

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
June 18, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Kyle Smith; Supervisors, Jeff Ives, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden; and Deputy Auditor, Laura Erickson. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to approve the minutes from June 11, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve the agenda with the change of DD 114 to DD 14 Tree Removal. Ayes all, motion carried.

Treasurer Amy Johnson advised that the City of Rolfe has requested a tax abatement for parcel 08-05-262-031 that they own. After discussion, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve a tax abatement on parcel 08-05-262-031 for \$8.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk discussed DD 14 Tree Removal with the Board. With Ron Egertsen and Scott Hanson, landowners present, after much discussion between Stauter and Egertsen, it was decided to: not hire Rehab to come back, wait until the trench box is free from N57, wait until Alliance Energy can remove brace pole from the corner, will close C29 while work is going on, Secondary road tile crew will start in the corner closest to C29 and to not remove trees as requested by Egertsen since there have always been trees in Ware.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board had a conference call with Buena Vista County for a summary of the assessment schedule on Jt. DD 143. The full minutes are available for review in the Auditor's office.

Tate Schmeling, County Engineer, and the Board discussed that Secondary Roads plan to work on the Jail lot next week. C49 is opened. The Varina signs should be up soon. The bid for a Motor Grader from CAT will be on next week's agenda.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve transitioning Elizabeth Leu from part-time to full-time Jailer on July 1, 2024. Ayes all, motion carried. Leu's wages will not be affected by the transition. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge Kathy Block's letter advising of her retirement as a jailer for the Sheriff's Department and thank her for her service to Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried. Block's last day will be June 30, 2024.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the claims from Time of Transfer Inspector for drain cleanout in Jt. DD 63 Lat. 1A for \$350.00. Ayes all, motion carried. Work was done in Section 34 of Rush Lake, Palo Alto County.

The Board discussed with Collin Klingbeil, Engineer with Jacobson-Westergard on his recommendations for DD 51. Klingbeil advised the Board to pay Union Pacific the crossing permit application fee in order for them to look into the culvert. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to pay Union Pacific \$755.00 for the permit application fee. Ayes all, motion carried.

On behalf of the Jt. DD 181 Interim Board, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to table until next week's board meeting.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Dan & Laura Erickson—ID# 60392 located in the SE NE, Section 24, Colfax Township with Dan & Laura Erickson as owner & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Road Vacation meeting & Drainage concerns; Stauter-Fair Board, Jail meeting, Human Trafficking movie & speaker; Smith-Human Trafficking movie & speaker, Safety meeting and Building & Grounds meeting; Siepker-Drainage concerns; and Aden-nothing.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Laura Erickson, Deputy Auditor