

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
July 3, 2018

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

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Louis Stauter, Ed Dewey, and JoAnn Peters; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen.

At 9:30 a.m., Supervisors Ives, Peters, Dewey, Stauter and Siepker, proceeded to count the cash in the offices of the Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff and Treasurer. There was no cash in the offices of the Auditor and Sheriff. There was \$100.00 in cash in the Recorder's Office and \$600.00 in cash in the Treasurer's Office. The Treasurer's Office also reported \$5,573,420.76 in banks; \$6,002,469.69 in CD investments; \$3,008,689.26 in Drainage Improvement Certificates; and \$1,367,454.58 in Warrants Investments.

The minutes of June 26, 2018 were approved as presented on motion by Dewey, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

On Friday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m., there was a bid letting for the improvement project to DD 47 Br. F. There were four bids that were read: Reutzel Excavating, Inc., Burt, IA for \$1,114,225.00; B & S Tiling & Excavation, Lake City, IA for \$797,025.00; King Construction, Wall Lake, IA for \$731,489.05; and Gehrke Inc., Eldora, IA for \$938,037.50. One bid arrived at 10:14 a.m. and was not opened. After consultation with the Drainage Attorney, it was decided to not open the late bid and mail it back to the bidder. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to award King Construction of Wall Lake, IA the contract for DD 47 Br. F. Ayes all, motion carried.

Larry & Dorothy Siefken from Palmer, addressed the Board with concerns about the about the improvement project on DD 47 Br. F. Full minutes can be found in the appropriate drainage book in the Auditor's Office.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a levy of \$92,257.01 (15%) against all lands, tracts, real estate, highways, and railroads in Jt. DD 181 Main due on September 30, 2018. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the levy of \$1608.06 (107%) against all lands, tracts, real estate, highways, and railroads in Jt. DD 181 Br. 676 due on September 30, 2018. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters, to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report and June Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board held a public hearing on a CAFO for Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC, Facility PI-249, located in section 21 of Des Moines Township. Jepsen presented the affidavit of mailing and proof of publication to the Chairman. The publication stated that there would be one new 2,502 head deep pit swine finisher confinement building at an existing swine finisher confinement facility. Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 1,996.80 animal units (4,992 head of swine finishers). Ryan Pudenz, with Prestage Farms, and Brian Ritland from Pinnacle, were present to answer questions. Landowner, Robert Vaughn was present to express concerns and Loel Diggs, with Diggs Farms, a written objection was read. Ives asked questions about the parameters that they chose not to address and asked that they take steps to be better neighbors. The facility score was 460 points: 121.75 in Air, 135.5 in Water, and 202.75 in Community. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC, Facility PI-249, CAFO construction application. Ayes-Siepker, Peters, Dewey. Nays-Stauter, Ives. Motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Farm 159-Meyer – ID# 63880 located in the SW NW, Section 17, Marshall Township with New Fashion Pork as owner & Sarah Withers as contact; (2) Johnson Turkey Farm, LLC – ID# 61693 located in the NW SE, Section 14, Fairfield Township, BV Co. with Robert & Colin Johnson as owner & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC; (3) PI249 Finisher – ID# 64713 located in the SW NW, Section 21, Des Moines Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the transfer made on June 29, 2018, from Rural Basic to General Basic in the amount of \$175,000.00, for the remainder of the inter-fund loan made in 2011. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Auditor's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to schedule a public hearing on the CAFO application for the Dan and Laura Erickson site for Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 11:00 a.m., in the Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to set a waiver on DD 41 for 10 years at 5% on Branch 32 only, as the other branches being levied in FY19 do not qualify for the waiver. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to award the contract for the 5/8 Cummings Bridge project to Graves Construction Co. Inc. of Spencer, IA, in the amount of \$401,736.98. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to award the contract for the 35/36 Cedar box culvert project to Midwest Contracting LLC., of Marshall, MN, in the amount of \$204,808.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dave Patz, of Webster County, paid a compliment to the road crew. He was impressed with how fast they bladed and got the roads back in shape after all the rains we received three weeks ago. Patz travels to Pocahontas County daily and said that our roads were better than other counties. The Board and Jack Moellering, County Engineer, thanked Patz for the taking the time to pay the compliment.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, discussed Union Pacific's request for permission to install stop signs to replace the current yield signs, located on the east side of Laurens, and a landowner's request to redo a road ditch. The Board was in favor of the stop signs but not in favor of redoing the road ditch.

Next, the Board discussed their opportunity to purchase property. Supervisor Dewey will continue looking into the matter.

Weekly meetings: Ives–hog confinement and drainage concerns; Siepker – DD 47 Br. F Bid Letting, Upper Des Moines, CSS, and North Raccoon Watershed's field trip; Stauter – CFR; Dewey – investigated potential property purchase; and Peters–Midas, Second Judicial, and drainage concerns. All Supervisors were present at the Classification Hearing on Jt. DD 173-67 held at the Calhoun County Courthouse.

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

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Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor