

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
June 18, 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 June 11, 2019 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Jamie Whitney, Upper Des Moines Executive Director, explained that over the past six months, Upper Des Moines has spent 87% (\$185,229.38 in services) of what they spent for the entire year last year in Pocahontas County. The biggest amount of money was for heat assistance and the food program with the elderly being the age group being served. The Board thanked Whitney for the update.

Russ Jergens, County EMA Coordinator, explained that the County's Hazmat Mitigation Plan will expire in 2020 and the County is required to have a current plan in place to receive any federal money for disaster relief. Motion by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to authorize the Chairman to sign a contract with Midas to assist in developing a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan for \$7,500.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jergens also gave the Board and Jack Moellering, County Engineer, an update on adding flashing lights to the stop signs at the intersection of C15 and Highway 4.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board, along with Moellering, held a bid letting for pavement markers. Only one bid was received, Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. from Slater, Iowa. Their bid was for \$122,905.38, averaging \$6.25 per 100 feet. Moellering felt the bid was fair and recommended the Board award the bid. Motion by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to award the contract to Iowa Plains Signing, Inc. for \$122,905.38. Ayes all, motion carried.

Blake Naeve, along with Moellering discussed Naeve's request to place a 6 or 8 inch drainage tile in the Road Right of Way for approximately 1/8th of a mile, just North of the Quarry. There is a sharp ridge that runs North and South, making it impossible to go through. The natural drainage appears to cross the road and go down a gap in a ridge on the North side of the road, so the County does not allow him to go install tile in the road ditch, the County would have to pay for a road crossing. After discussion on how this request was different from others they had previously denied, there was a motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement allowing Naeve to place tile in the road right of way. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to approve the transfer of Jonathon Williams from the Tile Crew to Sign Technician. Ayes all, motion carried. The transfer was effective Tuesday, June 18, 2019 and William's wages will change to \$20.56/hr. as per the union contract.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to set the bid letting for supplemental abutments on four bridges for Tuesday, July 9, 2019, at 10:30 a.m. in the Supervisors Room in the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering also let the Board know that time has been healing the gravel roads, as they are starting to straighten out.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table the Jt. DD 181 drainage district claims to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for labor until more information can be furnished. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the following joint drainage district claims to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for labor. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jt. DD 171 FEMA	\$854.70	Jt. DD 43-72 FEMA	\$172.86	Jt. DD 43-72	\$312.11
Jt. DD 171	\$206.44	Jt. DD 150 FEMA	\$115.24	Jt. DD 43-72	\$110.77
Jt. DD 18-42	\$387.70	Jt. DD 63 FEMA	\$230.48	Jt. DD 63 Br. F-4 Tile	\$115.24

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve Jt. DD 77 MOD claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for a repair, in the amount of \$1,477.86. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Recorder's May Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Dewey, to appoint Joan De Wall, Pocahontas City Administrator, to the Midas Council of Governments Board of Directors, Midas Transportation Subcommittee, and the Midas Executive Committee for the remainder of the 2019 calendar year. Ayes all, motion carried.

Next, Jepsen, Sue Reigelsberger, County Assessor, and the Board discussed ICIT's recommendation that the County hire a full time IT person. The Board believes that the County needs a dedicated full time IT person and requested that Jepsen reach out to ICIT and Paul Greufe to start the hiring process. The Board also requested that Supervisors Siepker, Supervisor Aden, Jepsen and Reigelsberger be part of the hiring committee.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Moline Bros. Farm #1 – ID# 58705 located in the SW SW, Section 31, Lizard Township with Moline Bros. as owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Siepker–Linking Families, Upper Des Moines Finance Committee, and Workforce Development; Aden–Economic Development; Ives–Economic Development; and Dewey–Conservation Board and Safety. All Supervisors participated in the continuation of DD 41 Br. 18 & 19 Reclassification Hearing and DD 64 Annexation and Reclassification Hearing.

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