

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA October 21, 2014

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

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

The minutes of October 14, 2014 were approved as read on motion of Beneke, seconded by Stauter. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as amended on motion of Ives, seconded by Dewey to include approve copier maintenance agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Daryl Long, Sexton for Swan Lake Pioneer Cemetery reported the fall spraying of weeds and mowing for the final time has been completed. He had removed old tree stumps, removed one walnut tree with the debris removed from site and burned. The log was stored inside a building for drying. Various uses of the walnut wood are being considered. Long advised there remains one more small walnut tree that he would like to see removed. Following a lengthy discussion the majority of the board directed Long to remove the small walnut tree. Long will contact the County Conservation for trees to be ordered and planted by the county conservation next spring and will be watered and cared for by Long. The letters on the signage have been falling off and were able to have them spot-welded for a more permanent fix. Solar lighting have repeatedly been stolen and reported to the sheriff. Daryl noted in the past there have been discussions to get signs placed along the county paved roads without success and the IDOT has stated they will not place signs unless the county will do something. The board will discuss the proper process to accomplish signs to denote the Pioneer Cemetery with the County Engineer.

Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney advised he has been invited to a meeting in Laurens regarding their plans to construct a walking trail at the east side of Laurens between the baseball fields and the drainage district right-of-way. They have received a grant to build the trail, have design plans with Bolton and Menk Engineering and the City of Laurens is seeking the approval to place the trail within this drainage right-of-way and to understand the process of district repairs and the impact upon the trail. The board consented of this use of the district right-of-way.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer presented the bid for the repair of the bridges in Cummins Township damaged by the June floods. Graves Construction bid \$50,455.40 for Division 1; \$6,797.40 for Division 2; \$40,199.40 for Division 3 for a total of \$97,452.20 to repair the abutments of the two bridges to maintain the life of the bridges. It was moved by Beneke, seconded by Ives to accept this bid. Ayes all, motion carried. Moellering advised he has submitted the damages to FEMA however they have initially noted they felt this was an improvement and additional discussions with FEMA will be necessary.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Beneke to appoint Jack Moellering as the representative for Secondary Road damages and Auditor Bunda as the financial person for the Secondary Road reporting of the Secondary Road reporting to FEMA. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering discussed the need to start the process of searching for either an engineering graduate and/or an engineering technician. Following discussion the board directed to search for both positions to learn of the availability and comparison of abilities.

Moellering advised Bolton & Menk, Inc was contacted at the board's direction and have agreed to be the inspector for the Longlines fiber project. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to approve the employment of Bolton & Menk, Inc with the cost of the inspection to be billed to Longlines. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board discussed with Moellering the signs requested by the Pioneer Cemetery and advised he contact Daryl Long to provide guidance for a resolution.

Auditor Bunda advised of the recent request by Don Linnan for the county's input for the drafting of a new lease for the two Quonset buildings rented for storage space. Moellering advised the now expired lease has been a five (5) year lease with a five (5) year renewal. Further review of the facilities will be considered to make a final decision on the lease agreement.

Ann Beneke, County Attorney advised Auditor Bunda advised she will give a reporting on the drainage districts. Reports were given to the board for the districts levied this fall and the outstanding dollars for all drainage districts. Bunda advised the drainage is a continual work in progress and with the extremely large improvement projects of the past five years accounts for the majority of the outstanding dollars along with the many drainage petitions activity there will remain a larger than normal debt for the drainage funds. The project does not end with the completion of the digging the board must approve a levy and it must coincide with the real estate tax mailings.

The actuarial was discussed and Bunda noted ISAC is sending recommended contact information of companies to be contacted.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to approve removal of the Exempt status for the 2014 assessment year for the S1/2 Lots 5 & 6 – Blk 2 in the Town of Fonda owned by Merle Steven Stauter. Ayes – Beneke, Ives, Dewey; Nays – none; Stauter abstains. Motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Beneke to cancel the regular board meeting of November 4, 2014 due to the General Election. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ed, seconded by Ives to change the November 11th meeting (Veteran's Day – county holiday) to Monday, November 10th commencing at 1:00 p.m. for the canvassing of election results and payment of claims. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Beneke to acknowledge the resignation of Stacie Smith with the last work day being November 6, 2014 with vacation days through November 13, 2014. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Ives to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Plantz Turkey Facility – facility ID # 66930 located in SE NE, Section 18, Grant Township with Jordan Plantz as owner and contact person; (2) Baker 2 Finisher – facility ID # 61829 located in SW SW, Section 24, Poland Township, Buena Vista County with The Maschhoffs as owner and contact person; (3) Rod Wells Finisher Farm – facility ID # 62483 located in SE NE, Section 25, Newell Twonship, Buena Vista County with Timberline Farms, LLC as owner and Dwain Bankson, as contact person; (4) Gruntorad Finisher Farm – facility ID # 62482 located in NE NW, Section 34, Dover Township with Coachlight Farms, LLC as the owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda noted the current Canon lease agreement in the auditor's office is up for renewal. This allows for a new copier to replace the current copy machine. Advanced Systems of Fort Dodge quoted \$139.36 per month with \$.062 for color copies and \$.008 for black copies for a cost savings of \$76.09 per month with new lease; Office Systems of Spencer quoted \$115.05 per month for a smaller copy machine to enable the buyout of the lease agreement that has automatically rolled over and the color copies at \$.0825 and \$.0088 for black copies. Auditor Bunda noted Advanced Systems has provided excellent service and the machine has been flawless. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter to approve the quote of Advance Systems. Ayes all, motion carried.

Drainage bills were reviewed and approved with Calhoun and Buena Vista Counties.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Triggs attended the CSS board meeting. Beneke and Ives had no meetings. Stauter and Dewey had drainage concerns.

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

Vincent L. Triggs, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor