

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
May 21, 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 Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from May 14, 2019 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried. Later, there was a motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to revise said motion to approve the minutes from May 14, 2019 with changes to correct a scrivener's error. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Tom Grau, Gretchen Tiedeman, and Kate Helgevold, from Economic Development and Jason McCarten with Pocahontas County Young Professionals, gave a brief summation of the results of the Visionary Survey. The number one reason people live in Pocahontas County is because they or their spouse grew up here. The question is, how to attract people that did not grow up here. People feel the best qualities in Pocahontas County is the rural peaceful setting, small town feel and safety. Some challenges and barriers are the lack of retail options and availability of quality jobs.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the contract with Terracon Consultants, Inc. to sample bedrock in DD 168. Total cost after IDALS' cost share is \$6,650.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the Chairman to sign a 28E Agreement between Iowa Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality and Drainage District 168. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 63 Lateral 4A and Jt. DD 63 Lateral 5 claims from Myer Tile & Backhoe, LLC, in the amount of \$610.00 and \$1,290.00 respectively, for tile repair. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 63 Br. Main claim payable to Bolton & Menk for professional services in the amount of \$2,947.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve Jt. DD 9-13 Br. 5 claim to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for repairs in the amount of \$290.39. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve Jt. DD 181 claim to Todd Kay for beaver trapping in the amount of \$240.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Cedar Flats–ID# 61541 located in the NE SE, Section 29, Cedar Township with Pitstick Pork, LLC as owner & Trent Siebrecht as contact person; and (2) Glen Finisher Farm – ID# 61827 located in the SE SW, Section 31, Colfax Township with Crow Farm Partners III, Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen advised of drainage concerns and changes that are taking place with elections due to HF 692. One change being implanted due to HF 692 is the County Seal taking the place of the County Commissioner of Election's signature on the ballot. There has been some controversy as to what is required to be on the county seal. Jepsen and the County Attorney are in agreement that we should follow the Iowa Code as it is written for the printing of the ballots but not to make any other changes until we know if there are going to be any changes to the Iowa Code. The Board was in agreement.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, presented a petition for work on DD 41 Main Br. 1. After discussion, motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to accept the petition but hold off on hiring an Engineer until after the Swan Lake informal meeting. Ayes all, motion carried. The Swan Lake informal meeting will be held Tuesday, May 28, 2019 at 1:00 pm in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed the N-28 bid letting and different road and tile concerns.

Weekly meetings: Siepker–Leadership class and Swan Lake concerns; Aden–DD 168 concerns; Ives–DD 168, drainage, and road concerns; Stauter–CFR open house, drainage, bridge, and road concerns; and Dewey–Safety meeting.

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor