

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
January 29, 2019

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

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Ed Dewey, and Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

The minutes of January 22, 2019 were approved as presented on motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

James Roetman, CEO of Pocahontas Community Hospital, addressed the Board to discuss funding for the Hospital's Ambulance. Roetman presented statistics on the funding that different EMS groups in our County, as well as throughout the State, are receiving from their city and their county. Pocahontas County is giving more funding to the Hospital's Ambulance than any other Ambulance within the County, but since the City of Pocahontas is not providing any financial support to them, the Hospital's Ambulance is actually receiving the least amount of funding. The Hospital Board identified roughly \$114,000 a year in costs that are not related to the operation of their facility, and then determined how many Ambulance calls they are required to provide, and the calls not required to provide. Of the not required calls, approximately half were to residents within the City of Pocahontas and the other half to rural residences or to other cities within the County. With that information in mind, they created an agreement between the Hospital, the City of Pocahontas, and Pocahontas County that would have the City of Pocahontas and Pocahontas County each provide \$30,000 in funding each year for 3 years to the Hospital. The Hospital would agree to continue to offer their services to their current service area as well as provide support to all other service areas within Pocahontas County on an as needed basis. After much discussion, it was moved by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to provide \$30,000 in total funding to the Hospital each year for 3 years, starting in FY 20, contingent upon the City of Pocahontas doing the same. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Tri. Jt. DD 73 claim to Julian P. Johnson for beaver trapping in the amount of \$120.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve Jt. DD 18-42 claim to Hudson Law Firm for professional services in the amount of \$60.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve a salary increase for Betsy Dahl, FT Nurse in the Health Department. Dahl's new salary will be \$22.97 per hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve Loren Booth as a Pocahontas County Medical Examiner-Investigator. Booth has successfully completed his training. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (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) FMP III Wernimont #2 North – ID# 65118 located in the NW SE, Section 4, Cedar Township with FMP III, LLP as owner & Rusty Kosky as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the hiring of Kristi Seiler as a Clerk in the Auditor's Office. Seiler will start Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at \$14.00 per hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, explained that the County initially signed an agreement to receive federal funds for the N28 project, but it has been changed to receive the federal funds through a state program called SWAP, so a new agreement would need to be signed. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Federal Aid SWAP Funds Agreement for N28. Ayes all, motion carried.

Next, Moellering advised that the cold temperatures has made it difficult to bust through drifts but have not sent out the graders. Dewey and Stauter inquired about the safety of the employees out in this weather and advised to not send them out on the gravel roads until probably Friday.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board proceeded with a bid letting for culvert material for the Secondary Road's department. Four bids were received with one being rejected for bidding the wrong type of material. The bids considered were: TrueNorth Steel from St. Paul, MN for \$100,144.63; Illowa Culvert & Supply Co. from Low Moor, IA for \$97,801.60; and Metal Culverts, Inc. from Jefferson City, MO for \$92,720.55. It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to accept the bid from Metal Culverts, Inc. for \$92,720.55. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, and the Board discussed their upcoming meeting with the DNR about the DNR's desire to build a wetland next to a drainage ditch near Shimon's Slough and two different projects: wash outs in four different locations and a washout in the City of Pocahontas. The Board authorized Atherton to move broken concrete to the four locations as long as he works with the Roads Superintendent and the County Engineer to ensure everyone has enough broken concrete to do their projects. Atherton will also spread rip rap on the property in Pocahontas this winter and talk to the City about getting the box culvert cleaned out.

Atherton also presented a resolution as the final step in the process to put the County in compliance with the National Flood Insurance Program. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve by resolution, Pocahontas County's intent to participate in the National Flood Insurance Program. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Siepker, Aden, Ives, Stauter, Dewey; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**Resolution of Intent for Participation in the National Flood Insurance Program
Resolution 2019-01-#13**

WHEREAS, certain areas of Pocahontas County are subject to periodic flooding causing damages to properties within these areas; and **WHEREAS**, relief is available in the form of Federally subsidized flood insurance as authorized by the National Flood Insurance Act of 1968; and **WHEREAS**, it is the intent of this Board of Supervisors, to require the recognition and evaluation of flood hazards in all official actions relating to land use in areas having these hazards; and **WHEREAS**, this body has the legal authority to adopt land use and control measures to reduce future flood losses pursuant to Chapter 331, Code of Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that this Board hereby:

1. Assures the Federal Insurance Administration that it will enact as necessary, and maintain in force in those areas having flood hazards, adequate land use and control measures with effective enforcement provisions consistent with the Criteria set forth in Section 60 of the National Flood Insurance Program Regulations,
2. Vests Assistant to the Engineer with the responsibility, authority, and means to:
 - a. Assist the Federal Insurance Administrator, at his request, in his delineation of the limits of the area having special flood hazards.
 - b. Provide such information as the Administrator may request concerning present uses and occupancy of the flood plain areas.
 - c. Cooperate with Federal, State, and local agencies and private firms which undertake to study, survey, map, and identify flood plain areas, and cooperate with neighboring communities and the county with respect to management of adjoining flood plain areas in order to prevent aggravation of existing hazards.
 - d. When received from the Administrator, complete and submit those reports which advise the Administrator on the progress made within the community in the development and implementation of flood plain management measures.
 - e. Upon occurrence, notify the Administrator in writing whenever the boundaries of the community have been modified by annexation or loss of authority to adopt and enforce flood plain management regulations for a particular area. Included in such notification will be a map of the community, suitable for reproduction, which clearly delineates the new or deleted areas.
3. Appoints the office of building permits to maintain for public inspection and to furnish upon request, for the determination of applicable flood insurance risk premium rates any certificates of flood-proofing and information on the elevation (in relation to National Geodetic Vertical Datum) of the level of the lowest floor (including basement) of all new or substantially improved structures, and
4. Agrees to take such other official action as may be reasonably necessary to carry out the objectives of the program.

Weekly meetings: Siepker–North Racoon Watershed annual meeting; Aden–Solid Waste and Midas; Ives–Solid Waste; Stauter–Yes Center and CFR; and Dewey–Hazemat teleconference.

At 11:35 a.m. the Board recessed for lunch.

At 1:00 p.m. the Board reconvinced.

The Board met with the following departments: Veterans Affairs; Economic Development; Nurses; Environmental Health; Clerk of Court; Treasurer; and County Attorney, to review their budget requests for FY20.

At 4:00 p.m., the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor