

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA March 31, 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 March 24 were approved on motion of Siepker, seconded by Ives with the *correction to the Compensation Board's salary recommendation for the Board of Supervisors should be \$26,729.00*. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters to approve the resignation of Blake Wiley, Dispatcher effective March 27, 2015 and thank him for his service to Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Siepker to approve the County Attorney Summer Internship with Bret Berfeldt beginning June 2nd through August 7, 2015. This internship will be a shared venture with Calhoun County. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Ives to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) PI-258 Finisher – facility ID # 65208 located in the NE NW, Section 19, Grant Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as the owners and Dennis Benning is the contact person; (2) Ken Woodford Finishing 2 – facility ID # 67029 located in SE SW, Section 5, Cummins Township with Ken Woodford as the owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board reviewed a letter from John Torbert, IDDA Director and the IDDA board regarding the drainage litigation of Calhoun, Buena Vista, and Sac Counties. The funding proposal requests a three (3) year pledge of \$5,000 funding for IDDA to join the litigation. The board requested additional information be provided by IDDA prior to funding the organization to join the litigation.

Margo Underwood, KIB Coach provided a copy of the KIB Proclamation noting the month of April will be Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Siepker authorizing the chairman to sign the proclamation. Ayes all, motion carried.

Underwood reviewed the latest Infomercial statistics noting that 7 of the 9 communities applied for Paint Iowa Beautiful grants with each grant proposal receiving the paint for the projects outlined in each grant. The Plover Barn Quilt painted by Mayor Richard Gruber is featured this month and has been mounted on the shelter house in the Plover Park. The current Leadership Program entitled from Good to Great is well attended with the participants being energized as they are completing assignments they have set for themselves. This is the fifth year of leadership programs provided through the County Economic Development Commission.

Supervisor Dewey advised he has received some inquiries why Pocahontas County does not have an ATV Ordinance. Other counties have passed such an ordinance allowing for recreational ATV riders to utilize the road right of ways. Supervisor Ives indicated he will check with counties that may have such an ordinance for future consideration.

Peter Seehusen, tenant of Ruth Reis, appeared before the board for further consideration of placing private tile in the road right of way. Gary Atherton, Drainage Clerk presented a map of the area with existing district tile, utilities in the roadway, intakes, and known private tile. Information on depth and ASTM required installation standards for the plastic tile. He noted an 8" diameter tile will work at any depth with a 12" wide trench at the top of the pipe as long as it is properly rocked. There are several obstacles utilizing the road right of way and the landowner has access across their own land going to the east across. It is recognized there is a hill in that direction that would require additional cost. It is noted if utilizing the road right of way an inspector would be required to be on site through the installation and the current agreement would require additional wording. Following discussion it was moved by Ives to approve the agreement today as written. The motion dies for lack of a second. Ives moved to revise the agreement to include assurance of repairs to the district tile for future needs of the private tile. This motion dies for a lack of a second. The chairman inquired if there is another motion desired from the board, there being none offered the chairman advised Seehusen the use of the road right of way for the private tile installation is dead and the landowner should consider going across their own land directly to the drainage district.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised the board needs to consider cell phones for the engineer's management staff. Currently there are three cell phones being utilized. These are not the smart phones and the service plan cost is \$75.00 per month for the three phones. Each person carries their own personal cell phone also. He is proposing to drop the current plan, saving the \$75.00 per month and providing a \$40.00 per month cell phone allowance to each of the three individuals to utilize their personal smart phones for county business. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Siepker to approve the cancellation of the current county plan and provide a \$40.00 per month allowance to each of the three management employees for use of their personal cell phones for county business. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton, Engineer Asst. advised in the next couple days he will be measuring certain areas in the county with known violation of the Misuse of County Road Right of Way Ordinance. He expects there will be inquiries of why the stakes are being placed in their fields.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Stauter attended the CFR board meeting. Peters attended the County Solid Waste Commission meeting, MIDAS board meeting, Leadership meeting, and Second Judicial District board meeting. Siepker attend the UDMO board meeting and the CSS board meeting. Dewey attended the County Safety Committee meeting. 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 Siepker.

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Margene A. Buinda, County Auditor