

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 24, 2020

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

Due to the spread of Coronavirus, all County buildings are closed to the public, making holding public meetings impossible. Since public meetings are an essential part in keeping the County operating, Pocahontas County will hold public meetings electronically. The public was able to participate in the Board of Supervisors meeting held on March 24, 2020 through conference call.

Present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Louis Stauter, and Brent Aden; Auditor, and Kelly Jepsen; and Assessor, Sue Reigelsberger. Telephonically: Reporter, Erin Sommers; Supervisors Ed Dewey and Brent Aden; EMA Coordinator, Russ Jergens; GA/VA Director, Orene Cressler, and landowner, TH Hoefing.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve all three sets of minutes from March 16, 2020 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve the tentative agenda as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, presented TH Hoefing's petition for drainage relief on DD 30 Br. 3. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge the petition on DD 30 Br. 3 and set a hearing on said district for Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 1:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried. Landowners will be invited to participate electronically.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile claim from Hudson Law Firm for \$70.00 for conference call. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve Jt. DD 63 Br. C claim from Bolton & Menk for \$770.00 for study and report for the petition requesting improvement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile claim from Bolton & Menk for \$3,440.00 for study and report for petition requesting improvements. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 1-54 claim from Arnie Johnson for beaver trapping in Section 18 of Butler Township, Calhoun County, for \$80.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve Jt. DD 77 claim from Darren Stearns for beaver trapping in Section 35 of Cummins Township, for \$480.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 77 OD claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for CMP in the amount of \$268.80. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 1-54 MOD claim from Wieston Ag Service, Inc. for three separate tile repairs all in Section 18, Butler Township, Calhoun County, totally \$4,100.00. Ayes all, motion carried. Repairs were all in Section 18 Bulter Township, Calhoun County.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge the Preliminary Outlet Investigation on Jt. DD 63 MOD and set an informational meeting with landowners of Jt. DD 63 Br. C for Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried. Landowners will be invited to participate electronically.

Atherton discussed holding informational meetings with DD 44 MOD, DD 59 MOD, Jt. DD 63 Br. F OD, and DD 14 MOD. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to set all the information meetings for Tuesday, April 14, 2020 in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse. Times are as follows: DD 44 MOD at 1:00 p.m.; DD 59 MOD at 2:00 p.m.; Jt. DD 63 Br. F at 3:00 p.m.; and DD 14 MOD at 4:00 p.m. Ayes all, motion carried. Landowners will be invited to participate electronically.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the County Auditor to sign the Subcontract Agreement with Schumacher Elevator Company for the County, should the County Attorney approved of the language in said contract. Ayes-Dewey, Siepker, Ives, Aden. Nays-Stauter. Motion carried.

Kelvin Aljets and Don Cirks, from Secondary Roads, presented two quotes for a new motor grader. Ziegler from Fort Dodge, IA quoted a 2018 Caterpillar 140M3 Motor Grader with a 5 year warranty for \$298,753.00 and \$71,500 for a trade in on a 2008 Caterpillar 140M, for a net cost of \$227,253.00. Murphy Tractor & Equipment from Fort Dodge, IA quoted a 2020 John Deere 770G Motor Grader with a 7 year/7000 hours warranty for \$288,700.00 and \$51,000 for a trade in on a 2008 Caterpillar 140M, for a net cost of \$237,700.00. After discussion, motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to authorize Secondary Roads to purchase 2020 John Deere 770G Motor Grader from Murphy, using the 2008 Caterpillar 140M as a trade, up to \$237,700.00, but to do some more negotiating to see if they can get a better deal. Ayes all, motion carried. The Board went with the higher quote as the year of the road grader would offer better trade in down the road, the warranty was better, and the John Deere road graders have been more reliable than their Caterpillar road graders.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, explained that the N-28 project public meeting will still take place on April 1, 2020, instead of being a meet and greet, it will be changed to a teleconference call. Letters explaining how to participate in the public hearing were mailed.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the Chairman to sign Cooperative Agreement No. 2020-16-107 with the Iowa Department of Transportation for DD 168 road crossing on Hwy. 3. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table signing the union contract with Communication of America Union for the Sheriff's Department until more information is available. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the action taken on Tuesday, March 17, 2020, to close all County Building to the public due to the Coronavirus, and effective immediately, prohibit all travel outside of Pocahontas County for County business. Both actions are until further notice. Employees are still working and all departments are still accessible by phone and email. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act that goes into effect April 2, 2020. Since County government is considered essential services, employees will still report to work but practice social distancing. They encouraged the Department Heads to work with their employees to address any concerns. No vendors should be allowed into the buildings unless deemed necessary, and then they should be screened to make sure they are healthy and keep their distance from employees.

Motion was made by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, due to the Coronavirus, to cancel the Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile Hearing scheduled for Tuesday, March 31, 2020, at 1:00 p.m., at the Election Center in Emmetsburg. Ayes all, motion carried.

Due to the Coronavirus, motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to cancel the public hearing on the Moline Farms, LLC CAFO application and the public hearing on the FY21 County budget set for today, and reschedule the hearings for Tuesday, April 7, 2020 for 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., respectively. Both hearing will be held in the Board Room in the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried. The public is invited to attend electronically.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Powhatan Finisher Farm –ID# 64484 located in the SW SE, Section 20, Powhatan Township with N Holding, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Discussion on moving the Public Health over to Annex took place. This would allow for the departments that provide social services to our resident to be together, allowing for better collaboration of services and with the building located closer to the parking, easier access for the public. Ives will have a discussion with all departments that would be effected by the move.

Jepsen advised of the changes to open meetings due the Coronavirus, how to access Supervisor information on through the web, and a request to use the Courthouse during Heritage Days.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve all the claims as reviewed by the Supervisors for payment, including claims with documented public purposes. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

E Ahlrichs	Mileage	298.43	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	315.76	1
Amazon Capital Services	radio battery 1HC4-779K-K	32.50	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	147.98	1
Am Lung Ass	Radon Test Kits	200.00	1
APCO	Dues	94.00	1
C Archer	Con Board Mil/Emp Ex	173.86	1
Arends & Lee	Service	90.00	1
G Atherton	Phone/Mileage REMB	278.25	1
Hailey D Banwart	Mileage	148.93	1
N Betten	Mileage	392.15	1
Brian's Construction	Repair	400.00	1
Canon Financial Services, Inc	Lease	46.33	1
S Cash	Mileage	13.23	1
CenturyLink	Phone	318.97	2
CenturyLink	Maint Contract	13769.70	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	418.30	5
Clarion Distib	Cust Sup	72.00	1
J Conlin	Mileage	110.98	1
Counsel	Lease	139.30	2
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	218.82	1
H & I DeWall	Replace fence N65 project	3460.51	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	1354.04	1
Frank Dunn Company	pothole patch	799.00	1
Mary E Eastman	Mileage	28.75	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	800.88	2
Galls	Uniform	161.13	1
GSK Financial	Supplies	606.38	1
Gordon Flesch Company	Lease	494.75	2
Great American Financial Serv	Lease	150.09	1
Karen L Hargens Hargens Court	Service	63.50	1
City-Havelock	FTM/RUT	740.09	1
Dereck A Hebert	Software	106.99	1
Humboldt Motor Sales Inc	gasket/filter kit	59.67	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	242.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Rent	57.00	1
ILEA	Training	250.00	1
Insight Public Sector, Inc.	Software	267.49	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniforms	464.54	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	65.00	1
Amy M Johnson	Travel Exp	197.74	1
Liberty Tire	Tire Recycling	368.96	2
Loffler	Lease	35.97	3
Mangold Environ	Water Tests	96.00	1
Manson Lumber Company	Supplies	14.58	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone	23655.85	1
Mediacom	Internet	249.03	2
Menards	water heater/Palmer	265.49	1
Menards	2x8 boards	147.24	1

Messenger	Ad	225.00	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer elec	94.06	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer int lts	64.69	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	71.28	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	1291.20	1
Napa	Parts	59.47	1
Office Elements	Supplies	318.36	2
Owen/King	SIR	254.79	1
Palmer Mutual Tel	Phone	314.92	1
City-Palmer	FTM/RUT Palmer	2204.32	1
City-Palmer	Well Plug	500.00	1
J Paulsen	Expense	113.20	1
J Paulsen	Expenses	55.81	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
City-Plover	FTM/RUT	1320.38	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	14493.00	4
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	10698.40	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Meals	3598.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Supplies	28.40	1
Poca Equip	Parts	35.04	1
Poca Ford	Maint	122.72	2
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	1827.48	2
RAM Systems	Software	565.00	1
Rebnord Tech	Service	1927.50	1
Record Dem	Ad	86.00	1
Rees Truck	Parts	491.73	1
Richardson's Serv	Maint	60.30	1
V Ricklefs	Mileage	78.78	1
Seiler App	Maint	58.75	1
Seiler App	Palmer repairs	28.45	1
Seiler App	Plumbing	373.30	1
Seiler App	Repair	1608.55	1
Share Corp	lubri gel/graphite	833.03	1
K Simacek	Mileage	84.53	1
Darren Stearns	Beaver Trapping	120.00	1
M Parrott	Envelopes	178.74	1
T Reuters-West	Service	145.53	1
Christopher S Toner	Postage	10.20	1
US Cellular	Phone	270.76	2
K Vadar	Mileage	131.68	1
City-Varina	FTM/RUT	379.78	1
Verizon	hots spots/hotspot SR	267.03	1
WAHL TEK	New Equip	33095.00	1
Windstream	Phone	96.10	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	19893.00	4
Woods	Supplies	21.92	1
Ziegler	Supplies	2793.13	1
Grand Total		156071.47	

Weekly meetings: Siepker-bridge concerns; Aden-Home Care, Board of Health, and drainage concerns; Ives-ISAC Spring Conference, Solid Waste concerns and County concerns about Coronavirus; Stauter-bridge concerns; and Dewey-drainage concerns. All Supervisors participated in a meeting on Coronavirus and Department Head meeting.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to adjourned the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Kelly A. Jepsen, Auditor