

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
September 3, 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, and Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers. Supervisor Ed Dewey was present telephonically.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from August 27, 2019 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve a tax adjustment in 2018 taxes, a decreasing of \$70.00 on parcel 10-31-300-006, as the building sits on the adjacent property. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve Contractor's Pay Request #1 from B&B Farm Drainage in the amount of \$47,571.30 and Change Order #1 in the amount of \$1,704.75 on DD 41 Br. 19. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve payment to Hudson Law Firm for professional services on Jt. DD 181. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to appoint Dr. Jennifer Boevers as Pocahontas County Medical Examiner as of September 1, 2019 and David Kraft as a Medical Examiner-Investigator. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve a wage increase for Clerks, Jackie Haley and Barbra Hinnners, as they have completed their probationary period, and Jailer, Molly Montag, as she has been with the Sheriff's Office for 10 years. As per the union contract, Haley's new hourly wage will go to \$16.90 per hour on August 17, 2019; Hinnners, \$16.90 on September 1, 2019; and Montag, \$19.70 on September 1, 2019. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the hire of Neil Christians as a Deputy Sheriff. Christians' first day will be September 17, 2019 at \$26.13 per hour, per union contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve the letter to landowners regarding Water Quality Opportunities and authorize the Auditor to edit the letter with Pocahontas County's information. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Kinkade Pork, Inc. – ID# 62461 located in the NW NE Sec. 33, Marshall Township, with Norman Kinkade as owner and as contact person; (2) Zaugg 1 Finisher Farm – ID# 67866 located in the NE NW, Sec. 35 Des Moines Township, with Hawker Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer contact person; (3) Sherman Wean-Finisher Farm – ID# 58362 located in the SW NW, Sec. 24 Sherman Township, with Iowa Select Farms, LP as owner & Keith Kratchmer contact person; (4) Naeve Finisher Farm – ID# 65541 located in the NE NW, Sec. 17 Weaver Township, Humboldt County, with Scenicview Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (5) Taylor Finisher Farm - ID# 61716 located in the NW NE Sec. 32, Cedar Township, with Crown Farm Partners II, Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (6) Frank North Wean-Finish Farm – ID# 58276 located in the SE SW, Sec. 23 Cummins Township, with Iowa Select Farms, LP as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (7) Dean Pedersen – ID# 60387 located in the SW NW, Sec. 16 Cummins Township, with Dean Pedersen as owners & contact person; and (8) PI 246 Finisher – ID# 64893 located in the SW NW, Sec. 20 Colfax Township, with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the underground construction permit across organized drainage ditches with Arvig Enterprises, Inc. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to authorize Jack Moellering, County Engineer, to sign the underground construction permit with Arvig Enterprises, Inc for the State. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering and the Board discussed a DOT audit on the N-65 project. The DOT was not satisfied with Secondary Roads' documentation on the project and will be back on September 9th to review any more supporting documentation Moellering and the Roads' Inspector have produced.

Moellering also updated the Board on Roads' projects. They are working on the bridge North of Plover, so Supplemental Abutments are going in and all four should be done this fall. Supervisor Aden asked about the County Line Bridge. Moellering stated that there are plans in the works and it is the hope to have it let by spring.

Supervisor Aden advised that a termination notice was sent to the County Farm's tenant. The Board, Moellering, and Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer and Drainage Clerk, discussed getting bids and tiling the County Farm.

Weekly meetings: Siepker- Upper Des Moines, CSS Quadrant meeting and Department Head meeting; Aden-Midas and Dr. George's retirement party; Ives- Department Head meeting; and Dewey-Dr. George's retirement party.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor