

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, IA March 17, 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, and Ed Dewey after 10:15 a.m.

The minutes of March 11, 2014 were approved as read on motion of Stauter, seconded by Beneke. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as amended on motion of Beneke, seconded by Ed to include in the budget hearing the approval of the salaries of elected officials and to acknowledge the later posting of the federal aid agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

The telephonic phone conference with Humboldt County concluded with a call to be returned due to Humboldt County Board's agenda timing.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Beneke to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plan: PI-258 Finisher – facility ID# 65208 located in NE NW, Section 19, Grant Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as the owners and Dennis Benning as the contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised the board the Federal Aid Agreement for the bridge replacement on C-26 west of Rolfe will allow for up to 80% cost share of the project. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Beneke to authorize the chairman to sign the agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Humboldt County Board of Supervisors met telephonically with this board regarding the Jt Agreement of Humboldt and Pocahontas Counties regarding the proposed road crossing on P19 with Martin Marietta. The joint boards discussed the various conditions of the agreement and what the county engineers proposed as conditions preferred in the design plan to construct the crossing. Pocahontas County felt it best to have the Martin Marietta design plan available prior to setting the public hearing, however Humboldt County felt it was important to move to public hearing and the design plan could be submitted for further consideration. As each of the boards meet on different days of the week, it was determined that Humboldt County would hold the hearing on April 7th and Pocahontas County would have it on the April 8th agenda with the joint resolution setting these dates to be considered at the March 24th and 25th board meetings.

Brad Leckrone, Community Services Director being unable to attend the meeting requested the board approve the latest 28E Agreement for the CSS Regional Mental Health group of 21 counties. Following discussion it was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to approve the agreement and authorize the chairman to sign the agreement to become effective April 1, 2014 and supersedes all preceding agreements. Ayes all, motion carried.

It being time for the Public Hearing of the FY 2015 Budget Hearing the auditor advised all proofs of publication are on file for all three(3) of the official newspapers. There have been no written objections filed with the auditor. Ron Egertson was present and questioned why the economic development director was paid such a high salary as he had read in the newspaper publication of annual salaries. The board responded with the many different programs and dollars that have evolved as a result of Tom Grau's efforts and the Economic Development Commission. The wind farms that are in Pocahontas County are a direct result of economic development. Egertson had many questions and concerns regarding a variety of issues. Following the lengthy discussion it was moved by Beneke, seconded by Ives to adopt the FY2015 Budget as published and approve the recommendations of the Compensation Board for the elected officials salaries of \$1,500 increase for sheriff and county attorney, \$1,200 for auditor, treasurer, recorder and \$500 increase for board of supervisors. Ayes all, motion carried.

Tom Grau, Economic Development Director invited Mr. Egertson to stay for his report to the board regarding activities around the county. Tom reviewed the commission's mission statement and reviewed briefly the activities of each community, especially that of the Hometown Pride Committees that are accomplishing great things in their communities and developing skills and abilities of these local committees to become our leaders for tomorrow. These groups have unanimously supported county wide establishment of walking/biking trails and that project group has taken shape and meeting to develop a plan. There are many such things going on throughout the county with every community taking part in being involved and helping to move the county forward.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Triggs attended the spring ISAC school. Beneke attended the County a Day at the capitol and the ISAC spring school. Stauter attended the CCB meeting as liaison. Dewey worked with EMA. Ives attended the Workforce Development meeting and ISAC spring school.

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

Vincent L. Triggs, Chairman

Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor