

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

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

The minutes of March 22, 2016 were approved as presented on motion of Peters, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried. (There was no board meeting March 29, 2016).

Margo Underwood, Hometown Pride Coach presented the 2016 Proclamation for Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful Month. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to approve the resolution of Proclamation. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Siepker, Peters, Stauter, Dewey, Ives; nays – none. Whereby the Proclamation was duly adopted to-wit:

#### PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, the rolling landscapes and the natural forested beauty of its river valleys, define Iowa as "The Beautiful Land"; and

WHEREAS, Iowans have a high regard for the natural beauty of the state along with a strong sense of stewardship and want to encourage all residents and visitors to help keep Iowa beautiful for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County has caring residents and citizens who want to build the pride and respect that we have toward both our natural lands and the environment, knowing that these are essential to the cultural and economic health and vitality of our county; and

WHEREAS, enhancing and supporting our communities through programs like Keep Iowa Beautiful and Pocahontas County's Hometown Pride Program are important to Pocahontas County's quality of life,

NOW THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa encourage all residents to embrace the Hometown Pride Program and undertake personal efforts that will enhance the cleanliness, health and beauty of our county. I, Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman proclaim April 2016 as KEEP POCAHONTAS COUNTY BEAUTIFUL MONTH.

Underwood advised beginning July 1<sup>st</sup>, Pocahontas County will be entering its fifth year of Home Town Pride. It is hopeful the committees will continue to foster the program beyond the five year time frame of Home Town Pride. The Trails Committee is working with MIDAS on a feasibility study for the establishment of trails and the connectivity of trails within the regional area. The infomercials are published in the newspapers of the county and to date there have been \$646,081.25 grant dollars provided to the 9 communities within Pocahontas County from 125 grants approved.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter to acknowledge the resignation of Jamie Kelly, Home Care Aide effective April 15, 2016 and appreciate the dedicated service she has provided. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda provided a quote from GeoTek for the closure of the testing wells at the former Plover gas station (Registration No. 198600071 – LUST No. 7LTS29). The testing last fall was approved by the Iowa DNR. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey to approve the quote of \$3,175.00 to abandon 16 wells and 4 soil gas points. Ayes all, motion carried.

Sarah Winkler, County Treasurer presented the Quarterly Investment Report for January 1 through March 31, 2016. There was \$600.00 cash in office; \$3,502,441.45 in CDs; \$1,009,834.30 in Stamped Drainage Warrants; \$1,010,660.85 in Drainage Improvement Certificates; \$11,772,342.10 in the Banks for a total of \$17,295,878.70 to be accounted for. There were four CD's renewed. Interest earned of \$6,579.98 for the quarter. There were 403 driver's licenses renewed with \$2,821.00 revenue generated. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters to approve the Quarterly Investment Report as provided. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey to authorize the chairman to sign the Contract with Rognes Bros, Inc in the amount of \$509,089.40 for Drainage District No. 41, Br 11. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Wadle Turkey Farm – facility ID# 65822 located in NW NW, Section 30, Cedar Township with Dennis and Gene Wadle as owners and Dennis Wadle as the contact person; (2) Mary Lee Peiffer – facility ID# 57939 located in SW SE, Section 1, Douglas Township, Sac County with Mary Lee Pfeiffer as owner and contact person; (3) PI-258 Finisher – facility ID# 65208 located in NE NW, Section 19, Grant Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as the owner and Dennis Benning as the contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters to approve the bill from Bolton and Menk, Inc of Spencer for \$996.00 for engineering study for JT. Drainage District 18-42 to be paid by Buena Vista County. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey to approve Change Order No. 1, for Drainage District No. 21, in the amount of \$5,717.00 increasing the contract price to \$701,743.69 and approve payment of \$31,487.40 for Pay Est. No. 8 - for Drainage District No. 21. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda advised the board it is time to place the annual advertisement in support of the Wind Turbine industry as in the past. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to approve the ad in the circular Resource and Conservation. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer presented a map of the cemetery area on the county farm recently staked off with steel sign posts to assure preservation with the change of tenant for the year and moving forward.

Brian Reis, County Conservation Director, Don Cirks, Road Superintendent, and Gray Atherton, Engineer Asst. and Drainage Clerk were also present. The unused gravel pit was the topic of interest. Moellering advised he would like to clean the area up a bit prior to further discussions with mining authorities. Cirks advised the area will be used for the tree removal along the new right of way for the N65 project. Conservation is helping with the tree removal, chipping smaller branches, however the large trees need to be dried before burning; the pit is the closest and ideal spot for this. Supervisor Dewey indicated Martin Marietta may be interested in mining some of the sand/gravel. The area is an excellent hunting area. Cirks and Dewey will investigate the potential of additional mining. It was determined to table all action at this time pending further investigation and needs assessment.

Supervisor Siepker advised the 1.25 acre of tillable ground at the northeast edge of Laurens is still under consideration. Seems logical to lease the property to the City of Laurens, however he will continue discussions with the County Attorney for the appropriate resolution.

Moellering presented maps of bridges in need of repair in the county. The various funding sources were reviewed as well. The board will need to determine which bridges to place on the five year plan that will need to be approved at next week's board meeting.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Ives attended the County Solid Waste Commission meeting. Peters attended the County Solid Waste Commission meeting, Board of Health meeting, MIDAS board meeting, County Economic Development meeting, and Second Judicial meeting. Siepker attended the UDMO board meeting, CSS board meeting, and attended the FEMA drainage session. Dewey attended the safety committee meeting. Stauter attended the CFR board meeting and drainage concerns.

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

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Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

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Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor