

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
January 21, 2020

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 Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from January 14, 15 and 16th of 2020 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the tentative agenda with tabling, award DD 168 contract, until next week. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jamey Whitney, Upper Des Moines Executive Director, met with the Board to give their annual update. Nine Hundred forty two individuals in 390 households in Pocahontas County were served between October 1, 2018-September 30, 2019, at a total cost of \$301,942.00. FY 21 budget request was \$15,834.00.

All nine of the county librarians met to thank the Board for their support in FY 20 and made a request for a 7% increase in funding for FY21, for a total of \$103,768.60.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to proceed with the FEMA repair on Jt. DD 171 using the least expensive option. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve Jt. DD 171 claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for Gary Atherton's time for \$297.20. Ayes all, motion carried. After more discussion, motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to withdraw the approval to pay the Jt. DD 171 claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to give Jt. DD 181 Branch 676 to Jt. DD 25-39. Ayes all, motion carried. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to abandon Jt. DD 181 Br. 369. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 63 Br C. and Jt. DD 63 Main Tile claims from Bolton & Menk for study and report petition requested improvement, for \$288.00 and \$600.00 respectively. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to landowners about an informal meeting for DD 62 Br. D and set the said meeting to be held on Tuesday, February 11th at 1:30 p.m., in the Assembly room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Dewey, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Jeff Grossnickle Site 2 – ID# 59198 located in the NW SW, Section 31, Rush Lake Township, Palo Alto County with Jeff Grossnickle as owner & contact person; and (2) The Maschhoffs Baker 1 Finisher – ID# 61828 located in the SE SW, Section 13, Marshall Township with Maschhoffs as owner & Maschhoff Environmental Inc. as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Iowa Honey Producers Association (IHPA) requested that the Board proclaim February 13, 2020 as Iowa Honey Bee Day. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to adopt and authorize the Chairman to sign the following Proclamation making February 13, 2020 as Iowa Honey Bee Day. Ayes all, motion carried.

**IOWA HONEY BEE DAY
PROCLAMATION**

WHEREAS, honey bees and native insects are important as pollinators for a third of the food we eat and honey bees are vital in production of over 90 crops grown across the nation, many of which are in Iowa. Honey bees contribute to a healthy Iowa environment by assuring availability of fruits, vegetables, nuts, and flowers for wildlife and all Iowans. WHEREAS, Iowa's 45,000 or more honey bee hives produce about 4 million pounds of honey valued at over \$8 million and honey bees provide an estimated \$92 million economic value to Iowa crops from their pollination. WHEREAS, Iowa has over 4,500 beekeepers representing hobbyists, sideliners as part time businesses and full time commercial beekeepers. Hobby beekeepers have as few as one hive to commercial operations with thousands of hives. WHEREAS, traditionally beekeeping occurred in rural areas of Iowa. Now beekeeping increasingly occurs in urban areas with the rising interest of hobby beekeepers for keeping beehives in Iowa cities and towns. WHEREAS, the State of Iowa has an active apiary inspection program to protect honey bees and beekeepers from introduction and spread of apiary diseases and pests. WHEREAS, honey bees face serious threats from invasive pests, decreasing bee friendly forage, variable climate and increasing pesticide and herbicide pressure. WHEREAS, our State and County roadsides comprise a total of almost 115,000 miles. Providing native plantings and reducing the mowing and spraying of herbicides on the roadsides are helping pollinator survival. THEREFORE, we, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim, Thursday, February 13, 2020 as IOWA HONEY BEE DAY. We encourage all citizens, residents and visitors to join in observing this day and focusing on the importance of honey bees to our state economy, to enjoy the honey and other products of honey bees, to recognize the honey bees' role in maintaining our Iowa environment, and to assist in reducing the threats to honey bee survival in our state.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to authorize a \$50 incentive to all employees that complete both their physical and online assessment for the 2020 Wellness program. Ayes all, motion carried. The public purpose is to encourage employees to participate in the Wellness program, which decreases the County's health insurance premium.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, discussed how Secondary Roads handled the inclement weather over this past weekend.

Weekly meetings: Siepker-DD 175 meeting; Ives-Solid Waste concerns and PCERS meeting; Stauter-Jt. DD 181 concerns; and Dewey-Safety. All Supervisors participated in budget reviews and DD 47 Br. F meeting with the Engineers and the city of Palmer.

At 11:37 a.m., the Board met with Paul Greufe, Union Negotiator. The remainder of the meeting was exempt from the open meetings rules, pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3).