

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA July 29, 2014

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

Members present: Vice-Chairman Ed Dewey, Louis Stauter, Paul Beneke, Jeffrey K. Ives.
Absent: Vincent L. Triggs.

The minute of July 22, 2014 were approved as read on motion of Ives, seconded by Stauter. Ayes all, motion carried. It was also noted that the minutes of June 17, 2014 were printed with the retirement date for Janis Hanson being November 8, 2014 and will be manually corrected in the minute book to read November 8, 2013 to reflect the appropriate date.

It was moved by Statuer, seconded by Beneke to approve the agenda with the addition of discuss Home Base Iowa and telephonic conference with Calhoun County on Jt. D.D. 35-37. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans:

The board next considered the Employee Appreciation Day. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Ives to set the date as August 6, 2014 with the meal to be catered by Nick Graham at a cost of \$7.00 per plate to be held at the Expo Center from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. with the Courthouse offices to be closed during this time with the exception of the Clerk of Courts office, a state office, to remain open. The board will address safety and wellness programs and Benefits, Inc. will provide an update on the flexible spending account, third party reimbursement, and information on the Affordable Care Act. Ayes all, motion carried. The board considers this to be an essential purpose of county funding to promote the wellness, safety, and education of the employees to better serve the county residents in the most affordable means possible.

It was moved by Beneke, seconded by Ives to approve the \$18.00 cost of a hearing test for participating county employees scheduled for October 18, 2014. The testing is mandatory for Secondary Road and County Conservation employees; the testing is available to all county personnel by the Wellness Program. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board met telephonically with the Calhoun County Board of Supervisors as Jt Drainage District Trustees of D.D. 35-37. It was moved by Statuer, seconded by Dewey to approve Change Order No.1 in the amount of \$1,320.00 for excavation and spoil leveling increasing the contract total to \$150,887.88 with Healy Excavating. Ayes all, motion carried.

Karen Dowell, Administrative Asst. with CSS presented the job description for the Pocahontas County Social Services Coordinator of Disability Services. This person will oversee all aspects of the County Social Services needs and will report to Bob Lincoln, CEO of the County Social Services Region and is supervised by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors. The process will implement a "no wrong door" policy with the hope that people can easily access services they are in need of. This job description does include providing general assistance services as well and may be possible to access regional mental health funds for some of these persons as well. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to approve the job description as presented with the job to be posted for 10 days. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board received handouts regarding the 2014 FEMA declaration and the notice of a meeting for Wednesday, July 30th at 9:30 a.m. at Algona Law Enforcement Center.

It being 10:45 a.m. the board proceeded with the bid letting for the D.D. 8 West Drainage Improvement Project. Jon Rosengren, P.E. with Bolton & Menk, Inc of Spencer advised there has been an Addendum No.1 sent to the plan holders noting that steel pipe may be used for borings. He recommends that if the addendum is not recognized in the bid that it be noted as such, however it is not

substantial enough to eliminate the bid from the process. There were five (5) bids presented as follows: Redding Excavating of Algona bid \$1,210,965.20; Progressive Structures of Elkader bid \$1,548,957.30; Loo Con, Inc. of Wilmont, Minnesota bid \$1,189,430.52; K & L Landscape & Construction of Seargent Bluffs bid \$1,559,036.60; Rogness Brothers of Lake Mills bid \$1,013,840.60 and is the final bid. The engineer will complete the bid tabs and will report back to the board.

Don Cirks, Road Superintendent reported to the board that Main B, D.D. 115 in Lizard 28 had approximately 400 ft of 8" tile filled with tree roots. Wieston Ag Service of Manson is doing the work at a cost of \$3,825.00 for replacement with non-perforated plastic. He reported that Schoon started on D.D. 21 bottom dip out on the Bill Bunda farm.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised the state bridge lettings were held on July 15th and the contracts have arrived. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Stauter to authorize the vice chairman to sign the contract with Godberson-Smith of Ida Grove to complete the bridge project (BROS-C076-066) in the amount of \$648,961.52 for a 140 x 30 ft. replacement bridge at Sections 5/8 Bellville Township. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Beneke, seconded by Ives to authorize the vice-chairman to sign the contract with Godberson-Smith of Ida Grove to complete the bridge project (BROS-C076-063) in the amount of \$366,241.02 for a 90 x 30 ft. replacement bridge at Sections 15/16 Cummins Township. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering discussed with the board that intakes are showing up in road ditches, also installing wider entrances and using field rock as fill. There are increased issues coming into our right of way.

Jon Rosengren, P.E. advised the bid tabs were correct and he recommends awarding the bid to the low bidder. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Beneke to award the bid to Rogness Brothers of Algona to complete the Drainage Improvements to D.D. 8 West. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board proceeded to the Completion Hearing for D.D. 178 Completion Hearing for the Surface Drain project. The minutes are recorded in the appropriate drainage records. It is noted the board will continue the hearing to the following week on motion of Ives, seconded by Beneke. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Dewey attended the fair and safety meeting. Beneke attended the fair, County Solid Waste Commission meeting, MIGP regional Economic Development meeting. Stauter had no meetings. Ives attended the County Solid Waste Commission meeting and MIDAS board meeting.

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

Vincent L. Triggs, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor