

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 5, 2019

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

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, and Ed Dewey; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Supervisor Brent Aden was absent.

The minutes of February 26, 2019 were approved as presented on motion by Dewey, seconded by Stauter. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the tentative agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, discussed the need to replace two computers and how the State will reimburse up to \$1,050.00. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to authorize the Treasurer to purchase two new computers up to \$3,700.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Sue Reigelsbeiger, County Assessor, explained that she had received notice that Unite Private Networks, LLC has fiber optics running from the Courthouse to the high school and has been there since 2011. The Department of Revenue advised that we do an omitted assessment for the previous two years. Reigelsbeiger has created a parcel and now the County needs to create the tax bills. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve an omitted assessment for 2017 and 2018 as well as send a tax notice to Unite Private Networks, LLC. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, presented a Bank Permit for work performed within 300 feet of the centerline of the drainage ditch or creek. The purpose of the permit is to keep track of and protect items installed along a drainage district ditch bank and to make sure water control structures, such as Saturated Buffers & Bioreactors, are not installed within 50 feet from the top of the bank. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to adopt the Bank Permit. Ayes: Siepker, Ives, Dewey; nays-Stauter. Motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to accept Wellmark Plan 11C for Pocahontas County's FY20 health insurance plan. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board considered the increased salary recommendations of the County Compensation Board for the elected officers. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to adopt, by resolution, option 2, setting the wage increase to 50% of the Compensation Board's recommendation. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Siepker, Ives, Stauter; nays – Dewey. Whereby the resolution is duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION – 2019 – 03- #19

COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD SALARY RECOMMENDATION

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and **WHEREAS**, the Pocahontas County Compensation Board met on December 17, 2018 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$ 57,438	\$ 4,562	\$ 62,000
County Attorney	\$ 72,100	\$ 16,900	\$ 89,000
Recorder	\$ 57,438	\$ 2,562	\$ 60,000
Sheriff	\$ 76,657	\$ 5,343	\$ 82,000
Supervisors	\$ 28,784	\$ 1,216	\$ 30,000
Supervisor Chairman	\$ 29,784	\$ 1,216	\$ 31,000
Treasurer	\$ 57,438	\$ 2,562	\$ 60,000

OPTION 1:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors adopts the Following salary adjustments for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019 as recommended by the Pocahontas County compensation board.

OPTION 2: (if different than Compensation Board recommendation)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$ 59,719	\$ 2,281
County Attorney	\$ 80,550	\$ 8,450
Recorder	\$ 58,719	\$ 1,281
Sheriff	\$ 79,329	\$ 2,672
Supervisors	\$ 29,392	\$ 608
Supervisor Chairman	\$ 30,392	\$ 608
Treasurer	\$ 58,719	\$ 1,281

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Brannigan Site – ID# 67014 located in the NE NW, Section 23, Dover Township with Summit Farms, LLC as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person; (2) A and W Site – ID# 67013 located in the NW NE, Section 1, Cummins Township with Hawkeye Ag LLP as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person; (3) PI-257 – ID# 65156 located in the NE NW, Section 6, Grant Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person; (4) Brian Kinkade – ID# 65166 located in the NE NE, Section 32, Marshall Township

with Brian Kinkade as owner & contact person; and (5) Home Place – ID# 62728 located in the NW SW, Section 26, Roosevelt Township with Tim Flaherty as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen and the Supervisors discussed creating policies as suggested by the State Auditor, the upcoming IT audit, and a request from the Pocahontas Chamber using County property during Heritage Days.

At 10:45 a.m., the Board held a public hearing on a CAFO for the Hardcastle Finisher Farm, located in Section 19 of Cummins Township. Jepsen presented proof of publication and affidavit of mailing to the Chairman. The publication stated that there would be two new 2500 head deep pit swine finisher confinement buildings for a new swine finisher confinement facility. Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement after Construction: 2000 animal units (5000 head of swine finishers). Kent Plinar, Matt Gransow, Jennifer Crall, and John Anderson, all with Iowa Select, were present to answer questions. No written objections were received but Theresa Wheatly with Hanna Farm Corp, Dick Lund, and Jessie Peterson were present to object. Concerns about the odor and increase in traffic were expressed. This facility will have the tunnel ventilation, electrostatic fence, and trees, which should reduce the odor by about 50%. The facility score was 475 points: 134.8 in Air, 149 in Water, and 191.25 in community. They are abiding by the Good Neighbor Policy. The Board sympathized with the landowners, but since the facility had a passing score from the DNR, their hands were tied by legislation. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve Clerk Farms, LLC CAFO construction application for Hardcastle Finisher Farm Site. Ayes all, motion carried. The Board instructed Jepsen to include landowners' comments with the County's letter to the DNR. They also encouraged landowners to reach out to their State Legislators with their concerns.

At 11:05 a.m., the Board proceeded with the Public Hearing for the FY2020 Budget. Jepsen presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve the FY20 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Siepker, Ives, Stauter, Dewey; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**RESOLUTION – 2019-03- #20
FY 2019 COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on March 5, 2019 for the 2019/2020 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 5, 2019, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approved the County Budget in the amount of \$13,966,118 with \$1,834,433 in transfers for a total of \$15,800,551; with the following approved levies and tax asking:

Levies per \$1,000 of valuation:

General Basic \$ 3.50
General Suppl. \$ 1.84041
Mental Health \$ 0.2897
Rural Basic \$ 3.24353
Total \$ 8.87364

Tax Askings:

General Basic \$ 2,856,420
General Suppl \$ 1,501,995
Mental Health \$ 236,430
Rural Basic \$ 2,257,389
Total \$ 6,852,234

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised the Board of Senate File 184, which would allow for a Statewide permit for 130,000 lb. logging trucks and his concerns on allowing a lot of 65-ton trucks on our bridges and pavement. Everyone was encouraged to contact Senator Kraayenbrink to express their opposition to this bill.

Weekly meetings: Siepker–County Social Services, Upper Des Moines and Department Head meeting; Ives–Conference Board and Department Head meeting; Stauter–CFR, Conference Board and bridge concerns; and Dewey–Conference Board and Department Head meeting.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor