

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
January 18, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Deputy Auditor, Kalista Herr, Telephonically: Auditor, Kelly Jepsen Also present: Reporter, Erin Somers.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated January 11, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated January 12, 2022 and January 13, 2022 with changing Siepker's vote on the library budget to a nay. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report, Statement of Condition, and Semi-Annual Report. Ayes all, motion carried. In the Quarterly Investment Report, it was noted that there was \$600.00 cash in the Treasurer's Office, \$5,002,581.72 in Certificates of Deposit, \$2,544,369.86 in Stamped Drainage Warrants, \$1,671,703.87 in Drainage Improvement Certificates, and \$11,990,477.30 in banks, for a total of \$21,209,732.75. This quarter there were no CD's renewed, \$129,537.13 in interest earned, and 342 driver's licenses issued that generated \$2,394.00 in revenue.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve VPN access for Jill Conlin, HCA Director. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to set a bid letting for DD 56 Main 2 Tile improvements for Tuesday, February 15, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room in the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to set a bid letting for DD 74 improvement project for Tuesday, March 1, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room in the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to bid the entire DD 74 improvement project, including Branch10, with all of the branches to be bid separately. Ayes all, motion carried. This will allow a decision to be made on which branches will be included in the project after the bid letting.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Auditor's Office to make changes to the letter addressed to the DD 74 landowners, for the Chairman to sign the revised letter, and for it to be mailed to all landowners in the district. Ayes all, motion carried.

Next, the Board discussed the private landowners' unpaid bills for drainage repair done to their private tile. Stauter and Siepker reached out to the landowners after the January 3rd meeting, both saying they would pay, but no payment has been received to date. If payment is not received by the landowner by Friday, January 21st, the Auditor is authorized to send another letter to said landowners.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve a pay increase for Michael Shiflett, Secondary Roads Mechanic 1, as he has completed his probationary period. Ayes all, motion carried. As of January 30, 2022, Shiflett's new hourly wage will be \$22.91/hr.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Utility Permit for Palmer Mutual. Ayes all, motion carried. They will be laying fiber to homes. Location of work: 2 miles South of Palmer along 260th Avenue.

Moellering advised on their handling of the recent snow storm. The Board felt the Roads crew did a great job.

The Board discussed the idea of a maintenance person for the Courthouse, a policy on sharing equipment and vehicles, and the carbon pipeline project.

Weekly meetings: Stauter– CFR; and Smith – Safety and wellness. All Supervisors attended budget reviews and DD 74 Improvement hearing.

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

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Kalista Herr, Deputy Auditor