

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

Members present: Chairman Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, JoAnn Peters, Jeffrey K. Ives, Ed Dewey.

The minutes of October 20, 2015 were approved as presented on motion of Siepker, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as amended on motion of Ives, seconded by Dewey to include landowners of D.D. 61 to discuss drainage project. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisor Peters advise the board she has been questioned if the rent can be negotiated each year; are they able to get out of the lease; subletting possible; questions about the cover crop – it is a three year program through the Farm Service Agency. There was discussion that no crop residue can be removed and minimum fertilizer will be required. Further review will be considered.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Ives to approve the Fonda Recreation Center's liquor license application renewal. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda presented a letter signed by David Stall, Environmental Health Specialists stating that Pocahontas County's Ordinance No. 10 meets the requirements of the Iowa DNR for private well permitting requirements in regard to the underground storage tank testing at the old Plover Gas Station location. There are test wells present and testing has provided good reporting and this letter will provide the documentation required by the DNR for a good report. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to approve the letter and forward to GeoTek for filling with their testing reports. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters to cancel the November 3, 2015 regular board meeting due to the city elections. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board invited Tom Eberle, Doug Cook, and Vicki Kerns landowners in D.D. 61 to express their concerns regarding the progress of the construction phase. Eberle noted he has a wet farm and that the open ditch is shallow and is slated to be cleaned out to provide for an improved grade on the tile system to be constructed. He expressed concern that the contractor is not available to begin construction this fall while it is dry and to avoid damage to crops next spring. He further expressed his concerns for his personal financial losses which he had hoped would be alleviated with an improved system. Any additional expenses incurred will be at the expense of the landowners within the district. Eberle advised of a very large tile default leaving a hole the size of a pickup truck in his field after harvest. This will be repaired next week by the county crews. With the contractor not being available to begin the project it is additional expense. The board advised they set a completion date for the contractor but cannot dictate their work schedule. Currently this contractor is completing another project within the county. Chairman Stauter advised the drainage clerk can keep in touch with the contractor and the landowners for a start date. Currently the contractor is planning to begin the project as soon as the frost is out in the spring. The collapsed tile will be repaired next week weather permitting.

Lisa Peterson, Social Services County Director and Kelly Jepsen were present to review the GA policy and the increase of dollars spent in the first quarter of the new budget year. Orene Cressler, GA Asst. was not present due to a conflicting VA meeting. Peterson advised there has been \$1,749.37 spent since July 1, 2015 and perhaps was remiss in not coming to the board for some exceptions paid without approval by the board according to the policy. The current policy was rewritten during the tenure of Brad Leckrone and the policy provides the guidelines for delivery of service to all county residents and is the assistance of last resort. Peterson suggested she is a social worker and therefore accustomed to helping people and suggested the policy should be reviewed for updating. Supervisor Siepker advised he would be willing to assist in this process serving on the 22 County Social Services board. Auditor Bunda advised

the policy review committee also needs to include Todd Rickert the county's overseer for the region along with Orene Cressler who has served as the GA Asst for several years and has been previously involved in the policy development. Chairman Stauter advised the board of Cressler's request for the board to consider discussion at the November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting of this matter since she was unable to be present today.

Peterson mentioned also that County Social Services in the past has provided Casey's gas cards for clients that needed gas money to get to a doctor's appointment, etc. This service is no longer being provided and she wondered how to get these gas cards as the county does not have a credit card for purchases. Kelly Jepsen advised she is knowledgeable of how this can be handled for the county through the regional process. Auditor Bunda advised she would review the process with Jepsen to follow proper protocol.

The following claims were audited and allowed:

AT&T	Phone	37.41	2
Acorn Naturalist	Supplies	63.65	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	60.19	1
Alta Implement	Parts	173.70	1
B H Energy	Gas	154.77	3
Co. Social Services	Qtrly Allocation	132992.86	1
Calhoun Co Att	Reimb Intern	847.13	1
Calhoun Co PH	Services	136.50	1
S Cash	Mileage	204.03	1
CenturyLink	Phone	2435.26	14
Cintas	Supplies	180.23	1
J Conlin	Mileage	640.36	1
Dadant&Sons	Bees/Sup	111.37	1
Deyta	HHCahps Fee	90.00	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	3900.00	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	184.97	1
T Flaherty	Well Closure	17.09	1
Fonda Ambl	Allocation	2440.00	1
Fonda Pub Libr	Allocation	5225.50	1
Force America	Parts	53.50	1
Foster's Frame	Services	434.00	1
GC Ambl	Allocation	1219.50	1
GC Pub Libr	Allocation	2395.00	1
Hallett Materials	Supplies	67.57	1
Havelock Pub Libr	Allocation	4245.50	1
J Huegerich	Fuel/Mileage	38.52	2
HyVee AR	Medical	510.99	1
IA Lakes Elec	Utilities	704.51	2
IA Prison Ind	Signs	587.50	1
ISU	Training	160.00	1
ISAC	Dues FY16	275.00	1
ISS & DA	Dues/Training	725.00	2
R Jergens	Phone REIMB	96.48	1
J Wolcott	Mileage	473.84	1
B Larsen	Transport Ex	26.88	2
Laurens Ambl	Allocation	2440.00	1
Laurens Municipal	Utilities	1561.33	3
Laurens Pub Libr	Allocation	6531.50	1
D Long	Tree Watering	54.00	1
Martin Marietta	Rdstone	3889.83	2
McKesson Medical	Med Sup	427.17	1
Mediacom	Internet	189.95	1
MidAmeri Energy	Utilities	166.50	2
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	349.20	1
Melissa K Miller	Mileage	180.00	1
Molly M Montag	Mileage	9.86	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	1042.61	1
Neopost	Postage	75.00	1
NW Comm	Internet	1283.02	6
Office Elements	Supplies	252.38	6
Optum 360	Manuals	122.92	1
P&R Entry Doors	Door/Repairs	15500.00	1
Palmer Mutual Tel	Telephone	314.92	1
Palmer Pub Libr	Allocation	4572.50	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
Plover Pub Libr	Allocation	4572.50	1
Po Co Aud	plat books	58.00	1

Po Co Econ Dev	FY16 Allocation	98750.00	2
Po Co EMA	Allocation	28000.00	1
Po Co Fair Assoc	Allocation	10000.00	1
Po Co Historical	Allocation	2500.00	1
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel/Repairs	874.59	2
POC Network	Billing Ser	49.50	1
Poca Ambl	Allocation	3903.50	1
Poca CoC	Dues	75.00	1
Poca Manor	Prisoner Meals	2065.00	1
Poca Off Supply	Supplies	11.59	1
Poca Pub Libr	Allocation	6531.50	1
Poca St Bank	Rent/Fees	200.00	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	167.40	4
Prinsco Inc	plastic pipe	289.68	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel/Servcs	9851.11	2
Ramada	Lodging	263.24	2
Record Dem	Publications	143.92	3
Region V HAZMAT	Contribution	1827.50	1
V Ricklefs	Mileage	163.00	1
Rolfe Ambl	Allocation	2440.00	1
Rolfe Pub Libr	Allocation	5225.50	1
Sanofi Pasteur	Medical	1549.12	1
D Schnetter	Well Closure	100.00	1
Schoon Backhoe	Servcs	5245.00	1
R Sennert	Training	141.69	1
K Simacek	Mileage	90.00	1
S Stamper	Well Closure	100.00	1
Staples	Supplies	53.77	1
Star Leasing	Copier Ex	285.02	3
Thrifty White	Medical	5.99	1
IA ST Treasurer	Taxes	9.00	1
USPS	Postal Meter	300.00	1
K Vadar	Mileage	138.00	1
Varina Pub Libr	Allocation	4245.50	1
L Wenell	Entrance Refund	178.72	1
N Wiemers	Well Closure	200.00	1
Windstream	Phone	96.10	1
S Winkler	Mileage	295.11	1
D Wolf	Well Closure	485.73	1
Woodley Ins	Ins	27.00	1
Woods	Supplies	30.42	1
Woodward Youth Corp	Shelter Ser	668.80	1
N Zaugg	Well Closure	73.26	1
Grand Total		394559.26	

Jack Moellering, County Engineer advised there is an opening for a truck driver position in Secondary Roads. We have an internal application to be considered prior to the need to advertise.

Moellering advised following discussions at previous board meeting of the Vanderhoff Gravel Pit he has learned the pit was conveyed to the county from a trust of the 1960 era. Pocahontas County pays an annual fee of \$35.00 to mine the gravel. To close the pit the county would have to reshape the slopes and with all the trees in the area it would be costly to complete. Webster County Conservation has expressed interest in receiving the property, however it is necessary to determine if it is feasible to deed the property over with the requirements specified by the DNR. Further investigation will be completed.

Moellering advised that SnoPak has provided all the necessary documentation for their annual permit. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Peters to approve the permit for FY15-16 use. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering advised the previous week's final voucher for the Rolfe bridge replacement needed a correction. It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to authorize the chairman to sign the revised final voucher. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker to authorize Moellering to advertise for the resulting vacant position of the secondary road department following the posting of the positions. Ayes all, motion carried.

The board reviewed the proposal from Tim Graca of Elert & Assoc. for consulting services for a phone system. The board concurred they were not interested in spending the money for consulting services.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: Dewey and Siepker had no meetings. Stauter attended the Community and Family Resources board meeting and received the annual report. Peters tended to county farm matters. Ives tended to county farm and drainage inquires/concerns.

There being no further business the board adjourned on motion of Siepker, seconded by Peters.

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Louis Stauter, Chairman

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Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor