

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, IA December 16, 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, Ed Dewey.

The minutes of December 9, 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 Dewey, seconded by Ives to include approve hourly rate of pay for new public health employee. Ayes all, motion carried.

A letter from James Roetman, Hospital Administrator was shared with the board to request their consideration to abate the taxes for the house purchased in April 2014 to be used for the family members of the hospice patients. The hospital has signed the exemption form, however taxes would still be due through March of 2016. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Ives to approve the exemption of the property for the 2014 valuations for taxes due September 2015 and March 2016. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Bunda advised she has recently received the cost of two actuarial firms to provide guidance for the self-funding of the county's health insurance plan. The Omaha firm will charge approximately \$1,500 and the Des Moines firm advised \$500.00 is their approximate cost. Bunda will be working with the Des Moines firm.

The ordinances are being reviewed for deletions and the most recent ordinances will be forwarded to MIDAS. A draft review will be provided by MIDAS.

The board reviewed the written annual report provided by Elderbridge Area Agency on Aging. A total of \$184,497.00 was provided to Pocahontas County. This agency serves 29 counties representing nearly a third of Iowa. There were 22,250 meals prepared for seniors at a cost of \$116,374.00 or \$5.23 per meal. The agency provides several areas of service through county agencies to serve the 2098 persons of

60 year of age or older representing 28.7% of the county's population. Elderbridge is requesting \$5,769.50 matching funds from the county for the FY16 budget year which will be considered during the budgeting process. The agency spent \$87.94 per senior for FY14 and is requesting \$2.75 per senior for FY16. The agency notes it spends \$31.98 for every \$1.00 of county funds provided to the agency. It was moved by Statuter seconded by Beneke to acknowledge receipt of the report. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Beneke, seconded by Ives to approve the wage of \$20.50 per hour for Kelly Metzger, R. N. whose employment began December 8, 2014. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Beneke, seconded by Ives to authorize the chairman to sign the final pay estimate in the amount of \$3,960.10 to Reutzel Excavation, Inc for the D.D. 178 Surface Drain. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Ives, seconded by Dewey to acknowledge receipt of the following Manure Management Plans: (1) Troy and Joyce Stockwell Site – facility ID # 58715 located in NW SW, Section 8, Swan Lake Township with Troy and Joyce Stockwell as owners and contact person; (2) Hawkeye Six – facility ID # 60821 located in SW SW, Section 1, Marshall Township with Dennis Kollasch as owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisor Dewey noted the sheriff has installed his own telephone system and is questioning what the county needs to do as the board previously considered utilizing one system for the entire courthouse but keeping the sheriff department separate. The board concurred they would wait for the fiber to be installed as discussed last week.

Supervisor Dewey advised there will be revisions to the draft Cell Phone Policy the board received last week and Ashley Bennett has not provided the revised draft. It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Beneke to table action. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer presented a utility permit by Interstate Power and Light for installation of poles and above ground wire near Plover. The Board requested a drainage permit be required.

Windstream also signed a utility permit for a short run of cable north from C49 along N28.

The board next considered a request for a permit for the installation of a railroad bridge within D.D. 29 near Fonda. The plans and specifications have been provided to Bolten & Menk, Inc of Spencer. They have communicated via email the need for the channel bottom within the Railroad right-of-Way shall be excavated with a minimum six (6) foot bottom to an elevation at or below 1214.5 and shaped to fit with the existing channel at the right-of-way line both upstream and downstream. Supervisor Stauter advised the board the railroad has communicated with the landowner and there is an excessive amount of rock and roadstone along the ditch for a roadway and the area of the bridge. There have been tubes placed within the ditch to provide a temporary crossing. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Ives to table action today, direct County Engineer Jack Moellering to prepare a permit for the railroad to sign with the stipulations that the temporary crossing and rock shall be removed by March 1, 2015 and the roadstone placed in the right or way for a roadway shall be removed and the area restored to original not later than June 1, 2015 and request a deposit of \$5,000.00 to be held until the clean-up of the right of way and drainage ditch is completed. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering discussed the resurfacing of N65 from Hwy 3 to C49 that is programed for next year. The landowners meeting is necessary to receive their input of what they are seeking for this road. Supervisor Beneke advised they want wider shoulders for sure. Moellering advised additional right-of-way will be needed similar to the Albert City road project. Tentative plans will be made for a meeting in January with the landowners.

Don Etler, P.E. with Bolten & Menk, Inc. of Spencer advised the board the reports for D.D. 57 and Jt. D.D. 43-72 are nearing completion. The petitioner is in Section 29 of Bellville and needs tile relief. Branch 3 was never built as planned and the new report is looking at installing a 24" tile. However, D.D. 57 open ditch condition poses a problem with 3 feet or more of siltation and needs to be cleaned before the relief tile can be installed. The board has a signed petition by the landowner for both

districts, however they directed Etlar to check with the petitioner to make certain he is comfortable with moving forward with the cleanout of D.D. 57 based upon the original petition prior to moving forward.

Etlar then advised the board that currently there are no lands banked for mitigation. There are several mitigation proposals being considered but not completed. The board as drainage trustees cannot afford to delay drainage projects in light of the proposed EPA rules pending. He is recommending the board take formal action by resolution noting their prior practice utilized for mitigation as drainage trustees is typically a 50-50 cost share with the landowner for the wetland determinations within a drainage district. The board would need to notify the landowners at the hearing of their rights and the board's practice. The land if left idle will allow the landowner to continue in the farm program. It was moved by Beneke, seconded by Ives to approve Don's recommendation and prepare the resolution for the D.D. 57 project. Ayes all, motion carried.

Supervisors Weekly Reports: All supervisors attended the Jt. D.D. 35-37 hearings and Jt D.D. 67-173 hearing in Calhoun County. Triggs attended the 6 County MIDAS legislative meeting. Beneke attended the 6 County meeting and Empowerment board meeting. Stauter attended the pipeline meeting in Sac County. Dewey had no other meetings. Ives attended the Workforce Development board meeting, 6 County meeting, and Second Judicial meeting.

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

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Vincent L. Triggs, Chairman

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Margene A. Bunda, County Auditor