

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
August 29, 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. Also present: Bob Wagner, Richard Thompson, Phyllis M. Thompson and Bob Thompson.

The minutes of August 22, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Peters, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to approve the agenda with the following changes: change DD 175 to DD 176 and have Gary Atherton follow Dale Smith. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dale Smith, address the Board about Jt. DD 43-72. Smith explained that the ditch was cleaned out in 1982 but was never reclassified. He questioned the need to reclassify the district with the current clean out. Gary Atherton, Assistant Engineer & Drainage Clerk, explained that the branches had never been broken out, so when work was done, everyone would have to pay. That did not seem fair to have the whole district pay for an area that they might not receive benefit from, so they started to reclassify so only landowners who receive benefit would pay. Smith also handed out a list of all the outstanding warrants on this district and asked why it was not assessed this year as the interest is accumulating. Atherton explained that the work was not completed and reclassification was not done by the time assessments were done. Smith feels the people are getting fleeced by the Engineers and Lawyers. The Board understood his concerns and thanked him for coming in front of the Board.

Gary Atherton informed the Board that DD 176 Open Ditch needs to be cleaned out. Between section 29 & 30 there is approximately 1.5 feet of silt that needs to be removed as well as 3 feet of silt between section 28 & 29. The clean out cannot be done for \$50,000, so a formal hearing with landowners will need to be held. Bolton & Menk estimated the project to be at least \$300,000 but Atherton believes the County could do it for around \$90,000. Since it is a repair, and the cost is under \$135,000, the County does not have to hire an Engineering Firm. Atherton would like to hold a formal hearing this winter and use Pederson as the contractor. The landowners present were in agreement with the Board to have Atherton proceed.

After discussion with Jon Rosengren, Engineer from Bolton & Menk, it was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter, to approve payment for Jt. DD 43-72, pay request #4 for \$90,327.89 and change order #2 for \$10,333.04 to Shekar Engineering, LLC. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to approve payment for Jt. DD 43-72, pay request #5 for \$4,690.26 and change order #3 for \$5,211.40 to Shekar Engineering, LLC. Ayes all, motion carried.

The claim from I+S Group for watchman services on Jt. DD 181, in the amount of \$480.00 will be discussed at the Jt. DD 181 annual meeting in September.

After questioning Brian Bloom from I+S Group, on the work done, it was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table approving payment to I+S Group for professional services on Jt. DD 25-39 for \$80.00 until next week. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pay increase for Tristen Miller, as of August 1, 2017, as she has completed her probationary period. Her rate of pay shall increase to reflect the union contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11 a.m., the Board proceeded to the bid letting for pavement marking throughout the whole County. Three bids were submitted. Iowa Plains Signing, Inc for \$51,352.44, KAM Line Highway Markings for \$47,990.05 and Vogel Traffic Services, Inc. for \$49,404.09. Since the County has prior experience with the lowest bidder, it was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to accept KAM Line Highway Markings from Gilbert, Iowa for \$47,990.05. Ayes all, motion carried. The work will be completed this Fall.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, informed the Board that the DOT would like to use C49 and N41 as a detour as they replace the bridge West of Pocahontas. It would be for a six week period anytime between March 1<sup>st</sup> and December 31<sup>st</sup> of 2018. The Board expressed their concern about people finding unintended detours, the amount of semi traffic on the gravel roads, and the possibility of interruption during planting and harvest time. The Board asked Moellering to contact the DOT and express their concerns and make more inquiries.

Moellering handed out a contouring map depicting the west end of the east mile of land that will be vacated by Rolfe and explained different options he is considering. Moellering also explained that no decision on the bridge we own with Calhoun County by Fonda has been made yet.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Kinkade Pork, Inc. – ID# 62461 located in the NW NE, Section 33, Marshall Township with Kinkade Pork, Inc. as owner & Norman Kinkade as contact person; (2) Zaugg 1, Finisher Farm – ID# 67866 located in the NE NW, Section 35, Des Moines Township with Hawker Farms 1, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (3) Frank North, Finisher Farm – ID# 58276 located in the SE SW, Section 23, Cummins Township with Iowa Select Farms LLP as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (4) Sherman, Finisher Farm – ID# 58362 located in the SW NW, Section 24, Sherman Township with Iowa Select Farms LLP as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (5) Taylor, Finisher Farm – ID# 61716 located in the NW NE, Section 32, Cedar Township with Crown Farm Partners II, Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (6) TJ 1 Site- ID# 65456 located in the SW NW, Section 27, Roosevelt Township with Tim & Josh Flaherty as owner & contact persons. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives–ISAC; Stauter–CFR and bridge concerns; Siepker–CSS West Quadrant Meeting and ISAC; and Peters–ISAC and employee matters. All members were present at the Informational Hearing for DD 41 Br. 18 & 19.

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

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Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor