

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
September 17, 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, Ed Dewey, and Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve the minutes from September 10, 2019 with the addition of the amount paid to the Record Democrat. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as posted on motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden. Ayes all, motion carried.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, advised that the City of Laurens has requested a tax abatement for 11 parcels that make up Pocahontas County Trail Phase 1. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to abate the 2018 property taxes for the following 11 parcels, totaling \$418.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Parcel		Parcel	
01-17-300-010	\$ 48.00	01-20-200-007	\$ 56.00
01-20-100-006	\$ 8.00	01-21-300-014	\$ 50.00
01-20-100-007	\$ 56.00	01-21-300-015	\$ 42.00
01-21-100-005	\$ 6.00	01-21-300-016	\$ 42.00
01-20-200-005	\$ 28.00	01-21-400-009	\$ 52.00
01-20-200-006	\$ 30.00		

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge the Certification of Contract Completion for DD 30 and set Tuesday, October 22, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. as the date and time for the Completion Hearing. The Hearing will be held in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the proposed repairs to Jt. DD 1-54 totaling \$4,100.00. Ayes all, motion carried. All three repairs are located in Section 18 of Butler Township in Calhoun County.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve payment to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for Watchman Services on Jt. DD 85, for \$178.32. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen advised the Board of a Special Revenue Fund that has not been in use since FY15 and recommended closing it by Resolution. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to adopt the following resolution. The chairman called the question with the following recorded votes: Ayes: Siepker; Aden; Ives; Stauter; and Dewey. Nays: none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 2019-09-#30

Resolution to Close Special Revenue Fund

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County maintains governmental and fiduciary funds for the Pocahontas County Chart of Accounts according to the Uniform Chart of Accounts for Iowa County Governments and the Iowa Department of Management, and WHEREAS, Special Revenue Funds are used for a particular purpose and at times when the purpose is fulfilled or the fund is no longer being used, it becomes necessary to close said fund. WHEREAS, the County recognizes the Recorder's Electronic Transaction Fund's purpose was for planning and implementing electronic records, electronic transactions, and developing county and statewide websites to provide access to records and information, and WHEREAS, the County Recorder's Electronic Transaction Fund has fulfilled its purpose and has not been active since Fiscal Year 15. SO NOW, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, IA that we hereby close the County Recorder's Electronic Transaction Fund and direct the remaining balance be transferred to the General Fund.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised that the Supplemental Abutment on 2-3 Powhatan is completed and it is back up to the legal limit. They are currently working on 14-23 Lincoln, with 13-18 Grant and 18-19 Dover to follow. Moellering also let the Board know that the DOT is back to audit the N-65 project and we should know more soon.

Next, the Board discussed advertising for a renter, price per acre, length of lease, and forming a subcommittee to review applications for the County Farm. After considering the County Attorney's recommendations and making changes to the draft ad, the Board requested that Auditor Jepsen submit the ad to the newspapers for publication.

Dan Murphy, landowner in DD 74, explained to the Board the timeframe and the work he performed in getting the ditch bank ready for seeding and why he ended up having to do extra work. Lack of communication was a problem, and the Board understood why he had to do extra work, so motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to pay a total of \$575.00 to Dan Murphy for his work on the ditch bank in DD 74. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Siepker- Jail meeting with Palo Alto County, Swan Lake Meeting, Linking Families, and Upper Des Moines finance meeting; Aden- Jail meeting with Palo Alto County; Ives- ISU Cover Crop and Wetland Day and landowner's concerns; Stauter-CFR; and Dewey-Conservation. All Supervisors participated in the DD 13 Hearing on the Engineer's Report in Emmetsburg, Breakfast & Learn, and Home Base Iowa.

Supervisor Dewey let everyone know that he spoke with a City Councilman from Rolfe and they are possibly interested in an agreement with the Sheriff's Department to have an additional 20 hours of law enforcement coverage per week.

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