

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
November 21, 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, Ed Dewey, and JoAnn Peters; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen.

The minutes of November 14, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters, to approve the tentative agenda with the addition of: approve quote from American Business Phones for additional phones. Ayes all, motion carried.

Donell Doering, Director of Operations, with Elderbridge Agency on Aging, presented an annual report and request for matching funds. Elderbridge is an agency that serves people in 29 counties in Iowa that are 60 years and older and individuals between the ages of 18 and 59 with a disability. Fiscal Year 17 income totaled 6.8 million, with 38% from federal dollars, 26.5% from state dollars, and 17% from contributions from participants. Elderbridge spent \$204,782.00 on Pocahontas County people during Fiscal Year 17 with the majority of the funds going towards congregate meals and home delivered meals. Doering asked the Board to consider supporting Elderbridge in Fiscal Year 19 with a match fund request in the amount of \$5,979.00.

At 10:20 a.m., a teleconference was held with Buena Vista County Board of Supervisors as Trustees for Jt. DD 18-42. Members present in Buena Vista County: Supervisors, Tom Huseman, Dale Arends, and Paul Merten; and Auditor's clerk, Kristina Konradi. Members present in Pocahontas County: Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, JoAnn Peters and Ed Dewey; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Buena Vista County Supervisors, Don Altena and Rhonda Ringgenberg were absent.

It was moved by Huseman, seconded by Stauter, to appoint Paul Merten as Chairman and Kelly Jepsen as Secretary for Jt. DD 18-42. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Arends, to accept the changes made by Bolton & Menk to the crop damages on Jt. DD 18-72 from \$37,735.35 to \$34,373.75. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Trustees held a phone conference with Jon Rosengren and Don Etler, Engineers with Bolton & Menk, to discuss the mitigated wetlands on Jt. DD 18-42. Etler explained that they eliminated all converted wetlands in the district, so all the farmland can continue to be farmed. This saved the district roughly \$150,000.00.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Arends, to approve Jt. DD 18-42 claim from Bolton & Menk for professional services in the amount of \$10,152.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Arends, to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, gave the Board a progress report of the different projects going on within the County. C-26 asphalt is done, but there it has been asphalt damaged by a disc at the first intersection east of Dutcher's Dairy. They are working on the last of the 5 bridges which should be completed next week. The County Line bridge was opened back up today and N-65 is ongoing. The earthwork is done on the east side, so now working on the west side. Moellering also mentioned that he feels the cell phone policy needs to be updated.

Ives explained that he had a complaint about manure haulers making a mess on N-65. Moellering stated that he had to send someone out to clean it off as it was quite a mess. The Board instructed Moellering to send a bill to the landowner of the field the truck came out of. It then would be up to the landowner to collect from the hauler.

Bret Wilkenson, Buena Vista County Engineer, introduced Marius Agus, the new North Raccoon Watershed Coordinator and asked if the Board had any questions. Agus is a Buena Vista County employee but works for the watershed. Agus has a Bachelor of Science in Agricultural Engineering, Masters in Soil Science and Water Management, and Post-Doctoral at Iowa State University. Since the Watershed is so large, at the December 8th meeting, Agus will be recommending breaking the watershed into 2 or 4 smaller groups to focus on projects in that area.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Weed Commissioner's 2017 Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Joann Huegerich's longevity pay increase of \$0.05 per hour, starting December 10, 2017. Ayes all, motion carried. The Board also wanted to thank Joann for her ten years of service.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. 173-67 claim from I+S Group for Wetland Administration and Preconstruction Reclassification in the amount of \$2,778.43. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Dutchland Dairy – ID# 56669 located in the SE NW, Section 4, Garfield Township with Dan Duitscher as owner & Extended Ag Services as the contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

On November 14th, Auditor Jepsen presented information in regards to becoming the Fiscal Sponsor for Pocahontas County 4H/FFA Fair. The Board resolved to be the Fiscal Sponsor for the Pocahontas County 4H/FFA Fair with the Resolution to come this week. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, 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 resolution is adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION No. 2017-11-#24
FISCAL SPONSOR

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has been approached to be the fiscal sponsor for Pocahontas County 4H/FFA Fair,

WHEREAS, the County of Pocahontas is a subdivision of the State of Iowa providing services for any public purpose through the taxing levying authority vested in said subdivision/all Agencies of the County of Pocahontas are further determined to be not for profit and eligible to function under the FEIN 42-6005125 to comply with the requirements of the IRS.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, IA authorizes Auditor Kelly Jepsen to act as the fiscal agent for the funds received by said organization requesting sponsorship for the 2017 Foundation Grant awards.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the general service contract with Sam's Painting to paint all the green ceiling in the courthouse and the stairwell of the courthouse for \$2,400.00 and \$1,600 respectively. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen and the Board discussed the need for more phones. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, authorize Jepsen to do some checking, and if she cannot find other phones, to authorize her to proceed with the purchase of phones through American Business Phones. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen let the Board know that the Compensation Board will be meeting December 4th, the Secretary of State will be here on the 22nd, and reminded the Board that DD 47 Br. F will take place in Palmer on December 12th at 6:00 p.m.

Weekly meetings: Siepker–Upper Des Moines Finance Meeting and County Social Services Quadrant Meeting; Stauter–Cattlemen's Tour, YES Center, and Fair Board; and Dewey–Conservation Meeting.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor