

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
April 14, 2020

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

Due to the spread of COVID-19, all County buildings are closed to the public, making holding public meetings impossible. Since public meetings are an essential part in keeping the County operational, Pocahontas County will hold all public meetings electronically. The public was able to participate in the Board of Supervisors meeting held on April 14, 2020 by electronic means posted at the top of the Agenda.

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Louis Stauter, and Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Electronically: Supervisor Ed Dewey; County Attorney, Dan Feistner; Jill Conlin and Mary Eastman with Home Care Aides; and Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve two sets of minutes dated April 7, 2020, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Board discussed the proposed repairs to Jt. DD 173-67 totaling \$30,200 that was tabled last week. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve section C2019-17-1 for \$11,800 and section C2019-17-2, Site 1, for \$2,000, totaling \$13,800 of the \$30,200 proposed in C2019-17B and denying the remainder, request Auditor Jepsen draft a letter explaining their decision, and authorize the Chairman to sign said letter. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to accept the DD 74 Preliminary Engineering Analysis and set an informational meeting for June 23, 2020 at 1:30 p.m., in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Recorder's March and Quarterly Report of Fees Collected, and the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge the FY19 Pocahontas County Audit Reported completed for the State Auditor's Office. Ayes all, motion carried. The Audit is available for review in the Auditor's Office and on the County's website.

Following discussion on the membership and land area in the North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition, motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to request that Auditor Jepsen send a letter with a copy of our resolution to other counties in the NRRWMC and to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Siepker, Aden, Ives, Stauter, Dewey; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

Resolution–2020-04-#15
Support of the Division of North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors, as a member of the North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition, has been closely following the development of a watershed management plan by the coalition, and

WHEREAS, has learned that, contrary to the language of the Chapter 28E agreement, that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approved, and that the Iowa DNR intends, by the attachment of an erroneous map provided by the DNR, for the North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition to include the Raccoon River and adjoining lands in Polk and Dallas Counties that are not in the watershed of the North Raccoon River, and

WHEREAS, this highly developed, improperly added land, would represent 56% of the population of the coalition, but includes very little of the agricultural land that dominates the true watershed, and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors will not support any watershed management plan that the North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition may produce, which includes the Raccoon River, and any direct tributary land downstream from the mouth of the North Raccoon River, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors calls for the legal and rightful division of the current membership and land area of the North Raccoon River Watershed Management Coalition, into a Raccoon River WMA and a North Raccoon River WMA.

In hopes to better meet the needs of all the departments, Auditor Jepsen presented a third plan for the Annex. The Board reviewed the plan with Dan Feistner, County Attorney, and Jill Conlin and Mary Eastman, from Home Care Aides. The consensus was to move forward with this plan. Jepsen will reach out to the contractor.

At 10:45 a.m., a teleconference was held with the Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors. Members present in Palo Alto County: Supervisors, Chairman Roger Faulstick, Ron Graettinger (telephonically), Linus Solberg, Keith Wirtz, and Craig Merrill; and Auditor, Carmen Moser. Members present in Pocahontas County: Supervisors, Chairman Jeffrey Ives, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden, Louis Stauter, and Ed Dewey (telephonically); Auditor, Kelly Jepsen; and Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Solberg, to appoint Jeff Ives as Chairman and Kelly Jepsen as Secretary for the Jt. DD 63 Br. C conference call. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, to delay action of appointing an Engineer to do a full Engineer's Report, until more information is available as to what it will take to file a permit with the Army Corp of Engineers and the DNR. Stauter withdrew his motion.

A phone call was made to Collin Klingbeil, Engineer from Bolton & Menk, to discuss their concerns with the permitting process with the Army Corp of Engineers and the DNR. Klingbeil advised that a joint application would need to be filed,

explaining what the district wants to do, prior you getting a permit. Klingbeil further explained that the full Engineer's Report process would include the permitting process and that the decision on the permit will be decided prior to scheduling the formal hearing on Jt. DD 63. The cost to get to that point would be \$15,000 to \$20,000. Faulstick inquired if Klingbeil was comfortable with this. Klingbeil advised that he is comfortable.

Motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Wirtz, to hire Bolton & Menk to do a full Engineer's Report for Jt. DD 63, not to exceed \$20,000, including preparing the joint permit to the Army Corp and the DNR. Results of said permit will be known prior to formal hearing. Ayes all, motion carried.

There being no further business to come before the Joint Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the hire of Randall Lauderback for the Plover Patrol Operator for Secondary Roads. Lauderback began his employment on April 12, 2020, at the probationary rate of \$18.70/hour, as per union contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve an \$80.00 subsidy per residence for dust control. Ayes all, motion carried. Both Pro-Coop and Wessels Oil Company will be offering the service.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the DOT Budget for Secondary Roads and 5 year Program. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised that they had not received the utility permit from Pocahontas Fiber Network, so he had nothing for them to sign and gave an update of the happening in Secondary Roads.

The Board discussed the Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) information received from Paul Greufe, Pocahontas County's Human Recourse Representative. Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to waive the 30-day employment requirement to receive the benefits from the Families First Coronavirus Response Act. Ayes all, motion carried. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to waive the restriction of counting eFMLA toward the time limit imposed on normal FMLA. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board recessed for the Department Head meeting, and then at 11:45 a.m., motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to recess for lunch. Ayes all, motion carried.

Due to time constraints with scheduled drainage meetings, the Board was unable to reconvene until 4:40 p.m.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to table approving the proposed repairs to Jt. DD 9-13 totaling \$30,700.00 and proposed repairs to Jt. DD 9-13 totaling \$5,800.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Discussion on DD 31 damage claim was tabled until next week's Board meeting.

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

A & M Laundry	Supplies	66.86	1
Ability Network	Service	1194.40	1
Access Systems Leasing	Lease	138.58	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	519.05	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	139.38	2
AP Air Inc	Parts	45.00	1
Arnold Motor	Parts	605.09	1
AT&T	E911 Service	50.27	1
G Atherton	Phone/Mileage REMB	592.61	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	186.11	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	481.51	1
CenturyLink	Phone	31.17	1
CenturyLink	Viper 911 Upgrade	321.40	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	5880.83	4
City of Sioux Rapids	Serve Papers	63.76	1
J Conlin	Phone	25.00	1
James P Conway	Training	20.54	1
Corn Belt Power	Tower Rental	714.00	1
Counsel	copies/engr	43.28	1
Counsel	Lease	50.72	2
O Cressler	Mileage	47.15	1
M Crosgrove	safety boots	150.00	1
Cummins Inc.	Maintenance	2601.16	1
B Dahl	Mileage	374.44	1
B Dahl	Phone	25.00	1
Dollar Gen	Supplies	12.75	1
Farm & Home	connector	12.78	1
Farm & Home	trailer cable	99.00	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	236.83	2
Daniel L Feistner	Training	270.00	1
Feld Fire	Testing	395.98	1
D Ferguson	Mileage	22.97	1
D Ferguson	Phone	25.00	1
Fire Proof Plus	Inspection	615.00	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	202.57	1
Force America	Parts	668.69	1
Forestry Suppliers	Supplies	431.71	1
Gilmore City	Utilities	201.72	1
Adv Systems	Lease	167.04	2
T Grau	Expenses	1017.32	1
Guthrie County Sheriff	Service	360.00	1
Dereck A Hebert	Phone	25.00	1
Dereck A Hebert	Supplies	9.94	1
Barbra J Hinners	Postage	16.90	2
Hoffman Filter	Disposal Ser	55.00	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	39.10	2

Hotsy Equip Co	Repair	178.45	1
Hannah G Hubbell	Mileage	10.08	1
Hannah G Hubbell	Phone	25.00	1
IState Truck	Supplies	16.21	1
IA APCO	Training	95.00	1
IA DOT	Services	11352.45	1
IDLS	Boiler Inspect	40.00	1
IA Nat Heritage	Membership	300.00	1
IHCA	Training	525.00	1
ISCTA	Registration	30.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Supplies	222.50	2
R Jergens	Mileage	766.78	2
JTI	Supplies	483.00	1
Juicebox Interactive	Web Hosting	230.00	1
Juicebox Interactive	Website Licensing	776.00	1
M Klocke	Mileage	43.70	2
Brooke A Krips	Mileage	313.20	1
Brooke A Krips	Phone	25.00	1
Lacal Equipment Inc	spinner/revised invoice	123.62	1
Laurens Municipal	Laurens util	267.09	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	683.05	1
RELX INC DBA LexisNexis	Software	105.03	1
Loffler	Lease	125.09	3
Lowell Luft	mailbox	25.00	1
Mail Servcs	Mailing	246.97	1
Mangold Environ	Water Tests	576.00	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone	22375.75	1
Menards	Trim	862.73	1
Meyer Electric	Maint	336.42	1
MidAmeri Energy	rural Manson int lts	27.34	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electricity	58.42	1
MidAmeri Energy	GC elec	39.33	1
MidAmeri Energy	Varina elc	41.85	1
NENA Amanda Roush, Treasurer	Training	95.00	1
Next Gen Tech	Service	1102.44	2
Northland Prod	Supplies	221.95	1
NW Comm	Access	1705.52	2
NW Comm	Hosting	27.95	1
NW Comm	Website Hosting	399.20	1
R Nystrom	Mileage	11.50	1
Office Depot	Supplies	31.96	1
Office Elements	Supplies	296.82	4
Overhead Door	Repairs	775.51	2
City-Palmer	utilities/Palmer	93.53	1
PDQ Hoist & Tool	Repairs	810.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Service	6409.00	1
Poca Dental	Services	268.00	1
Poca Postmaster	Postage	186.00	2
Poca Fiber	Internet	159.90	5
Poca Fiber	Phone	41.76	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Fax	36.76	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	1319.67	6
Poca Fiber	Telecommunications	228.82	2
Pro Co-Op	diesel bulk/ cardtrol	27440.56	1
Pro Co-Op	gas bulk	1519.47	1
Pro Co-Op	propane/ Fonda	697.25	1
Pro Co-Op	propane/Havelock	464.95	1
Pro Co-Op	propane/Palmer	581.34	1
Record Dem	Ad	171.50	1
Record Dem	Ad and Printing	397.00	1
Record Dem	Minutes	674.47	1
Gretchen Reichter	Consulting Fees	631.05	1
B Reis	Training	12.00	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	466.08	1
Sande Constr	Services	724.98	1
K Scheidegger	Book	40.00	1
Schneider Corp	Beacon Ser	10000.00	1
Genesis	Services	56.19	1
Seiler App	Plumbing	59.15	1
Seiler App	Repair	118.35	1
Kristi S Seiler	Supplies	6.81	1
Sioux Sales Co	Uniform	245.00	1
D Stall	Mileage	314.93	1
D Stall	Phone	25.00	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	520.37	1
Verizon	Phone	120.03	2
Vircom Inc 460 Ste-Catherine S	Service	1312.20	1
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Lease	89.00	1
Wernimont Electric	Repairs	284.98	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Propane	545.00	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	50.95	1
Emily A Williams	Expenses	281.03	1
Windstream	Phone Line	134.46	1
Windstream	Service	129.80	1
Youth Shelter NCI	Shelter Care	1866.00	2
Grand Total		124779.86	

Weekly meetings: Siepker-2 Upper Des Moines Executive Meetings, Workforce Development, Linking Families, and North Raccoon River concerns; Aden-Veterans Affairs concerns; Ives- drainage, Solid Waste, and Annex move concerns; Stauter- N-28 and drainage concerns; and Dewey-Inter-Agency meeting. All Supervisors participated in the Jt. DD 63 Br. C informational meeting, and Department Head meeting addressing COVID-19 concerns.

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

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At 11:30 a.m., the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met with Department Heads to discuss the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Louis Stauter, and Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Department Heads present: Diane Ferguson; Sue Reigelsberger; Amy Johnson; and Hannah Hubbell. Telephonically: Reporter, Erin Sommers; Supervisors Ed Dewey; and Department Heads: Tom Grau, Russ Jergens, Jill Conlin, Mary Eastman, Brian Reis, and Carol Williams.

Russ Jergens shared that he has offered masks to all the County's departments. With visiting with the cities, they are following the County's guidance in allowing the public into their building. He also reminded people to get their County IDs. Jeff Ives added that some businesses are rotating staff, as the County is practicing, to ensure that their business can still function. Diane Ferguson advised that there is nothing new from the Iowa Department of Public Health. Tom Grau explained that they put a letter out explaining the new programs and that he has been busy helping the businesses get signed up for the different programs. Kelly Jepsen gave an update on the Primary Election changes including in person absentee voting and combining polling locations.

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Kelly A. Jepsen, Auditor