

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
December 19, 2017

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

Members present: Supervisors: Clarence Siepker, Ed Dewey, Louis Stauter, JoAnn Peters; and Auditor Kelly Jepsen. Chairman, Jeffrey Ives was absent. As Vice-Chairman, Clarence Siepker led the meeting.

The minutes of December 12, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Dewey, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Two insurance companies submitted bids for the County's liability insurance. Hopkins Insurance, Inc. submitted a bid through ICAP for \$93,851.32 while Woodley Insurance & Real Estate submitted a bid from EMC for \$76,936.00. After much discussion, it was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters, to accept the bid from Woodley Insurance. Ayes all, motion carried. 2017 liability insurance rate was \$98,731.00. This will be a savings to the County of \$21,795.00 each year for the next three years.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter, to accept the County Farm's Annual Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey, to accept Amendment #1 to the Engineer's Report for DD 47 Br. F. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve the work order from ISG to remove a beaver dam in DD 9-13 for \$500.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to approve payment in the amount of \$6,468.50 to Bolton & Menk for professional services on Jt. DD 18-42. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve payment in the amount of \$2,791.55 to Pocahontas County Sec. Rd. to replace tile on Jt. DD 77. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to approve payment in the amount of \$7,606.00 to Bolton & Menk for professional services on Jt. DD 43-72. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve payment in the amount of \$401.16 to Calhoun County Journal-Herald for publications on Jt. DD 43-72. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey, to approve payment in the amount of \$160.00 to Howard Larson for beaver tails on Jt. DD 171. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: Troy Stockwell Site – ID# 58715 located in the NW SW, Section 8, Swan Lake Township with Troy & Joyce Stockwell as owner & contact person. Ayes all motion carried. Motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter, to approve the general service contract with Sam's Painting to paint scrape, patch, prime and paint the dome and to paint an office, ceilings and all adjoining rooms for \$3,500 and \$1,600 respectively. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Christmas holiday and the union agreement. The Board was in favor of closing the County Offices at noon on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, explained that he is starting to plan for the next construction season. On N28, he is considering taking asphalt all the way out to the foreslopes. This would allow for a 12 foot lane plus 1 to 2 feet for an asphalt shoulder. With the shoulder not being very wide, he is also considering adding rumble strips and since they have never used them before, he would like to get public comments prior to implantation. Another road that will be worked on during the next construction season is C56 West of Palmer. Moellering had also told the consultants to work up the final plans on 5-8 Cummins Bridge and 35-36 Cedar Bridge.

Lee Gravel, from Buena Vista & Pocahontas Soil and Water Conservation District, discussed water quality initiative with the Board. In 2015, the Secretary of Agriculture started the water quality initiative as a way to decrease the nitrogen levels in our water. Iowa has taken a voluntary approach to dealing with our water quality issues through means of outreach information, education and incentivizing conservation practices that deal with water quality issues. It seems to be working, as in 2017 they saw a 400% increase in cover crops than they saw in 2016, and for 2018 they have approximately 30 bioreactors and saturated buffers lined up for construction. They would like to keep the momentum going by working with the drainage districts since they have direct contact with the landowners. As a partner, we would include their information in our normal correspondence with the landowners. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter, to partner with Buena Vista & Pocahontas Soil &

Water Conservation District to help reach out to landowners about the water initiative project. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Stauter–Yes Center and drainage concerns; Peters– Home Care Aide Board and Second Judicial District; Siepker–North Raccoon Watershed and Workforce Development; Dewey–Conservation and Insurance Committee. All Board members were present at Jt.DD 43-72, Annexation, ROW and Classification Hearing and DD 47 Br. F Information Informational Hearing.

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

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Clarence Siepker, Vice-Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor