

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
April 2, 2019

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, Brent Aden, and Ed Dewey; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from March 26, 2019 with removing Reporter, Erin Sommers, from the list of members present and a spelling correction. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Todd Anderson, CFR Prevention Specialist, met with the Board to explain that CFR was awarded a three-year grant to provide free Mental Health First Aid training to residents in their eight county area that CFR serves, including Pocahontas County. Mental Health First Aid teaches people how to recognize, address, and refer people to appropriate services. He asked the Supervisors to spread the word about the training.

Phyllis Thompson, Dick Thompson, Bob Wagner, and Devin Wagner were present to show their support for a clean out on DD 176. Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, reminded the Board that on August 29, 2017, the Board made a motion to hire Pederson to clean out DD 176. Atherton believes that there are willing contractors that would give some good bids, so he requested that the Board rescind that motion and set a formal hearing and bid letting. Since a clean out is a repair and is required by law to be done, the hearing would be to keep the landowners informed of the repair and the cost. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to rescind the motion made on August 29, 2017, to hire Pederson to clean out DD 176, and set the formal hearing on DD 176 for May 7, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room in the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to authorize Atherton to put DD 176 repair out for bid letting with bids being opened on May 7, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room in the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Margo Underwood, Hometown Pride Community Coach, explained that April is Keep Iowa Beautiful Month and invited the Board to sign a proclamation for April 2019 to be Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful Month. Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the following proclamation. Ayes all, motion carried.

#### PROCLAMATION

**Whereas**, the rolling landscapes and the natural forested beauty of its river valleys, define Iowa as “The Beautiful Land”; and **Whereas**, Iowans have a high regard for the natural beauty of the state along with a strong sense of stewardship and want to encourage all residents and visitors to help keep Iowa beautiful for future generations; and **Whereas**, Pocahontas County has caring residents and citizens who want to build the pride and respect that we have toward both our natural lands and the environment, knowing that these are essential to the cultural and economic health and vitality of our county; and **Whereas**, enhancing and supporting our communities through programs like Keep Iowa Beautiful and Pocahontas County’s Hometown Pride Program are important to Pocahontas County’s quality of life: **Now**, Therefore, I, the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, in Pocahontas County, Iowa encourage all residents to embrace the Hometown Pride Program and undertake personal efforts that will enhance the cleanliness, health and beauty of our county. I do hereby proclaim April 2019 as: KEEP POCAHONTAS COUNTY BEAUTIFUL MONTH

Underwood also gave an update on Hometown Pride and County Trails. The Board thanked Margo for her time.

The Iowa DNR has made a preliminary determination that Clerk Farms, LLC, Hardcastle Finisher Farm site, has met the legal criteria to be issued a construction permit. It was moved by Stauter, to sign the waiver letter and adopt the resolution to waive Pocahontas County’s right to appeal issuance of final construction permit, but failed for lack of a second. No action was taken.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to acknowledge receipt of the Project Manual for Tile Improvement on DD 31. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve the change in Missy Zuetlau’s, FT dispatcher, start date from April 1, 2019 to March 27, 2019. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to acknowledge Kelsey Klaver’s, Real Estate Deputy, resignation effective April 10, 2019. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Plover East Finisher Farm –ID# 64485 located in the NE NW, Section 14, Powhatan Township with N Holding, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (2) 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; and (3) PI-258 – ID# 65208 located in the NE NW, Section 19, Grant Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as the owner and contact persons. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Auditor’s Quarterly Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Don Cirks, Road Superintendent, presented a bill that he will be giving to Mid American Energy detailing the damages done to Pocahontas County’s roads during the repowering of the Pomeroy Windfarms, totaling \$185,716.66. Mid American Energy has agreed to reimburse Pocahontas County for any damages.

The Board also gave Cirks their blessing to hire a temporary employee while he is short staffed.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve the dust control subsidy with Pro Cooperative. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the utility permit for Palmer Mutual Telephone. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, presented the Five Year Program for the Supervisors to review and it will be placed on next week's agenda for approval.

Weekly meetings: Siepker–County Social Services, Upper Des Moines, and Department Head meeting; Aden–Midas; Ives–constituent concerns; Stauter–Storm damage concerns and CFR; and Dewey–FEMA and EMA issues and Department Head meeting.

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

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Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor