

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, IA November 22, 2017

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 November 15, 2016 were approved as presented on motion of Stauter, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as presented on motion of Siepker, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor elect advised we all know the auditor's office is short staffed. Paul Greufe, HR Director suggested the hiring process be started now. Supervisor Siepker inquired of the billing for the 22 county region is to be taken over by the Mason City office. Jepsen responded that Lisa Peterson can continue to do the work that she is doing along with doing the billing which takes approximately a half day per month. The budget will be done by CSS for all counties. When asked how the application process would be handled Jepsen advised the applications will go to the RD. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker to approve placement of an ad. Ayes – Siepker, Ives, Stauter, Dewey; Nays – Peters. Motion carried.

Donell Doering, Co-Executive Director of Elderbridge Agency presented the annual report of services for Pocahontas County. The agency provides services to individuals 60+ years of age. The agency has a new mission statement to empower older Iowans and adults with disabilities to live with dignity and independence. The disabilities portion covers persons 18-59 years of age. The largest funder is the federal grants providing 32%, along with state grants, Medicaid Waiver providing 15%, and county funders provide 3% funding with the Fy16 funding being \$8,376,448 for the 29 county region. The expenditures were \$8,376,719. Pocahontas County contributed \$5,665 for FY16 and for FY18 the request is for \$5,979 or \$2.85 per senior based on 2098 individuals 60+ years of age per the 2010 census. Pocahontas County receives \$197,193 in services which equates to \$32.98 in services provided for every dollar Pocahontas County invests. The board will consider the request during the budgeting process.

Auditor Bunda advised Bolton & Menk provided a corrected classification schedule for Drainage District 8 West. There has been a \$13,000 cushion built in the schedule. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter to approve the revised levy of 100% per the Revised Classification Schedule to be due December 1, 2016 without interest and becomes delinquent January 1, 2017. Ayes all, motion carried.

John and Jerry Sobotka landowners in D.D. 8 West were present along with Colin McCullough, Sac County Drainage Attorney and James Roetman, landowner and keeper of the gate structure on the wetland. John Sobotka addressed the board regarding a meeting John, Jerry, and Supervisor Siepker had with Jon Rosengren and Don Etlar drainage engineers at Bolton and Menk in the Spencer office Monday. The Sobotkas felt the project was over budget, and to have a cost of \$2500 per acre is a bad decision. They just wanted drainage and it was not their intention to involve a wetland. They are upset that Roetman is getting paid to be gate keeper; not certain they want to proceed with the annexation and changing some of their land into the branch as they are fearful the cost will again be higher than anticipated. Chairman Ives advised the board only acted upon what the majority of the landowners agreed to be their best options throughout the project. The Sobotkas wanted to express their concerns.

The board next considered the annual IDDA dues. Following a short discussion it was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker to approve payment of \$8,200.00 annual dues only. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Feather Creek Facility – ID # 58627 located in the SE SW, Section 3, Fairfield Township, Buena Vista County with Herrig Bros., Inc. as the owners and Terry Herrig as the contact person; (2) Breezy meadows Facility – ID# 58626 located in the NE NE, Section 24, Lincoln Township, Buena Vista County with Herrig Bros., Inc. as the owners and Terry Herrig as the contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer and Don Cirks, Road Superintendent advised the need to hire a part-time person for snow removal. Don has talked with Cory Eastman and he is willing to help us. He will contact the auditor's office for employment packet.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter to authorize Cirks to investigate the purchase of a equipment trailer not to exceed \$30,000. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised he is writing letters to various landowners around the county regarding right of way infringements.

The Board received a handout from James Hudson, Drainage Attorney regarding a "good neighbor" policy for CAFO construction and various points to consider for the establishment of a resolution..

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey to approve Pay Estimate NO. 9 to Reutzel Excavating in the amount of \$166,793.99 on Drainage District No. 61. This completes the contract total of \$1,057,773.19 with \$105,777.32 held in retainage. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker to approve Change Order No. 3 to correct the project quantities used for an increase of \$20,995.11 for a total contract cost of \$1,057,773.19 with two prior change orders providing an \$18,213.00 increase to \$1,036,778.08 up from \$1,018,565.08 the original contracted cost. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Ives met with Jim Hudson for CAFO construction good neighbor policy and attended the Annual Library meeting. Peters attended the Annual Library meeting and tended to drainage. Siepker had no meetings. Dewey attended the Library meeting. Stauter attended the Fair Board meeting as liaison and met with Hudson. All supervisors attended the bid letting meeting.

There being no further business the board adjourned.

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Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

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Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor