

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
May 2, 2017

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

Members present: Chairman Jeffrey Ives, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, JoAnn Peters and Ed Dewey.

The minutes of April 25, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Lori Hopkins addressed the Board requesting tax sale assignment on three lots in the unincorporated town of Ware: TR 100x400 N of OL1, OUTLOT 1 and Lot 2 BLK 6. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to allow Hopkins to take possession of the property now and to abate \$600.58 in property taxes in one year if the property is cleaned up. Drainage assessment of \$28.98 will not be abated. Ayes all, motion carried.

Stuart Henderson requested tax abatement of \$1,245.00 and tax sale assignment on three lots in Havelock: W ½ LOT 8, LOT 9 and Lot 10 BLK 6 JARVIS ADD. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters, to allow Henderson to take possession of these properties and in one year, if the property is cleaned up, the Board will abate the taxes. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kelly Haberl, Wellness Committee, discussed different Dental and Vision insurance plans from which the County could choose. The Board feels it should be the employees decision which plan to choose since it will be 100% employee funded. Representatives from Delta Dental and VSP will be invited to answer employee questions at the annual employee meeting.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters, to allow Secondary Roads to trade and purchase a different truck for Don Cirks, Road Superintendent prior to the end of the fiscal year. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and Gary Atherton, drainage clerk, explained when outsourcing engineering work, they would like to review the plans prior to it going out for bid. This would insure everything is included and ultimately save the county money. The Board requested they write a policy and bring it back for approval.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Sherman Pork – ID# 65248 located SW NW, Sec. 26 Sherman Township with Sherman Pork LP as owners & Rusty Kosky as contact person; (2) Garrison Ridge LLC– ID# 58740 located SE SE, Sec. 13 Des Moines Township with Joel Schmidt as owners & contact person; (3) Cedar Flats – ID# 61541 located NE SE, Sec. 29, Cedar Township with Pitstick Pork, LLC as owners & Trent Siebrecht as contact person; (4) Pitstick Pork– ID# 63746 located SE NE Sec 11 Williams Township, Calhoun with Pitstick Pork, LLC as owners & Trent Siebrecht as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board received a letter from the VA Commission stating they would be giving Orene Cressler, VA Director, a salary increase of \$2000 per year, retroactive to July 1, 2016, with the funds coming from the remaining Veterans Grant dollars. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to consult with the County Attorney on this matter. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to set the Completion Hearing for DD 11 for June 13th at 1:30 p.m. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve Benefits, Inc. FY18 Administration Services contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed the leaking membrane roof at the County Annex Building. KG Roofing from Fort Dodge gave a bid to replace the roof. Stauter will reach out to them and look into all our options.

Auditor Jepsen informed the Board that Roosevelt Township has two vacant Trustee positions and Center Township does not have a Clerk or any Trustees. According to Iowa Code 69.8, "if the offices of two trustees are vacant the county board of supervisors shall fill the vacancies by appointment. Dewey will find people to fill the vacancies in Center Township and Ives will find people from Roosevelt Township.

Supervisors' weekly meetings: Ives–Pocahontas Solid Waste and drainage concerns; Stauter– CFR; Siepker– Upper Des Moines, County Social Services and drainage concerns; Peters–Board of Health, Midas and drainage concerns; and Dewey had no meetings.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor