

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
October 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, Ed Dewey, and Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers. Supervisor Clarence Siepker was absent.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from October 22, 2019 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the tentative agenda with the addition of "Accept Resignation" added under Gary Atherton, Assistant to the County Engineer/Drainage Clerk and Don Cirks, Roads Superintendent. Ayes all, motion carried.

Sandy Pingel, Anita Schlender, and Melinda Austin with Genesis Development out of Storm Lake, Iowa, explained that approximately three weeks ago, due to the size of the organization and financial concerns, the Genesis Board of Directors decided that they needed to transition their clients and staff to another organization. Imagine the Possibilities, an organization located on the eastern side of the state, with similar philosophies and programs as Genesis, will be assuming Genesis Development. Imagine the Possibilities will be taking over the contract for custodial services and have requested to sublease Genesis' office space at the County Annex. Concerns with the custodial services and the space limitation at the County Annex were discussed. Since most of the custodial concerns stem from lack of supervision by staff, Schlender will address it with their employee. The County will discuss the office space at the County Annex with Imagine the Possibilities. Carol William, Clerk of Court, and Lisa Peterson, landowner, were present to express their support for Genesis Development.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Dewey, to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement with the Pocahontas County Medical Examiner, Dr. Jennifer Boevers. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the Veterans Affairs' Quarterly Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to approve allowances and disallowances as recommended by the County Assessor for Homestead, Military, and Disabled Veterans Homestead tax credit applications for the 2019 valuation year pursuant to Iowa Code 425.3, 425.15, and 426A.14. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Dewey, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) The Maschhoffs Baker 2 Finisher – ID# 61829 located in the SW SW, Sec. 24 Poland Township, Palo Alto County with Maschhoffs Environmental as owner & contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to cancel the November 5, 2019 regular Board of Supervisors Meeting due to lack of agenda items and the City/School election. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen had no new information to report.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the County Engineer/Drainage Clerk explained that a landowner had expressed a concern about people not slowing down at a corner. When Secondary Roads investigated, they determined that the traffic had increase in that location and a stop sign was justified. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded votes: Ayes – Aden, Ives, Stauter, Dewey; Nays – none. Whereby the resolution is duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION FOR ESTABLISHING STOP SIGN CONTROL
On 480th Street and Garfield Road at their intersections with 330th Avenue
Pocahontas County Resolution No. 33

WHEREAS, The County Engineer has received a telephone call from a landowner expressing concern that sight distance at the intersection of 480th Street and 330th Avenue is obstructed and that vehicles are crossing through that intersection without slowing and that the traffic volume seems to be increasing, and WHEREAS, review by the County Engineer finds that sight when approaching the intersection, westbound and northbound, is considerably obstructed by a long hog shed in the southeast corner of the intersection. Once close to the intersection, the shed does not obstruct. However, full view is available only when within about 100 feet from the intersection, which is too close for a stop from full speed. Topography obstructs sight at about 1000 feet from the intersection. Such a sight distance should not be a problem for a reasonably alert driver. However, the next intersection north (Garfield Road and 330th Avenue) has its southbound approach obstructed by a hill at 500 feet from the intersection, and WHEREAS, although traffic count is not high enough make a stop sign mandatory, the 2011 traffic count was 60 vehicles per day, which is higher than most of the other gravel roads in the County. Preliminary information on the 2019 traffic count has that rising to more than 75 vehicles per day, and WHEREAS, although there is not yet a history of accidents at these intersections, the County Engineer recommends that stop signs be placed on the east/west legs of these intersections, and WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of the Iowa Code Section 321.255 of the Code of Iowa, to "place and maintain such traffic-control devices upon highways under their jurisdiction as they may deem necessary ... to regulate, warn, or guide traffic." NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF **Error! Reference source not found.** COUNTY that the stop regulation be established and appropriate signs be erected at the locations described as follows:

- A. Westbound and eastbound approaches to the intersection of 480th Street and 330th Avenue.
- B. Eastbound approach to the intersection of Garfield Road and 330th Avenue.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to authorize the Chairman to sign the letters requested by FEMA regarding Pocahontas County Drainage Ditch's policy concerning the use of rip rap and a statement stating that Secondary Roads is authorized to do repairs in the drainage districts. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton wanted the Board's thoughts about having a meeting with the landowners of Jt. DD 171 to discuss damages in Section 1 of Lizard Township. The estimated cost of the repair is over \$50,000. FEMA will cover the majority of the expense so it is not necessary to have a meeting, but it would help keep the landowners informed. The Board requested Jepsen to compose a letter, addressed to the landowners, which will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Don Cirks, Roads Superintendent, advised that on Thursday, October 24, 2019, Denny Krips gave his resignation to be effective Friday, October 25, 2019. Cirks would like permission to hire for that position. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to accept the Denny Krips' resignation and thank him for his service to Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried. Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to authorize Cirks to hire for the truck driver position in Laurens. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Erin Sommers, Reporter for the Record Democrat, pulled Steve Hoffman's name out of the container to rent the County Farm. Supervisor Aden contacted Hoffman and got assurance that he wants to rent the County Farm. Auditor Jepsen will work with the County Attorney and Hoffman to get the farm lease signed. The Board addressed questions asked by Carol William, Clerk of Court, and Lisa Peterson, landowner.

Weekly meetings: Aden-Midas and Solid Waste Commission business; Ives- Solid Waste Commission business; and Dewey-Safety.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Kelly A. Jepsen, Auditor