

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA July 7, 2015

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

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

The minutes of June 30, 2015 were approved as presented on motion of Peters, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved on motion of Ives, seconded by Dewey to include discuss drainage district levies. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board proceeded with the first reading of Ordinance No. 36 as revised and published. The affidavits of publication are on file with the auditor. There are no written or verbal objections to this ordinance. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Peters to approve the first reading of said ordinance and waive the second and the third readings and officially adopt Ordinance No. 36 this date. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Siepker, Peters, Ives, Dewey, Stauter; nays – none. Whereby the Ordinance is adopted and will be recorded.

Tony Reed, Director of Central Iowa Detention Center of Eldora, IA met again with the board regarding the detention center and actively recruiting members to join their organization. The original 25 member counties own the center. Emmet County recently became a member and states there are 44 counties as members. (Note: two counties are served by two detention centers thus the actual number is less than 44) The YES Center, of which Pocahontas County was instrumental in establishing along with other NW Iowa counties, rents a vacated building on the Cherokee Mental Health Campus. The services provided at the YES Center are specific to the needs of those placed in detention and encourages the support of family members; unlike the CIDC who provides several services through various contracts other than detention services. Mr. Reed claims to have the lowest rates in the Midwest.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Ives to approve the Resolution #2015-17 with Humboldt County for the Mental Health Advocate position and recently approved by Humboldt County. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Siepker, Peters, Ives, Dewey, Stauter; nays – none. Whereby the resolution is duly adopted to-wit:

Resolution #2015 -17

WHEREAS, Humboldt County has entered into a 28E Agreement with County Social Services for the reimbursement of all mental health and disability related costs including all costs associated with the provision of a Mental Health Advocate, and

WHEREAS, legislative changes to Iowa Code 229.9A effective July 1, 2015 require each county to hire a Mental Health Advocate that is an employee of a county who is not an officer or employee of DHS, CSS Region nor of any agency or facility providing care or treatment to persons with mental illness, and

WHEREAS, legislative changes to Iowa Code 229.9A also requires that the Mental Health Advocate serving this role for a county prior to July 1, 2015 be appointed and compensated at a wage no less than prior to July 1, 2015, and

WHEREAS, Humboldt County has determined that it is most cost effective to share the employment of a Mental Health Advocate between Humboldt County, Pocahontas County, and Wright County, and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County has agreed to be the employer of record for the Mental Health Advocate and provide for the administrative oversight to the position,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, Humboldt County hereby appoints Alice Warner as the Mental Health Advocate to be assigned by the courts to patients who reside in Humboldt County that are involuntarily committed to mental health treatment.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Peters to approve Pay Estimate No. 1 in the amount of \$72,212.40 and Pay Estimate No. 2 in the amount of \$67,491.00 to Reutzel Excavating for D.D. 21. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda advised the Iowa Beer Bus just provided all the documentation for their liquor license. They have applied for a liquor license for RAGBRAI but did not have all documentation to place on the agenda. I am requesting a tentative approval today to complete the online application to assure the license is received timely for RAGBRAI. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters to tentatively approve today. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Siepker to approve the claim for payment of \$290.00 to Bolton & Menk of Spencer for FEMA repairs on Jt. D.D. 63. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board next considered the adoption of the final draft of the County Personnel Policy. Lisa Peterson and Kelly Jepsen were present and requested clarifications in some areas. Following discussion it was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey to adopt this final draft to be effective retroactively to July 1, 2015. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised the Jt 181 billing came with questions and additional information is necessary before approval. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Peters to table action pending clarification. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised he has some widened joints that need repairs that cannot be repaired by the normal joint sealing. Borgen has always done a very good job and have provided a quote of five miles or less. Following discussion it was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey to table until Moellering can investigate other options. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisor Ives inquired why the auditor will not levy D.D. 8 following the reclassification. Auditor Bunda advised the classification was not intended for a levy this year. With this project it was discovered there were historical errors following the previous classification. During this project the engineer defined five sector divisions rather than the original three divisions. The classification will be utilized if necessary once the main project for D.D. 8 West is completed and the bills are assigned to the appropriate divisions.

Ives inquired of several ditches with \$1,000 debt and others with greater amounts and when would they be levied. Auditor Bunda advised it does not make sense to make an assessment on such few dollars. The districts with the larger debts along with those most recently reclassified will be levied this year. A listing will be provided when the percent of levy is determined and presented to the board for approval.

Supervisors Reports: Each of the supervisors attended the counting of cash except Peters, and all were in attendance for the review of the Personnel Policy draft and met with department administrators as a work study group to finalize the Personnel Policy.

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

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor