

Assembly Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
October 31, 2017

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

Members present: Supervisors: Clarence Siepker, Ed Dewey, and Louis Stauter; and Auditor Kelly Jepsen. Chairman, Jeffrey Ives and Supervisor JoAnn Peters were absent. As Vice-Chairman, Supervisor Clarence Siepker led the meeting.

The minutes of October 24, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve the tentative agenda as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jamey Whitney, Executive Director, and Alisa Schlieff, Family & Community Services Director, both from Upper Des Moines, gave their annual report. 874 individuals in 365 households in Pocahontas County were served between October 1, 2016-September 30, 2017, at a total cost of \$240,924.00. They explained different programs they are providing and requested the Board budget \$16,080.00 so our partnership could continue to assist those most at-risk.

Don Etler, Engineer, Bolton & Menk, presented the Engineer's Report for DD 47 Br. F. Etler gave the history of the drainage district and explained the improvement that Bolton & Menk is recommending. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to accept the Engineer's Report for DD 47 Br. F and set up an informational meeting to be held in Palmer. Ayes all, motion carried.

Next, the Board discussed the non-county employees that are on the County health insurance. At the request of the Board, Jepsen contacted other counties and discovered that Palo Alto and Humboldt do not have any non-county employees on their insurance plan and Calhoun has one person on their plan. Pocahontas County has five non-county employees on their plan. The Board does not have a problem with the two people that work strictly with our County offices and reside within our County, but with the three non-county employees that serve several counties. It should not be our responsibility to provide this service for them. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to contact them to let them know to start looking into different options for health insurance. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, explained that the DOT would like to use C49 as a detour during the replacement of the bridge west of Pocahontas. The detour would be for approximately six weeks. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to authorize the Vice-Chairman to sign the agreement with the DOT for the detour contingent that they agree to do dust control. Ayes all, motion carried.

Progress on bridges was discussed. The bridge east of Rolfe, has been completed and is open, the bridge north of Ware, should be open today or tomorrow, and the bridge in Dover Township should be complete next week. Calhoun County Engineer contacted Moellering regarding the bridge inspection on the County line bridge. If it was kept open, it would be a 3 ton bridge, so Calhoun is considering leaving it closed.

Moellering explained he received a request to install a deer crossing sign on N28, north of Highway 3. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to have Secondary Roads install the deer crossing sign. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dewey addressed the cell phone policy with Moellering. He has had several complaints about County employees driving County vehicles with their phone up to their ear. All employees need to follow the cell phone policy and be hands free. The Board feels very strongly about this, so department heads will be held accountable if their employees are not abiding by the policy. The laws exempt law enforcement but they encourage the Sheriff's Department to be hands free as well.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to approve payment to Hudson Law Office for legal fees on Jt. DD 18-42 in the amount of \$401.25. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) PI-380 – ID# 67537 located in the NW NE, Section 12, Des Moines Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner and Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen reminded the Board that there would not be a Board of Supervisors Meeting on November 7th due to the election. Secondary Roads let Jepsen know that the little blue truck the custodial staff drives does not get enough use to keep it running. Secondary Roads volunteered to let the custodian drive their vehicles when needed. The Board instructed Jepsen to sell the little blue truck.

Weekly meetings: Dewey–road and bridge concerns; Stauter–CFR, bridge and tile concerns; and Siepker–Upper Des Moines, County Social Services, and drainage concerns. Dewey, Siepker, Stauter, and Peters were present at the Jt. DD 43-72 Completion Hearing.

There being no further business, the Vice-Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Clarence Siepker, Vice-Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor