

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 21, 2017

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

Members present: Chairman Jeffrey K. Ives, Louis Stauter, and Clarence Siepker. Supervisor Dewey and Peters were absent. Community members present: Dale Smith, Marvin Allen and Adam Allen.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the March 14, 2017 minutes as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to approve the tentative agenda with the omission of “Approve Jt. DD 42-18, Drainage improvements study, Bolton & Menk, \$5,655.00” and add “Rescind motion denied at the February 14, 2017 BOS meeting and make a new motion to deny same for different reason.” Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, drainage clerk and Sarah Winkler, Treasurer, discussed delinquent rail road drainage assessments and the possibility of abating the assessment. After a lengthy discussion, it was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table discussion until Mr. Hudson is available. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton let the Board know there will be a new drainage district petition from landowners west of Gilmore City to close the last of the drainage wells. The last drainage district created took an excessive amount of time to be built. To avoid that, Atherton would like the engineering firms, not only give a price to do the project, but also a time schedule. The Board likes Atherton’s idea but would like the engineering firm to put it in writing.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 42-18, drainage improvements study claim from Bolton & Menk for \$5,655.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to rescind the motion made on February 14, 2017 to deduct the amount CN Railroad owes Pocahontas County for delinquent property taxes from the Jt. DD 18-42 claim of \$750 for a permit fee. Ayes all, motion carried. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to deny Jt. DD 18-42 claim of \$750 for a permit fee from CN Railroad, as we own the right-of-way and do not need to pay a permit fee. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, effective July 1, 2017, to change our health insurance plan from plan 11 to plan 11C. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve offering dental and eye insurance to employees at the employee’s expense, effective July 1, 2017. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to have the Chairman sign the agreement with CWA to change union employee’s health insurance from plan 11 to plan 11C, effective July 1, 2017. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dale Smith questioned the Board on the depth of the culvert being placed in Jt. DD 43-72. Stauter said we would contact Don Etler about it. Smith also inquired about when the bridge in Colfax 30 & 31 and Grant section 22 would be completed. Moellering, County Engineer, let Smith know once the water dries up; the project in Colfax will be completed. DD 179 was discussed and Auditor Jepsen gave Smith a copy of the recorded agreement creating DD 179. Stauter explained to Smith that we are utilizing the 40 acres Pocahontas County owns in Webster County but may sell it in the future.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to have the Chairman sign the plans for N65 to be turned into Central DOT for approval. Ayes all, motion carried. Discussing of staking right of ways took place.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Tweedie, Finisher Farm – ID# 62990 located in the SW SE, Sec. 16, Dover Township with N Holdings, LLC as owners and Keith Kratchmer as contact person ; (2) Cedar, Finisher Farm – ID# 68464 located in the SW SW, Sec. 21, Cedar Township with Keno Farms III, LLC as owners and Keith Kratchmer as contact person ; (3) Plover East (TURF), Finisher Farm – ID# 64485 located in the NE NW, Sec. 14, Powhatan Township with N Holdings, LLC as owners and Keith Kratchmer as contact person ; (4) Powhatten (TURF), Finisher Farm – ID# 64484 located in the SW SE, Sec. 20, Powhatan Township with N Holdings, LLC as owners and Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dan Schneider from Scott Technologies discussed cabling the Courthouse. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the quote from Scott Technologies for \$6,874.70 for cabling cost. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed shredding at the Courthouse. The Board agreed to allow another client from Genesis shred in the absence of our normal worker.

On March 14, 2017 Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approved the FY 18 budget as published and today the resolution was adopted. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Siepker, Ives, Stauter; nays – none. Whereby the resolution is adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION – 2017 -03- #08
FY 2018 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on March 15, 2017 for the 2017/2018 Fiscal Year County Budget, and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331,434 authorizes the board of each county to certify property taxes annually at its March session,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on March 15, 2017 the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approved the County Budget in the amount of \$16,284,350 with \$1,350,000 in transfers for a total of \$17,634,350; with the following approved levies and tax asking:

Levies per \$1,000 of valuation:

General Basic \$ 3.50
Pioneer Cem \$ 0.0053
General Suppl. \$ 2.37870
Mental Health \$ 0.32683
Rural Basic \$ 3.55000
Total \$ 9.76083

Tax Askings:

General Basic \$ 2,586,072
Pioneer Cem. \$ 3,916
General Suppl \$ 1,757,568
Mental Health \$ 241,487
Rural Basic \$ 2,252,936
Total \$ 6,841,979

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to appoint Jack Fischer and Eldon Sullivan as commissioners for reclassification projects: DD 11, DD 8 West, DD 8 North, DD 112, DD 41 Br 11, DD 41 Br 22, DD 21 and DD 61 and right-of-way appraisers for DD 21 and DD 61. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisors' weekly meetings: Ives – DD 112 Annexation Hearing, right-of-way and drainage concerns; Siepker – DD 112; and Stauter – DD 112 Annexation Hearing, YES, Fair Board and drainage concerns.

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

At 1:30 p.m., Jt. DD 63 Hearing for Repairs was held at the Palo Alto Co. Election Center in Emmetsburg, IA. Minutes are filed in the appropriate drainage book.

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor