

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
October 27, 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, Louis Stauter, and Ed Dewey; Auditor, Kelly Jepsen; and Reporter, Erin Sommers. Electronically: Brian Reis, Conservation Director; and Lisa Peterson.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated October 20, 2020, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

At 10:00 a.m., a teleconference call was held with Palo Alto County Board of Supervisors, as Trustees for Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile to acknowledge the Report of Appraisers. Complete minutes can be found in the Auditor's Office.

Chairman Jeffrey Ives swore in Deputy Wyatt Rahn. The Board introduced themselves and congratulated Rahn.

Chief Deputy Steve Nelson explained that as of noon, Thursday, October 29, the City of Laurens would no longer have any law enforcement. County Attorney Dan Feistner advised that the Iowa Code required cities and municipalities to provide their own police and fire protection. Feistner does not want to speculate why Laurens has done what they have done but now they are left in a concerning situation. Nelson explained that they will only cover Laurens if someone is getting hurt, otherwise they are on their own. Not only has the Sheriff's office been covering for Laurens when their current Chief of Police, Tom Shaw, is off duty, but so has Pocahontas and Fonda Police, which is not fair to them nor to their tax payers. Nelson explained that \$125.00 an hour would only cover their minimal cost for a call. The Sheriff's office does not want to charge for their services, but they need to do something to encourage the City of Laurens to get officers hired. Laurens had 672 calls in the last year, while the Sheriff's office had 1,509 calls in the same time period; that is 44% of the number of calls that the County had. The County does not have the manpower to pick up another 44% of calls. Siepker will try to get Nelson and Laurens city representatives together to discuss the situation.

Nelson also gave to the board a rough draft copy of a contract to cover law enforcement for the City of Rolfe. He is still working with the Rolfe City Council to finalize some details. Nelson believes \$60,000 annually would just cover the bare necessities for twenty hours per week of law enforcement. There would also need to be a yearly adjustment to cover salary increases and the increased cost of expenses. Once the contract is put in place, the County will look at hiring another Deputy.

Feistner, and the Board, discussed a property that has been offered to the County for a dollar, with life estate reserved to the grantor. Attorney, Don Beneke, who represents the grantor, wrote a letter explaining that the Iowa Code, concerning real estate taxation and life estate, does not state who holds the liability. Feistner explained that this is a unique situation and believes it would benefit all parties to get clarification on each party's responsibilities; who is responsible for property taxes, drainage assessments, property insurance, and normal maintenance of said property. No action will be taken until more information is available.

Next, Feistner requested a wage increase for legal assistant, Judy Essing. Since the salary survey will be completed prior to budget reviews, the Board requested that Feistner place the wage increase request on hold until then. Feistner was agreeable.

Mike Bollard, County Recorder, gave his letter of retirement, effective December 31, 2020. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to accept Bollard's letter of retirement and thank him for his years of service to Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Chairman Ives explained that he had received a call from the local DNR officer inquiring about the owner of the DD 65 crep, as he had received a complaint of hunters on the land. Unlike the later creps built, DD 65 crep is owned by the drainage district, so it is the Trustees' decision to allow or forbid hunting. The Board feels that as long as the surrounding landowners are agreeable, the Board will allow hunting on the crep land. Aden will visit with the landowners on behalf of the drainage district, and post signs either allowing or forbidding hunting.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the proposed Jt. DD 79-40 surface drain and tile outlet replacement with a estimated cost of \$10,500.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to award the contract for the DD 41 Open Ditch repair project to Dirt Proz, LLC, from Elgin, MN for \$290,560.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge Amendment #2 to DD 41 Annexation Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to accept the Weed Commissioner's annual report and thank him for his hard work. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 181 Big Cedar claims from the Pocahontas County Auditor for drainage assessment cost, totaling \$1,200.04. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claims from the Pocahontas County Auditor for drainage assessment cost, totaling \$353.97. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the Jt. DD 181 Big Cedar claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads, for a 20 foot-10 inch CMP pipe to be used in the NE quarter of Section 18, Grant Township, in the amount of \$213.60. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claims from Anderson Drainage & Excavation for repairs totaling \$624.60. Ayes all, motion carried.

On behalf of the Jt. DD 181 Interim Board, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to deny the I & S Group, Inc. claim for Watchman services on Jt. DD 181 Big Cedar for \$92.00 and Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar for \$577.30. Ayes all, motion carried. Stauter explained that the appointed watchman was no longer working for ISG during the timeframe of which being billed for.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve the Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile claim from Bolton & Menk, for professional service on the study and report of petitioned improvements, for \$9,574.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Jt. DD 63 Main Open Ditch claim from Bolton & Menk, for professional services from June 13, 2020 through August 7, 2020, for \$668.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the Jt. DD 63 Main Open Ditch claim from Bolton & Menk, for professional services on FEMA repairs, for \$1,405.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, 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; (2) DeYoung Finisher – ID# 61831 located in the SE SE, Section 17, Sherman Township with Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Maschhoff Environmental Inc. as contact; (3) Bunda Finisher – ID# 61830 located in the NW NE, Section 29, Sherman Township with Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Maschhoff Environmental Inc. as contact; (4) Seehusen Finisher – ID# 61833 located in the SE SW, Section 30, Sherman Township with Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Maschhoff Environmental Inc. as contact; and (5) Woodin Finisher – ID# 61833 located in the NW SW, Section 34, Cummins Township with Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Maschhoff Environmental Inc. as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

After discussion with Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to pay \$9,255.75 to Anderson Drainage & Excavation for Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar FEMA repairs and bill 65 feet of 15 inch dual wall for \$1,023.75 to Pocahontas County Conservation for the private tile repair. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to bill the private landowner \$228.60 for 20 feet of 18 inch dual wall as separated out on the Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claim from Anderson Drainage & Excavation for repairs totaling \$624.60. Ayes-Aden, Ives, Stauter, Dewey. Nays-Siepker. Motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, 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:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	66.86	1
Access Systems Leasing	Lease	366.68	1
Parker Aden	Consultant	279.61	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	465.75	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	252.89	1
Alta Implement	Parts	504.90	1
Amazon Capital Services	ear plug/hood 1KQNM DG6FQY	53.97	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	932.40	6
Axon Enterprise, Inc	Training	495.00	1
Bauer Construction	Annex Const	13993.19	1
Bennett Recycling	Garbage	150.00	1
Best Evers Cleaning Sharon Eve	Labor	288.00	1
N Betten	Mileage	230.00	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	114.63	3
Bolton & Menk	DD Engineer	8425.00	1
Canon Financial Services, Inc	Lease	378.73	1
S Cash	Mileage	23.58	1
CID	towels/t. paper/glass cle	149.50	1
Central Salt	Icing Salt	9783.27	1
Century Link	Phone	693.13	2
CenturyLink	Phone	51.10	1
Cintas	Med Kit Supplies	75.45	1
D Cirks	Phone REIM	80.00	1
J Conlin	Mileage	346.73	1
J Conlin	Training	530.00	1
James P Conway	Supplies	77.85	1
Counsel	Lease	123.87	3
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	1412.43	1
O Cressler	Expense	6.61	1
Electronic Eng	Equip	15569.20	2
Electronic Special	Equip	127.90	1
Expo Center	Rent	300.00	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	22.98	1
Farm & Home	Tools	74.80	2
Fastenal Co	Parts	150.73	1
Force America	Parts	20.36	1
Forterra Pipe & Precast	N28 tie rod couplers	1348.00	1
Gordon Flesch Company Inc	Lease	129.26	1
Hallett Materials	icing sand	838.72	1

Healthcare First c/o Wells Far	Fee	104.74	1
S Henderson	Expenses	14.85	1
Barbra J Hinners	Postage	25.05	1
IADPS	Terminal Billing	1278.00	1
IA DOT	Services	8299.30	2
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	770.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Rent	56.00	1
IA Prison Ind	Equip	256.85	1
ILEA	Training	750.00	1
Inland Truck	Parts	666.95	1
ISU Ext	Training	210.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Hardware	686.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Supplies	135.00	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	967.34	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniforms	356.69	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	7762.76	1
JEO Consulting Group Inc.	project inspection N28	18345.00	1
K Jepsen	Expenses	203.99	1
Laurens Municipal	Laurens/utilities	146.33	1
Loffler	Lease	50.67	1
Logan Contractor Supp Inc	bridge coating	294.72	1
Mangold Environ	Water Test	336.00	1
Martin Marietta	entrances	233.36	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone	7502.78	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone stk pile	119127.02	1
Tiffiany M McClurg	Uniform	135.82	1
Menards	Supplies	46.44	1
Messenger	Ads	35.00	1
Metal Culverts	Parts	17119.78	1
Mid Co Machinery	Maintenance	2425.84	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electricity	25.20	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer elec	25.84	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer int. lts	68.29	1
Northland Prod	Supplies	235.95	1
NW IA Youth Emerg	Shelter Ser	3871.00	2
Office Elements	Supplies	412.73	5
Owen/King	SIR	649.23	1
Mackenzie M Pedersen	Uniform Exp	240.44	1
Pitney Bowes	Ink	80.74	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1650.00	1
Po Co Econ Dev	Allocation	22500.00	2
Po Co Home Care	Aides	16286.00	3
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	long dist. engr	36.55	1
Poca Dental	Services	93.00	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Pocahontas Women's Club	Decor	93.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Food	4987.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Med Supplies	56.22	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	196.07	1
Pro Co-Op	diesel/bulk/cardtrol	6046.83	1
Pro Co-Op	gas/bulk	1954.80	1
Pro Co-Op	tire tubes	38.15	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	1256.18	2
Pro Co-Op	Havelock propane	208.59	1
Pro Co-Op	N28 dust control	37380.00	1
Pro Co-Op	Plover propane	468.76	1
V Ricklefs	Mileage	262.78	1
Rust's Western	Uniform	219.95	1
Schoon Tree	Services	4900.00	1
Andrea Seely	Legal Exp	496.08	1
Seiler App	auto vent	48.00	1
Seiler App	Maint	10.00	1
K Simacek	Mileage	70.73	1
Sports Rehab	Services	2452.10	1
Amy D Stern-Domek	Mileage	401.35	1
M Thomas	Supplies	1020.00	1
Thrifty White	Supplies	120.00	1
Christopher S Toner	Postage	10.20	1
Twin River Tool Co. LLC Snap O	bits	36.50	1
Twin River Tool Co. LLC Snap O	needles	19.50	1
US Cellular	Phone	168.54	1
K Vadar	Mileage	239.78	1
Verizon	hot spots	160.06	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	45.02	1
Emily A Williams	Training	1230.00	1
Windstream	Phone	129.80	1
Woodford Equip	Parts/Repairs	513.68	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	549.00	2
Woods	Supplies	21.15	1
Youth Shelter NCI	Shelter Care	5131.50	2
Zuetlau Seeding	Aerate	900.00	1
Grand Total		365691.65	

Weekly meetings: Siepker-Trails meeting, Laurens Police concerns, and DD 41 concerns; Aden-Gilmore City Ambulance concerns; Ives- Pocahontas County Solid Waste Commission concerns and election concerns; Stauter-CFR, N-28 concerns, and drainage concerns; and Dewey- Conservation meeting and COVID-19 concerns.

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

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor