuation of the project. County agencies and resources may be utilized to begin some of the trails and build the canoe lanches. Grau acknowledged the dedicated leadership of Helen Beneke and the many hours of volunteered hours given as we explore this Art project. Grau ended by commending the County Conservation Board for all they have accomplished through the years and the Board of Supervisors support of the project as we move forward.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer noted the Community Signs from Keep Iowa Beautiful to denote a Home Town Pride Community believes it is best practice to have these signs on State versus a County road right of way. Cities along State roadways will have the responsibility of contacting the IDOT for the approval of the placement of the Home Towns Pride signs. Those communities along a County

roadway only, will place the signs in the County right of way to be compliant with sight and distance placement regulations. It was moved by Beneke, seconded by Ives to authorize the Home Town Pride Community signs to be installed by the County Secondary Road Department and to maintain the post and/or the replacement of a post; the City must make the official request to the County Engineer to install the signs and the City will be responsible for the replacement of a worn/damaged Home Town Pride sign. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised the Board needs to consider the appointment of an inspector of drainage cuts for the Longlines permit for the placement of a fiber cable in the county roadway. The discussion noted Bolton & Menk quoted a cost of \$85.00 per hour while the county could charge \$40.00 per hour plus mileage expense with all costs to be reimbursed by Longlines. The first day would require the inspector to be on site the entire day to observe the tile cuts and handling of repairs to maintain the drainage system as it is today. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to appoint Supervisor Stauter to act as drainage inspector for the Longlines fiber installation with Longlines to reimburse the \$40.00 per hour time and the \$0.50 per mile for mileage expenses all to be paid by Longlines. Ayes – Beneke, Ives; Nays – none; Stauter – abstains; Dewey – absent. Whereby motion carried.

Moellering advised he would like to begin the search for a four (4) year college graduate to be employed as an assistant engineer. Supervisor Beneke queried if there is room for a drainage person to be in the Engineer's office. There is an office available noted Moellering along with the question of what would be the responsibilities of a drainage person. Ives advised this person would meet the public, look at drainage, set levies, maintain minutes, etc based upon Calhoun County's drainage clerk. Moellering advised the benefit of a four year grad is the ability to prepare design plans while a two year technician can prepare on a limited basis with the four year degree can do the design and plans entirely. Stauter noted the cost to employ a two year person would be cheaper.

Sheriff Lampe and Sid Enockson, Dispatch Supervisor advised the Sheriff's office needs their own phone system and the cost is only a minimal amount of money. Ives noted the combined cost of a system would be less costly to the county. Supervisor Beneke noted we tabled action to investigate the cost of a system to serve the entire courthouse. Doug Jenson, Windstream representative advised he has learned he can do a one-time purchase price versus the monthly fee, however he does not have that cost today. He further noted the sheriff wants off the T1 line and that can happen through a phone system, our engineers are still investigating the fiber line within the courthouse, and the Media Com internet has been working well for the sheriff's office. Ives noted the sheriff is looking at retirement. Enockson advised everything is going all internet access and phones are a big part of our communications and we do not need communication with the rest of the courthouse. Lampe advised most sheriff's departments have their own system. He noted he liked the bid and needs to be approved and get it done; noting he took five (5) bids, Supervisor Dewey looked at all the bids, and I can get it out of this year's budget.

Doug Jenson, Windstream representative advised as a reseller we offer analog lines at a cost of \$30.45 and I can follow up on the needs and cost with Auditor Bunda.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plan: (1) Dean Pedersen facility ID # 60387 located in the SW NW, Section 16, Cummins Township with Dean Pedersen as the owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly Meetings: Supervisor Triggs attended the County Social Services monthly meeting. Beneke attended the County Solid Waste Commission meeting and the Board of Health meeting. Stauter attended the Art Project public meeting, met with B & W for spray project of Jt. D. D. 181, and Community and Family Resources board meeting. Ives attended the Second Judicial board meeting.

The Board recessed for lunch at 12:15 p.m.

The Board reconvened to hear the presentation by Tim Garcia with Frontier Phones of Fort Dodge.

There being no further business the board adjourned on motion of Ives, seconded by Stauter.

Vincent L. Triggs, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor