

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
January 26, 2021

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

Members present: Chairman, Clarence Siepker; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Louis Stauter, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Telephonically: Reporter, Erin Somers.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated January 19, 2021 and January 20, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to approve the tentative agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Shari Kastein, Executive Director of Family Crisis Center (FCC), met telephonically with the Board to give an update and thank them for their continued support. In the past year, FCC has served 24 Pocahontas County residents for domestic violence and human trafficking, 3 with medical clinic outreach, and 23 crisis line calls. The Board thanked her for the support FCC offers to Pocahontas County residents.

Patrick Mooney, EMS Coordinator, met with the Board and gave an update the annual update for PCERS. Mooney also discussed how COVID-19 vaccinating in the community is being handled.

Russ Jergens, Zoning Administrator, explained that the Board of Adjustments met on Thursday, January 21, 2021 and approved a Special Exemption Use Permit, Variance, and Zoning/Building permit for AMG Technology Investment, dba Nextlink, to build a 120 foot telecommunications tower NE of Plover. Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge the action of the Pocahontas County Board of Adjustments. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jergens also gave an update on the Armory. Since the military has no interest in the facility, they will perform an environmental study on the facility, which takes approximately 8-10 months, before turning it back over to the city. Jergens requested that the County consider constructing a building to house some of the Sheriff's, EMA's, and Secondary Roads equipment in lieu of renting the Quonset building and storage at the fairgrounds.

The Board discussed changes to the original donated leave policy that was passed in 2002. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to table the discussion until next week. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, to table taking action on the side letter of understanding. Motion dies for lack of a second. Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve the side letter of understanding between the Sheriff's union and Pocahontas County in an effort to save money by avoiding arbitration. Ayes-Ives, Aden, Siepker, Smith; Nays-Stauter. Motion carried. The County agrees to pay 2.5 time for the Sheriff's full time and regular part time employees who work for more than either (8) hours on a holiday, beginning Labor Day until June 30, 2021. Both parties agree that this temporary solution shall not be used in any way for future arbitration, court case, or third-party review and cannot be considered precedent setting.

The Board reviewed the letter sent by Dorothy Lamberti, and Connie Dallenbach, from the Historical Society, giving their annual report and thanking the Board for their financial support. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge said letter. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve a pay increase for Mackenzie Pedersen, Sheriff's Jailer, beginning January 5, 2021, as she has reached 6 months of service. Ayes all. Motion carried. Pedersen's new hourly rate will be \$17.24 per hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, reviewed Bolton & Menk's letter seeking direction on how to proceed in regards to the DD 59 Open Ditch Right of Way. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to continue with a 60 foot Right of Way, not adding extra expense to the project by purchase extra Right of Way. Ayes all, motion carried. Gary Atherton was directed to write a letter to Bolton & Menk advising of the Board's decision.

Ryan Berven and Elizabeth Opie, with Group Benefits Partners, met telephonically with the Board to review FY22 ISAC health insurance. They also gave options on vision and dental insurance.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised of the most recent snow storm.

Roads Union Representatives, Jonathan Williams and Mike Crossgrove, requested the Board to change their position on the wage increase in the Roads' union contract. Unfortunately the wages are being negotiated by the union and the County's union representative, so the Board was unable to discuss the matter.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve payment for DD 168, pay estimate #6 for \$119,018.44 and change order #3 for a net increase of \$154,075.36, to Progressive Structures, LLC. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve payment to Bolton & Menk for professional services on outlet improvement on Jt. DD 63 Main Open Ditch for \$6,035.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the Jt. DD 46-88 Main Open Ditch claim from the Pocahontas County Auditor for mailing cost in the amount of \$16.18. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the Jt. DD 46-88 Br. Open Ditch claim from the Pocahontas County Auditor for mailing cost in the amount of \$17.06. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Baker 1 Finisher – ID# 61828 located in the SE SW, Section 13, Marshall Township with Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Maschhoff Environmental Inc. as contact person; (2) KD Farms – ID# 61797 located in the SW SW, Section 9, Des Moines Township with David Rittgers & Ken Schultes as owners & David Rittgers as contact persons; (3) Steve Wheatley #2 – ID# 58343 located in the SW SE, Section 27, Lincoln Township with Steve Wheatley as owner & contact person; and (4) Marton/Plover Finisher Farm – ID# 58387 located in the NW SW, Section 32, Powhatan Township with Marton Pork Productions Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the claims as reviewed by the Board, including claims with documented public purposes. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

Access Systems Leasing	Lease	226.05	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	88.42	1
Alcopro	Supplies	577.28	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	363.50	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	405.27	2
AP Air Inc	Parts	42.00	1
Axon Enterprise, Inc	Supplies	1687.50	1
Baum Hydraulics	Supplies	262.94	1
N Betten	Mileage	344.10	1
Blk Hawk Co Sheriff	Service	3100.00	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	1596.46	5
Bob Barker Co	Dry Goods	253.92	1
Campbell Supply	Parts	428.11	1
Canon Financial Services, Inc	Lease	378.73	1
S Cash	Mileage	26.92	1
CCP Industries Inc	Supplies	97.88	1
CID	paper products	496.00	1
CID	peni lube	99.00	1
CID	Supplies	1696.00	2
Century Link	Service	690.33	2
CenturyLink	Service	33.23	1
Cintas	Supplies	137.42	1
Community Lumber Supply	Supplies	86.98	1
J Conlin	Mileage	197.57	1
Counsel	Lease	187.52	3
Country Landscapes Inc.	seeding/mulching/N28	86822.00	1
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	834.74	2
DD 168	rd crossing	5934.12	1
Des Moine Stamp	Stamp	102.70	1
Des Moine Stamp	Stamper	71.00	1
Dollar Gen	Supplies	70.80	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	3512.16	1
Electronic Special	Equip	79.03	1
Farm & Home	Equip	102.97	1
James Frerk	Trapping	120.00	1
Galls	Uniform	801.98	2
Gordon Flesch Company Inc	Lease	129.26	1
Healthcare First c/o Wells Far	Service	114.72	1
Dereck A Hebert	Equip	85.15	1
Dereck A Hebert	Phone	25.00	1
Henke Manufacturing Corp	parts	898.16	1
IState Truck	Supplies	182.58	1
IADPS	Terminal Billing	1278.00	1
ILEA	Training	375.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	unmetered lights	6566.34	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	317.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Rent	64.00	1
iIPrint Technologies	Lease	715.00	1
ISS & DA	Membership	25.00	1
ITSavvy LLC	License	117.83	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	1162.09	4
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	1288.00	1
KAYL	Ad	52.50	1
Anthony J Krips	reimb. safety boots	150.00	1
Loffler	Lease	503.43	1
Machine Shop	bandsaw blade	14.25	1
Machine Shop	bearing/hose ends	19.44	1
Machine Shop	Maint Sup	232.08	1
Mainstay Sys	Service	237.00	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone	38951.31	1
Mediacom	Equip	14.15	1
St Med Exam	Autopsy Serv	2045.75	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electricity	24.25	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer elec	82.55	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer int lts	69.03	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	1816.00	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	1463.01	1
Napa	Supplies	50.03	1
S Nelson	Weapon	401.28	1
Northland Prod	Supplies	235.95	1
OC Trailers & RVS Inc	Trailer	6905.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	498.01	4
Owen/King	SIR	188.67	1
PAC Manufact Co	Stickers	102.50	1
Philips Lifeline	Lifeline	436.03	1
PJ Greufe	Services	2687.50	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	15251.50	3
Po Co Solid Waste	Ditch Waste	29.00	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	10465.97	1
Po Co Pub Health	Services	75.00	1
Poca Sales & Serv	Repair	52.00	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
J Pohlman	REIM	25.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Meals	4032.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Supplies	18.80	1

Poca Equip	Mowers	11000.00	1
Poca Equip	Oil	35.66	1
Poca Ford	Maint	841.92	1
Poca Ford	Repair	61.00	1
Polk Co Sheriff	Service	70.35	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	1838.17	2
Wyatt C Rahn	Maint	11.00	1
Rapid Reproductions	ink/plotter	165.53	1
Rebnord Tech	Service	1770.00	1
Record Dem	Ad	40.00	1
Rees Truck	Parts	39.55	1
Region V HAZMAT	Contribution	2741.25	1
V Ricklefs	Mileage	67.76	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	308.47	1
Seiler App	Filters	116.50	1
K Simacek	Mileage	71.11	1
Sports Rehab	Services	2221.00	1
Darren Stearns	Trapping	160.00	1
Amy D Stern-Domek	Mileage	261.73	1
The Paper	Ads	360.00	1
T Reuters-West	Service	149.90	1
Chris Toner	Postage	8.00	1
US Cellular	Phone	272.78	2
K Vadar	Mileage	176.27	1
Verizon	hot spots	160.06	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	45.02	1
Vircom Inc 3551 St Charles Blv	License	70.20	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	49.46	1
Emily A Williams	Training	1230.00	1
Windstream	Service	96.10	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	23690.00	6
Youth Shelter NCI	Shelter Care	1352.85	1
Ziegler	Supplies	906.04	1
Grand Total		263214.43	

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to approve the disposition of inventory presented by Auditor Jepsen. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor, discussed payment for the wage study and the snow removal with the Board.

The Board shared information on COVID-19 vaccinations, opioid litigation, and closing the County facilities during inclement weather.

Weekly meetings: Ives and Aden-Solid Waste; Siepker-Upper Des Moines Finance meeting, Conservation, and Rolling Hills; and Smith-Trails meeting and toured the Courthouse. All Supervisors attended the special session on the FY22 budget and the Assessor's Conference Board.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor