

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, IA September 2, 2014

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

Members present: Chairman Vincent L. Triggs, Louis Stauter, Paul Beneke, Jeffrey K. Ives.  
Absent: Ed Dewey.

The minutes of August 26, 2014 were approved with typographical errors corrected on motion of Ives, seconded by Stauter. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Sean O'Connor, Prevention Specialist with Community & Family Resources (CFR) and Laurie Lawman, Counselor for Pocahontas County presented the proclamation for National Recovery Month. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Beneke to approve the proclamation and authorize the chairman to sign. Ayes all, motion carried.

Brian Larsen, Chief Deputy advised he has a bid from Pocahontas Ford for a 2014 Ford F150 pickup to replace the current pickup of Steve Nelson. The City of Pocahontas to purchase the vehicle complete with the light bar, radios, etc left with the vehicle. The 2010 pickup will be traded in to Pocahontas Ford, Larsen will purchase new equipment for the 2014 pickup to be purchased, with the City paying a yet undetermined price for the equipment. Chairman Triggs advised he would prefer to purchase the new vehicle and the county will negotiate a deal with the City. He noted the county needs to work with our cities where possible and the specified trade-in price seems to be low. Larsen indicated it is not an urgent need to purchase the new vehicle. The board following much discussion advised Larsen to seek the additional information for the board. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Ives to table action for one week. Ayes all, motion carried.

John Torbert, IDDA Director updated the board on the activities of the organization with the majority of the discussion encompassing the latest rules of the EPA regarding the waters of the United States. The rules as currently written will require every individual and entity to receive an Army Corp permit before repairs or any work can be accomplished on water conduits, streams, etc.

Michael Hayek, County Representative to the MIRHA Board a Section 8 Housing Board consisting of 8 counties. This board has a small number of Pocahontas County persons benefiting from the program. He explained the funding is not sufficient to allow the group to function and have been working with the Fort Dodge Housing Board to merge. A merger is not desirable to the Fort Dodge Board, however they are willing to incorporate the current clientele into their group without representation from the MIRHA Board. Michael requested the board's consideration to pay for the

mileage he has incurred to attend the board meetings. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to pay the incurred mileage as the board's representative. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer presented the results of the IDOT bid letting for the bridge replacement west of Rolfe. The low bid of \$388,596.45 was submitted by Christiansen Brothers, Inc of Cherokee. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to award the bid to Christiansen Brothers, Inc of Cherokee for the bridge replacement project BRS-Co76 – 60-76 with a noted late start date of end of July 2015. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised the bid letting for the bridge located at 15/22 Cummins damaged by the June floods and has remained closed, should occur in about two weeks.

Russ Jergens, EMA Director advised that Supervisor Dewey and he met with the IMWCA Safety Director and noted the great reduction in premium due to the reduction in claims experience this past year. Schade noted the majority of claims this past year have been related to slip-trips and falls. Jergens noted there will be additional training to increase the awareness of safety measures to be taken to help avoid such accidents. Schade also encouraged a celebration for the improved safety achieved by the employees through their attentiveness to details. Pocahontas County recently held an Employee Appreciation Day with a noon meal and additional education on health care and the board members congratulated the employees for keeping themselves and their fellow workers safer than previous years.

The AED defibrillator units have arrived and they are currently being set up for districtation with three(3) to be located in the Courthouse and one to be located in each community as provided through the Health Coalition using the Bioterrorism dollars they received.

The state funding of \$100,000.00 has been approved for the new 911 system which will have an approximate cost of \$93,000.00 for the system.

It being noon the board recessed for lunch.

The Board reconvened at 1:15 p.m. to meet with Paul Greufe, HR Guy to review the audit of the personnel policies and how it is being utilized. The department administrators responded well and he felt they were candid and trying to do a good job. There will be a meeting with department administrators to begin the review process for the drafting of a new policy handbook.

The Jt D.D. 181 Interim Board members were sent the damage claim listing for the 2010 FEMA repairs made to date. There were no negative comments from other board members. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Beneke to approve the claims for damages and authorize the Auditor to proceed with the payment of the damage claims as filed. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Beneke, seconded by Stauter to approve the resolution for D.D. 48-81 to change the date of assessment. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: ayes – Stater, Beneke, Ives, Triggs; nays – none; absent – Dewey. Whereby the resolution is adopted to wit:

**Resolution to change assessment date – D.D. 48-81**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors as Trustees of Drainage District 48-81 received the classification schedule in July 2014, and

WHEREAS, the Auditor's office could not prepare assessments to meet the mailing date for real estate taxes,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors as Trustees for said district resolve to set the date for said assessments for Drainage District 48-81 to be due October 31<sup>st</sup> for payment and/or waivers to begin the collections of the outstanding debt for said district improvements without further delay.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Turkey Farm – facility ID# 58139 located in SE NE, Section 30, Cedar Township with Dennis and Gene Wadle as owners and Dennis Wadle as the contact person; (2) Kinkade Pork, Inc facility Id# 62461 located in NW NE, Section 33, Marshall Township with Norman Kinkade as the owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Triggs attended the CSS regional board meeting. Stauter attended the CFR board meeting. Beneke attended the County Solid Waste Commission meeting and meeting with the Iowa Bar Association. Ives attended the County Solid Waste Commission meeting, MIDAS board meeting, and the Iowa Bar Association meeting.

There being no further business the board adjourned on motion of Beneke, seconded by Ives.

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Vincent L. Triggs, Chairman

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Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor