

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
September 22, 2020

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

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden, Ed Dewey, and Louis Stauter; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen; Karen Dowell, Acting CSS CFO; Todd Rickert, CSS Regional Coordinator of Disability Services; and Alex Lou, Fonda Police Chief. Electronically: Sandy Loney, Humboldt County Supervisor; Alison Hauser, CSS Western Quadrant Leader; Orene Cressler, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs/General Assistance Director; and Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated September 15, 2020, as written. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the tentative agenda as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hannah Hubbell, Public Health Administrative Assistant, introduced Anne Thompson to the Board. Thompson will be the new Administrator for Public Health once Diane Ferguson retires in November.

Daryl Long presented the annual report for the Swan Lake Pioneer Cemetery. Long reviewed the maintenance performed at the cemetery. A new bench was donated to the cemetery by Long and his wife. The Board thanked Long for taking such good care of the cemetery.

Chairman Ives explained that Cerro Gordo County and Webster County has submitted paperwork to leave County Social Services, leaving Wright, Humboldt, and Pocahontas County orphaned. Supervisor Siepker has investigated Pocahontas County's options and as a defensive action, believes a letter of application should be sent to Rolling Hills Community Service Center to join their mental health region. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve said letter to Rolling Hills. Ayes all, motion carried. Karen Dowell and Todd Rickert, from CSS, were present to explain their understanding of the process when you are orphaned. Alex Lou, Fonda Police Chief, and Sandy Loney, Humboldt County Supervisor, shared their thoughts.

Steve Nelson, Chief Deputy Sheriff, and the Board discussed the City of Laurens' demising police department. In light of the situation with the Lauren's Police Department, Nelson requested to push up the start date of the new Deputy, Wyatt Rahn. Nelson tentatively agreed to pay off Rahn's contract with the City of Pocahontas, roughly \$2,000. Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to authorize Wyatt Rahn's start date to change from November 8, 2020 to October 25, 2020. Ayes all, motion carried. Nelson also informed the Board that he is going to advertise for another Deputy, just to get a head, as Rolfe has tentatively agreed to pay \$60,000 a year for 20 hour/week for policing.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the Recorder's August Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve a tax abatement on parcel 08-05-181-018, S. Pt. Lot E Kent's Add. Blk. 1, for the City of Rolfe, in the amount of \$170.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen advised that Iowa Code 125.78(1), regarding substance abuse commitments, states that if a respondent is financially unable to pay an attorney, the county shall compensate the attorney at an hourly rate to be established by the county board of supervisors, in accordance to section 815.7 of the Iowa Code. After discussion, motion was made by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to set the hourly rate of pay for an attorney, used by an indigent respondent in a substance abuse commitment, in Pocahontas County at \$65.00/hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 63, Br. Main Tile claim from the Emmetsburg Reporter-Democrat for publishing the notice of hearing on the proposed improvements, for \$78.26. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion was made by Stauter, on behalf of the Jt. DD 181 Interim Board, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claims from the Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for tile located in SE ¼ of Section 18, Dover Township and NE ¼ Section 19 Dover Township, for \$380.16 and \$497.04 respectively. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve the Jt. DD 63 Br. F claims from the Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for tile in Section 8 of Powhatan Township, for \$213.60, \$90.90, and \$1,068.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion was made by Stauter, on behalf of the Jt. DD 181 Interim Board, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claims from the Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for Watchman Services in the amount of \$1,098.03, \$857.74, and \$290.79. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Dewey, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Mefferd Site – ID# 58466, located in the SW SE of Section 5, Lake Township, with Tim Flaherty as owner & contact person; (2) TJ 1 – ID# 65456, located in the SW NW of Section 27, Roosevelt Township, with Tim Flaherty as owner & contact person; and (3) Rod Wells Finisher Farm – ID# 62483, located in the SE NE of Section 25, Newell Township, Buena Vista County, with Timberline Farms, LLC as owners & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

John Torbert, IDDA Director, provided his annual report. Torbert discussed the annual meeting, tentatively scheduled for December 4th, legislative priorities concerning publications of public notices and the threshold for when you need to get an Engineer's Report, and Fish and Wildlife Service not paying drainage assessments.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, gave an update on the N-28 project. They will be completing the Southern main line paving today and move up to Laurens tomorrow. The Supervisors expressed their desire to have N-28 opened by sections.

Jepsen and the Board discussed creating a policy for a fund for making change. Jepsen also advised that the West side of the Annex remodel is almost complete and that it passed the State Fire Marshall's inspection.

Motion by Siepkner, seconded by Dewey, to approve all the claims for payment, including claims with documented public purposes. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

E Ahlrichs	Mileage	537.05	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	171.19	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	257.94	3
AP Air Inc	Parts	57.85	1
Availa Bank	Self-Funding	110.00	1
D Beneke	Legal Services	245.70	2
Best Evers Cleaning Sharon Eve	Labor	552.00	1
Bolton & Menk	DD Engineer	12505.00	1
Bunda Seed	Seed	106.00	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Canon Financial Services, Inc	Lease	378.73	1
Carquest Rolfe	Parts	11.99	1
S Cash	Mileage	18.40	1
Cemstone	Concrete	1230.00	1
Century Link	Phone	310.37	1
Charm-Tex	Supplies	203.60	2
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	233.60	2
CJ Cooper & Asso	Annual Fee	315.00	1
J Conlin	Mileage	251.79	1
J Conlin	Supplies	133.18	1
James P Conway	Feed	8.54	1
Counsel	Lease	183.93	3
Po Co Sec Rd	Bldg Rent	721.00	1
M Dirks Jr	Mileage	150.00	1
Dossier Systems	Computer Ser	477.00	1
Electronic Special	Equip	50.10	1
Laura S Erickson	Mileage	59.80	1
Farm & Home	Batteries	11.97	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	575.24	1
Daniel L Feistner	Legal Supplies	45.83	1
Feld Fire	Testing	345.60	1
Galls	Uniform	101.80	1
Gilmore City	Utilities	60.00	1
Gordon Flesch Company Inc	Lease	129.26	1
City-Havelock	FTM/RUT	992.98	1
Barbra J Hinners	Postage	6.40	1
Humboldt Co Sheriff	Security	250.00	1
HyVee AR	Meds	8.82	1
IA Lakes Elec	roosevelt 33 repair down	379.70	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	1201.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Rent	64.00	1
Imagine	Labor	750.00	1
Beulah Imming	Well Plug	470.80	1
iIPrint Technologies	Supplies	213.00	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	522.10	1
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	proj inspect N28	5085.00	1
K Jepsen	Mileage	23.69	1
R Jergens	Supplies	37.90	1
Juicebox Interactive	Web Hosting	230.00	1
Juicebox Interactive	Websites	659.00	1
Kossuth County Sheriff	Service	68.20	1
House of Print	Supplies	149.75	1
Jerry Logan	Well Plug	300.00	1
Luft & Son	Services	1188.00	1
Manson Lumber Company	Lumber	566.50	1
Martin Marietta	entrances	901.85	1
Martin Marietta	rdstone	9824.91	1
Maralyn McLaughlin	Election Exp	197.35	1
Mediacom	Internet	12.13	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer elec	22.11	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer int. lts	68.26	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	872.86	1
Napa	Parts	16.98	1
Karen L Norine	Mileage	9.66	1
N IA Telecom	Security	795.00	1
Owen/King	SIR	356.82	1
City-Palmer	FTM/RUT	2957.57	1
PA CO Sheriff	Services	67.76	1
Philips Lifeline	Service	432.60	1
Pitney Bowes	Lease	154.80	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
City-Plover	FTM/RUT	1771.58	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	13328.50	3
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	10453.97	1
Poca Co Treas	Drainage Assessment	153718.00	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Meals	3094.00	1
Poca Equip	Parts	93.95	1
Poca Ford	F350 Chassis	66642.00	1
Polk Co Treas	Services	2125.75	1
Pro Co-Op	bulk gas	3522.64	1
Pro Co-Op	diesel bulk/cardtrol	17896.31	1
Pro Co-Op	dust control	57358.00	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	1482.12	2
Pro Co-Op	Water	75.30	1
RAM Systems	Software	565.00	1

Rebnord Tech	Service	1770.00	1
Record Dem	Subscription	30.00	1
Rees Truck	Parts	618.00	1
Gretchen Reichter	Consultant	476.70	1
Richardson's Serv	Maint	60.30	1
V Ricklefs	Mileage	339.25	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	29.46	1
Connie Schachtner	Election PEO	140.00	1
Schoon Excavating	Drainage	2041.13	1
Scott County Sheriff's Office	Services	43.64	1
Seiler App	Repair	125.50	1
K Simacek	Mileage	79.35	1
Solutions Inc	Renewal	1396.00	1
Sports Rehab	Services	2549.54	1
Amy D Stern-Domek	Mileage	189.75	1
Stitch Above the Rest	Uniform	177.00	1
Sally Stumpf	Election PEO	140.00	1
ISPD	Ind Defense Fund	1177.00	1
Trimark	Services	258.00	1
US Cellular	Phone	276.40	2
K Vadar	Mileage	231.73	1
City-Varina	FTM/RUT	509.55	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	45.02	1
Webster Co Sheriff	Service	35.00	1
Windstream	E911 Service	96.10	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	22604.00	5
Woods	Postage	142.49	1
Woods	Provisions	271.81	1
Woods	Supplies	52.49	1
Ziegler	Supplies	3.07	1
Grand Total		420352.86	

Weekly meetings: Siepker-CSS, Rolling Hills, Upper Des Moines Finance meeting, the Laurens City Council, and meeting with Alison Hauser and Alex Lou; Aden-no meetings; Ives-meeting with Alison Hauser and Alex Lou, and meeting with the Sherriff; Stauter-Yes Center, meeting with the Sheriff, and N-28 concerns; and Dewey-N-28 concerns. Siepker, Stauter, and Dewey all had DD 41 concerns.

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

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor