

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
September 18, 2018

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 JoAnn Peters; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen.

The minutes of September 11, 2018 were approved as presented on motion by Peters, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to approve the tentative agenda with the following changes: Strike Patrick Mooney, Emergency Medical Coordinator, Approve Lucas Device; and add Approve changes to the Pocahontas County Employee Handbook. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, presented two policies for consideration; Conflict of Interest Policy and Reporting Policy. Both policies are to ensure that Pocahontas County is in compliance with Code of Federal Regulations for non-federal entity receiving federal dollars.

It was moved by Siepker, seconded by Peters, to adopt the Pocahontas County Conflict of Interest Policy on September 18, 2018. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Dewey, to adopt the Pocahontas County Reporting Policy on September 18, 2018. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton also advised the Board that when cleaning out DD 22, in section 9 of Grant Township, they removed the crossing. The arched CMP crossing pipe that was removed needs to be brought back into our inventory. Atherton will contact the drainage crew to see if they have a use for it.

Atherton also advised that it was determined that the debris found in different drainage ditches were not the result of storms from this spring, so will not be included in the FEMA cleanup plan.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters, to approve changes to Section 3.1 Definition of Employee Status. Ayes all, motion carried. The wording "Part-time employees are not eligible for any benefits unless others specified in this handbook." will be replaced with "Part-time employees are eligible for some benefits specified in this handbook. Part-time employees who work at least 1,534 hours in a fiscal year, shall be offered insurance at a rate that is in accordance with the Affordable Care Act."

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve the change in health insurance rate for part-time employees working at least 29.5 hours per week, but less than 35 hours per week, to \$167.00/mo. for a single plan and \$833.00/mo. for a family plan. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Peters, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Recorder's August Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen advised that Pocahontas County is not exempt from filing a certificate of compliance actuarial opinion to the State pertaining to our self-funded health plan. She also apprised the Board of upcoming meetings and human resource issues within the County.

Corey Dewey and Blake Harvey, with Community & Family Resources, informed the Board that September is National Recovery Month and asked the Board to make a Proclamation to recognize it. It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to adopt the following Proclamation for National Recovery Month and authorize the Chairman to sign the Recovery Month Proclamation. Ayes all, motion carried.

Recovery Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in our area and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming mental and substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally, and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, and Community and Family Resources invite all residents of Pocahontas County to participate in *National Recovery Month*; and

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Jeffrey K. Ives, Board Chairman, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the laws of Pocahontas County, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2018 as **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH** in Pocahontas County, and call upon the people of Pocahontas County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's *Recovery Month* theme, "*Join the Voices for Recovery; Invest in Health, Home, Purpose, and Community.*"

Dewey and Harvey also explained that the number of clients seen in Pocahontas County is less than the other counties, but the outpatient services provided every Thursday in Pocahontas will not change, even with the construction of a new building in Fort Dodge. CFR will be starting, “Too Good for Drugs” in the elementary schools soon, Opioid Task Forces is in operation in Fort Dodge, and they are hoping to expand services in telepsych and mental health therapy. The Board thanked them for coming.

Weekly meetings: Ives–Solid Waste, drainage and constituents’ concerns; Siepker–Linking Families and County Social Services concerns; Dewey—Conservation and Safety; and Peters–Economic Development and drainage concerns. Supervisor Stauter, Siepker, and Peters were present at the Jt. DD 181 annual meeting.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor