

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 5, 2017

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

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Louis Stauter, Ed Dewey, and JoAnn Peters; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen.

The minutes of November 28, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Peters, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the tentative agenda with the addition of Chris Vrba-Compensation Board Recommendation. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve the disallowance of Homesteads, Militaries & Family Farm credit. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters, to approve pay increase for Blake Wiley, Deputy Sheriff, to 72% of Sheriff's salary, starting December 1, 2017. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve payment to Hudson Law Firm for legal fees on Jt. DD 43-72 in the amount of \$480.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve payment to Koenig Portable Toilets for jetting on Jt. DD 63 in the amount of \$525.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Don Cirks, Road Superintendent, explained what was going on around the County. N-65, will be done hauling dirt today and it will be ready to reopen for the winter in a week to 10 days, and the bridge south of Palmer should be opening back up tomorrow, December 6th. Siepker commented that C-26 turned out really well and questioned if a guard rail will be added. Cirks explained that a guard rail will not be going up.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Marv's Site – ID# 58833 located in the SE NE, Section 35, Rush Lake Township, Palo Alto Co. with Tim & Cheryl Rouse as owner & contact person; (2) Hawkeye Six – ID# 60821 located in the SW SW, Section 1, Marshall Township with Hawkeye Six, Inc. as owner & Dennis Kollasch as contact person; (3) S&B Pork LC #1 – ID# 58414 located in the NW SW, Section 6, Marshall Township with S&B Pork LC as owner & Mick Sundblad as contact person; (4) Scott Pitstick-Home--ID#61660 located in the NW SW, Section 19, Butler Township, Calhoun County with Scott Pitstick as owner & Trent Siebrecht as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen let the Board know that the State Auditor is wrapping up the audit and everything is looking good. They had reviewed our FY17 Annual Financial Report and they were very pleased as there were very little variances between their numbers and ours and she congratulated us, that our hard work had paid off.

Chris Vrba, County Compensation Board representative, presented their recommendation of a 3% increase for the elected county officials for FY19. The Comp Board felt like the County employees should be rewarded as they did a really good job with getting a lot of the drainage cleaned up and all the transitions at the Courthouse. Vrba discussed with the Board the potential of alternating between a monetary raise and percentage raise to help with the inequities between some departments. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey, to acknowledge receipt of the Compensation Board's recommendation. Ayes all, motion carried.

Stauter explained that Jerry Hammen has agreed to be a Drainage Commissioner and asked if any of the other Supervisors had found anyone. Ives suggested that they find three just in case somebody is unavailable. They will continue their search.

Weekly meetings: Ives--IA Drainage Dist. Assoc; Dewey--Safety Meeting, LEPC, Hazmat, IA Drainage Dist. Assoc, Zoning and insurance issues; Siepker-- IA Drainage Dist. Assoc and Upper Des Moines meeting; Stauter--drainage concerns; Peters--Board of Health.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor