

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 6, 2018

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 February 27, 2018 were approved as presented on motion by Peters, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pay increase for Chris Toner, Deputy Sheriff as he has finished his probationary period. Ayes all, motion carried. As of March 1, 2018, Toner will be at 72% of the Sheriff's salary.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Ken Woodford Finishing #2 – ID# 67029 located in the SE SW, Section 5, Cummins Township with Ken Woodford as owner & contact person; (2) Kies North Farm – ID#63529 located in the NW SW, Section 6, Cedar Township with FMP I, LLP as owner & Rusty Kosky as contact person; (3) Brian Kinkade – ID# 65166 located in the NE NE, Section 32, Marshall Township with Brian Kinkade as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen let the Board know that there will be mandatory sexual harassment training on Thursday, March 8th, one for department heads/supervisors and a separate one for non-supervisory employees. Jepsen also is working on a disposition of county property policy and asked for the Supervisors input. Jepsen will finish putting it together for the Board to review.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, showed the Board a map of the detour that will be in place for about two weeks while phase 1 of the City of Pocahontas' Wastewater System Improvement takes place. It involves closure at the intersection of highway 3 and highway 4. During the discussion, Chris Vrba, Pocahontas Record Democrat, brought up widening the intersection for truck traffic. The Board requested that Moellering talk to the DOT about widening the intersection at the same time as the wastewater project.

Next, the Board discussed the Pocahontas Community Hospital EMS' financial situation and their concerns for the future. Patrick Mooney, Pocahontas County EMS Coordinator, was there to answer questions. The Board let Mooney know that the budget for Fiscal Year 19 is done, so no decisions would be made at this time. The Board discussed that the Township Trustee and Clerk Reference Manual states that funding for fire and EMS services are provided in nearly their entirety by cities and townships in Iowa. Questions were asked in regards to revenue the ambulance receives and Mooney will get the figures to the Board. Mooney also answered several questions about paramedics, critical access care, and the coverages they provide. The Board thanked Mooney for the services the ambulance service provides to the residents of the County and they will continue to discuss how to help.

Weekly meetings: Ives–Cedar Creek Progress Meeting and Region V Hazemat; Dewey–Region V Hazemat and LEPC; and Siepker–Upper Des Moines, County Social Services, and Cedar Creek Progress Meeting. Ives, Stauter, Siepker, and Dewey were all present at the Pocahontas Community Hospital EMS meeting.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor