

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
September 5, 2017

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, JoAnn Peters; and Auditor Kelly Jepsen. Supervisor Siepker was absent.

The minutes of August 29, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Stauter, seconded by Peters. Ayes all, motion carried.

The minutes of August 28, 2017 were approved as presented on motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve the agenda as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Carol Williams, Clerk of Court, swore in Christopher Toner as a new Sheriff's Deputy. The Board congratulated and welcomed him.

At 10:25 a.m., a teleconference was held with Calhoun County Board of Supervisors. Members present in Calhoun County: Supervisors, Mike Cooper, Scott Jacobs, Carl Legore; and Auditor, Robin Batz. Members present in Pocahontas County: Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Louis Stauter, JoAnn Peters and Ed Dewey; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Supervisor Siepker was absent.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Legore, to appoint Jeff Ives as Chairman and Kelly Jepsen as Secretary for Jt. DD 25-39 and Jt. DD 43-72 and Scott Jacobs as Chairman and Robin Batz as Secretary for Jt. DD 173-67 business. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Cooper, to approve the I+S Group claim for professional services on Jt. DD 25-39 for \$80.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Cooper, to appoint Bill Haeder & Jack Fischer as Commissioners and Appraisers for Jt. DD 43-72. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Joint Board discussed the Hudson Law Firm bill for legal services for Tom Stauter. The Boards concluded that since Louis Stauter had told Tom Stauter to contact Hudson with his drainage questions that the joint drainage district should pay. Going forward, the Boards decided to appoint a Drainage Attorney to represent the Joint Drainage District at the same time they appoint an Engineering Firm. It was moved by Peters, seconded by Legore, to approve payment to Hudson Law Firm for legal services in Jt. DD 173-67 in the amount of \$240.00. Ayes-Ives, Peters, Stauter, Dewey, Cooper, Legore; Nay-Jacobs. Motion carried.

Stauter inquired about the bridge on the north side of section 4 in Williams Township, Calhoun County, on the County Line. He thought the bridge would only take about 7 or 8 planks, 2-4x6's and some bolts to make it passable. The Boards will discuss it further with their County Engineer and will be in touch on the matter.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Cooper, to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Stauter, seconded by Peters, to approve the liquor license for Fonda Golf Course. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Peters, to acknowledge the resignation of Beverly Trumpold, Home Care Aide Agency Administrative Assistant effective October 13, 2017. Ayes all, motion carried. Dewey also wanted to thank Trumpold for her years of service to Pocahontas County.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, inquired as to what our Board would like done with the bridge on the County Line southwest of Fonda. The Board felt if it could be put back into service at a reasonable price, then that would be the way to go. Moellering will communicate that to Calhoun County.

It was moved by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) The Maschhoffs Bunda Finisher – ID# 61830 located in the NW NE, Section 29, Sherman Township with The Maschhoffs as owner & contact person; (2) The Maschhoffs Woodin Finisher – ID# 61833 located in the NW SW, Section 34, Cummins Township with The Maschhoffs as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board and Jepsen discussed painting projects for the Court House and decided to request bids for the painting. Jepsen explained she would like to set up a ten year continual rotating painting plan for the Court House. This would help keep the Court House looking nice all the time without the huge expense at one time.

At 11 a.m., the Board proceeded to the public hearing on the proposed vacations and closures of portions of 480th Street located in Garfield Township. Landowners present: Jim Shelgren, Brad Shelgren, Tim Rickleffs, Gary Dahl, Mitch Siefken, Ron Dreith, Dan Duitscher, Ann Bittner, and Brett Legvold with Arends, Lee, Emick & Legvold Law Office. After much discussion, it was moved by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to adopt the following resolution. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes –Peters, Ives, Stauter, Dewey; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION TO VACATE COUNTY ROADS
8/17 and 9/16 Garfield
Pocahontas County
Resolution No. 2017-09 #19

WHEREAS, This being the date and time set for the hearing on the proposed vacations and closures of portions of Pocahontas County Secondary Roads, described as follows:

That portion of 480th Street from southeast end of the diagonal along the bank of Drainage District 60 Main Ditch east of 290th Avenue Hwy. 15), east along the section line between Sections 8 and 17 to 300th Avenue. And

That portion of 480th Street from 300th Avenue, east along the section line between sections 9 and 16 to 310th Avenue.

Both of these roads are located in Garfield Township (T-92N, R-31W), and

WHEREAS, Objections have been received from: Ann Bittner, Joan K. Dreith and James Shelgren concerning access to their properties should the roads be vacated. From Ron D. Dreith concerning land devaluation, drainage across new road portion, potential difficulty in making the turn at the end of the new portion and safety at that intersection. From Dan Duitscher concerning access to the property he is purchasing from the Velma Ives estate, which he wants to access from the lower traffic County road to the east rather than from Hwy. 15.

WHEREAS, Other options were discussed at the public hearing, and the general consensus of the citizens at the public hearing was that no part of these roads should be closed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors that both of these roads shall remain open and are not vacated.

Weekly meetings: Ives–Region V Hazardous Material Response Commission & LEPC meeting and Hazmat Materials Response Commission meeting; Stauter–N65 meeting, Midas, tile & bridge concerns; Dewey–Safety Committee meeting (previous week); and Peters–Midas. Ives, Stauter, Peters and Siepker were all present at the Annexation Hearing for Jt. DD 13.

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

Jeffrey Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor