

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

Members present: Chairman Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Joann Peters, Jeffrey K. Ives, Ed Dewey.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Ives to approve the minutes of February 3, 2015 with the correction that the *Assessor's term is a six (6) year term and not a (5) year term.* Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as amended on motion of Siepker, seconded by Dewey to include authorize chairman to sign ground water hazard statement and declaration of value forms. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dorothy Lamberti, Historical Society representative thanked the board for their increased contribution to the organization this year. The city has provided funding to assist with drainage and improvements to avoid water in the basement. Insulation to the ceiling has greatly assisted in the cost of heating. They were also awarded a Pocahontas County Foundation grant of \$740 for preservation of photos they have received. They also provide outreach education through the Pocahontas, Rolfe, and Laurens libraries. These displays are changed every three months.

The board next reviewed the Resolution requesting funding for crisis stabilization beds as a member of the CSS Region to be presented to the legislature. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Siepker, Peters, Ives, Dewey, Stauter; nays – none. Whereby the resolution was adopted to-wit:

Resolution 2015-02-#11

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has issued funding used for the creation/allocation of Crisis Stabilization Beds in the State of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors in Pocahontas County recognizes that the current mental health system in Iowa lacks enough bed space to respond appropriately in situations where individuals alleged to be seriously mentally impaired and/or suffering from substance abuse related disorders are in a state of immediate crisis and as a result are not receiving necessary treatment, and

WHEREAS, communication problems between law enforcement agencies, hospitals, and members of the mental health/substance abuse system adds to the problem, and

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Sheriff's Office, Pocahontas Community Hospital, County Social Services and other agencies have repeatedly encountered situations where individuals alleged to be seriously mentally ill and/or suffering from a substance abuse related disorders who pose a danger to themselves or others are being imprisoned, given minimal treatment and released or sent directly back out into the public – not because they don't need treatment/involuntary commitment, but because there is not enough bed space and treatment resources available in the State of Iowa is sparse, and

WHEREAS, dual diagnosis is a very common occurrence in the State of Iowa, where an individual suffers from both a serious mental illness and a substance abuse related disorder, yet dual diagnosis bed space in the State of Iowa is sparse, and

WHEREAS, individuals who do receive treatment for the purposes of stabilization are not being provided with the necessary follow-up care to maintain stabilization, resulting in additional mental health/substance abuse episodes, which creates an unnecessary financial burden on the County/State through emergency hospitalizations, incarcerations, etc., and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors believes it would be beneficial to establish a panel comprised of representatives from the Department of Correctional Services, Department of Human Services, Department of Health, County Social Services, local law enforcement agencies and the Department of Inspections and Appeals to address the shortcomings in the currently established protocol for involuntary commitments and treatment plans, and

WHEREAS, the ultimate goal of the Board of Supervisors is to establish a cooperative mental health treatment system which provides efficient services to those individuals alleged to be seriously mentally ill and/or suffering from a substance abuse related disorder so as to avoid danger to said individuals and the public and utilizes funds in a fiscally responsible manner by placing focus on providing necessary emergency treatment and aftercare treatment up front, without the need for repeated emergency room visits and applications for involuntary commitments.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors that efforts shall be taken by Pocahontas County to urge the State of Iowa to reallocate current funds or allocate additional funds for the purpose of establishing additional beds in Iowa and additional treatment of resources for those with mental health and substance abuse needs, including the urging of creating a panel to address the shortcomings and reallocation of funds.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to approve the request for partial grant payment in the amount of \$43,453.54 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan and authorize the chairman to sign the request form. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to appoint Supervisor Ives to the LEPC Foundation Board. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Declaration of Value and Ground Water Hazard Statements were reviewed and the board concurred to authorize the chairman to sign these forms as requested by Ann Beneke, County Attorney prior to the hearing for the sale of the cement plant property.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to approve the claim in the amount of \$8,540.00 to Valley Contracting for ¾ of a mile cleanout of the open ditch on Jt. D. D. 63, Br 5. The spoil will be leveled in the spring. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker to approve the claims to Bolton & Menk, Inc. in the amount of \$327.96 (inv # 0174399) for 2014 FEMA for Jt. D.D. 63. Ayes all, motion carried.

The following claims were audited and allowed:

Adv Systems 1	Copier Main Ex	139.36
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Ag Partners 1	Fuel	1577.83
P Alexander 1	Mileage Jan 15	212.20
Alliant Energy 1	Utilities	623.96
AmericInn 2	Lodging	458.05
Arnold Motor 1	Parts	610.96
Barco Municipal 1	Barracade planks	1436.63
Bob Barker Co. 1	Supplies	242.19
Benefits 1	Admin	2511.85
A Beneke 1	Co Atty Exp	4570.14
BV Co Journal 3	Publications	632.77
Co. Social Services 1	Qtrly Allocation	75000.00
Cal Co ECA 1	Utilities	60.29
Calhoun-Burns 1	Bridge Rating/Inspect	4166.94
Carpenter Uniform 4	Uniforms	800.95
CCDA 1	Dues	40.00
CID 1	Supplies	485.60
CenturyLink 11	Phone	632.95
CenturyLink 1	Viper 911 Upgrade	48249.28
Certified Pool Trainers 1	Training	125.00
Clarion Distib 1	floor squeegees	130.00
B Dahl 1	Mileage Jan 15	203.75

DD 178	Road Crossings	3436.75
1		
DMACC	Training	100.00
1		
Dollar Gen	Supplies	34.00
1		
Doolittle Oil	supplies	1304.82
1		
Electronic Special	Repairs/Main	1280.77
1		
Evertex	Internet	41.30
1		
Farm & Home	Supplies	337.64
4		
D Ferguson	Mileage Jan 15	127.65
1		
City of Fonda	Utilities	176.79
1		
GB	Reimbursements	6086.48
2		
Genesis	Janitorial	750.00
1		
Godbersen Construct	Construction	127707.50
1		
Graves Construct	Repairs	39198.51
1		
D Hubbell	Safety shoes reimb.	150.00
1		
ICRA	Dues	200.00
1		
IA DPS	Terminal Billing	1380.00
1		
IA DOT	Training/Calibration	175.00
2		
IEMA	Training	125.00
1		
ISAC	Training	160.00
1		
ILEA	Training	160.00
1		
Inland Truck	Parts	639.19
1		
Johnston Auto	Supplies	255.65
1		
Kerns Enter	Electric Repair	240.61
1		
KW Electric	Electrical	1962.00
1		
B Larsen	Meal - Transport	18.36
1		
Laurens Municipal	Utilities	951.68
2		
Laurens Sun	Publications	911.31
3		
Mail Serv	Print/Postage	204.88
1		
Martin Marietta	Rdstone	108921.05
1		
McKesson Medical	Med Sup	398.57
1		
Phyllis Menke	Website Domain	239.99
1		
K Metzger	Mileage	181.75
1		
MidAmerican Energy	Utilities	501.45
2		
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	640.97
1		
MOCIC	Dues	100.00
1		
Murphy Tractor	Parts	177.35
1		
M Myers	Wages	90.00
1		
Napa Auto Parts	Supplies	16.49
1		

Northland Prod 1	Supplies	149.95
Northwest Comm 1	Internet	79.95
Office Elements 6	Supplies	912.18
Office Systems 4	Copier Main	153.98
City of Palmer 1	Utilities	81.00
Po Co Aud 3	T1 Phone Jan 15	145.11
Po Co Pub Health 1	drug/alcohol test	125.00
Po Co Solid Waste 1	Rural Waste	17533.94
Poca Equip 1	Supplies/Repairs	112.75
Poca Ford 1	Main Serv	531.55
Poca Off Supply 1	Supplies	18.41
Poca Postmaster 1	Postage	70.00
Poca Sales & Serv 1	Repairs/Main	84.49
City of Pocahontas 8	Utilities	5855.62
Pro Co-Op 1	Supp/Serv	27527.29
RAM Systems 1	Maintenance	545.00
Ramada 2	Lodging	165.66
Record Dem 8	Publications	1768.56
Rees Truck 1	Parts	128.24
B Reis 1	Meeting	10.00
City of Rolfe 1	Utilities	828.24
Rubber Inc 1	Parts	20.02
S H Lawn Care 1	Lawn Care	2105.00
Seiler App 3	Repair Ser	467.20
C Siepker 1	Expenses Jan 15	827.35
Snap On 1	Tools	49.50
Solutions 3	Comp Main/Supplies	540.37
D Stall 1	Expenses	558.27
State Farm 1	Insurance	238.00
Steffen Inc 1	Trk Box Vibrator	317.85
M Parrott 1	Form Supplies	103.74
US Cellular 3	Phone	384.30
Verizon 2	Phone	113.08
Wex Bank 1	Fuel	25.15
Windstream 1	Phone/Data	264.26
Woods 3	Supplies	68.97
Ziegler 1	Supplies	1380.02
Grand Total		506457.67

The Laurens Hometown Pride Committee, with Barb Smith as spokeswoman and Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney presented the plans for the development of a walking trail in Laurens. Smith advised the committee has received a REAP grant for the construction of the trail. The trail will be an 8 foot dirt/rock surface to be constructed at the east side of Laurens from IA HWY 10 northerly to Veterans Road near the sports complex. Smith advised the trail was designed to stay away from the drainage district right-of-way. In talking with Jim Hudson it may be possible to utilize the right-of-way to provide a greater dimension to the trail's design. Hudson advised the board the right-of-way can be used for other purposes as the code specifies the landowner may have beneficial use of the right-of-way and Section 468.107 provides the establishment of a public highway. The trail would stay away from the top of the right-of-way near the drainage ditch edge for safety. The nature could be enjoyed by those utilizing the trail. In the future the city may wish to expand the trail further north along the right-of-way of the ditch making an entire loop around the City of Laurens. Hudson advised the landowners would be invited to a hearing to present the plan and use of the right-of-way. The board concurred this can become a beneficial use of the right-of-way and advised the committee to continue their plan preparations.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer presented a resolution upgrading the postings for the bridges receiving reconstruction of the supplemental abutments. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Ives to approve the resolution. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Siepker, Peters, Ives, Dewey, Stauter; nays – none. Whereby the chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

Resolution 2015 -02 - #12

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County receives significant federal funding for bridges and accordingly is required to conduct bridge inspections and were prescribed, to close or to place restrictions as to the weight of vehicles using such bridges, and

WHEREAS, the bridge inspection consultant for the County, a professional engineer, has previously determined bridge load postings according to vehicle type for a bridge in the County, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to maintain the safety of the public and continue receiving federal funding for bridge replacements, and

WHEREAS, rehabilitation of some bridges is under contract and is in progress. Such rehabilitation is planned to restore some or all of the bridge's capacity.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors that the below bridges be posted as recommended by the rehabilitation plans as the work is completed and the bridges are re-opened to public use, pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 321.471 and 321.472.

County #	FHWA #	Location	Old Posting	New Posting
Lake 28	278630	25/36 Lake	Legal	Legal
Des Moines 162	279980	28/33 Des Moines	Closed	24-35-40
Lincoln 209	278780	23/24 Lincoln	21-28-28	Legal
Dover 220	279090	25/26	20-25-25	Legal

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Stauter attended the Fair Board meeting as liaison and tended to drainage concerns. Peters and Siepker attended the Farm Bureau annual meeting. Dewey attended the Farm Bureau annual meeting, attended the IMWCA safety training meeting in Cherokee, and drainage concerns. Ives met with the Courthouse Security Committee.

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

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor