

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 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, Louis Stauter, Ed Dewey; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: County Assessor, Sue Reigelsberger, and Chief Deputy, Steve Nelson. Telephonically: Reporter, Erin Somers and EMA Coordinator, Russ Jergens.

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

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

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, met with the Board to let them know that she will be closing her office for the full day on Christmas Eve, as the DOT, is closed so they will not have support that day. The Treasurer's employees will use vacation time or compensation time. The Board expressed their desire to keep the Treasurer's office open until noon, like the rest of the County offices, but since the Treasurer is elected and answers only to the public, the final decision was hers to make.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table discussion on the Salamander System until after EMA, Public Health, EMS, and the hospital meet to discuss the matter. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the hire of Jeremy Watson as a full-time Sheriff's Department Deputy. Watson will start on January 4, 2021, at \$26.65/hour, as per union contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the engagement letter agreeing to retain the services of Simmons Hanly Conroy LLC, Cruieger Dickinson LLC, and von Briesen & Roper, s.c. as counsel in relation to claims against opioid manufacturers, distributors and chain pharmacies. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, discussed concerns about a private bridge located South of C-49 and East of Varina. Don Cirks, Road Superintendent, presented three bids for crushing concrete. Bids were as follows: Schmeling Construction, Inc., Marcus, IA bid \$5.50/ton with \$2,500 for mobilization; Reding's Gravel & Excavating Co., Algona, IA bid \$5.45/ton with \$4,000 for mobilization; and SPI, Remsen, IA bid \$5.00/ton with \$2,000 for mobilization. The general consensus of the Board was to hire SPI from Remsen, IA, if his references are acceptable. Cirks also inquired about a donated leave policy. The Board will check into the policy.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded votes: Ayes: Siepker; Aden; Ives; Stauter; and Dewey. Nays: none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted.

RESOLUTION 2020-12-#22

RESOLUTION REQUIRING RIVETED PIPE AND ANIMAL GUARD IN ORGANIZED DRAINAGE DITCHES IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, IA, acting as trustees for organized drainage ditches in Pocahontas County, that we hereby state all tile emptying into drainage ditches, shall be extended into open ditch with a minimum of 20 feet of 16 gauge or thicker, galvanized, corrugated, riveted metal pipe, and contain an animal guard.

WHEREAS, after installation, the district shall be responsible for maintenance and replacement of the tile outlet extension.

WHEREAS, the cost of the initial twenty (20) feet extension shall be paid for by the drainage district in which private tile is located, upon receipt for cost of material.

WHEREAS, the initial cost of installation for the (20) twenty feet extension shall be paid for by the owner of the private tile.

WHEREAS, if private tile line extensions or anything else is discovered and not consistent with this policy, they shall be removed, and replaced by the drainage district and billed to the private tile owner. If not paid by the owner, it will be assessed by special assessment.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to amend the motion made on December 8, 2020, pursuant to Iowa Code 425A.4, to disallow parcel 09-02-400-009 application for Family Farm tax credit for the 2020 valuation year, and to also include parcels 09-02-400-001, 09-02-400-004, 09-02-400-005, 09-02-400-006, 09-02-400-010, 09-11-200-001, 09-11-200-002, 09-11-200-003, and 09-11-200-004. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Pocahontas County Medical Examiner agreement with Dr. Jennifer Boevers to serve as the Medical Examiner from January 1, 2021 to December 31, 2022. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge the Compensation Board's recommendation and consider it when reviewing the overall county budget. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to deny the Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for watchman services, for \$181.89. Ayes-Siepker, Aden, Ives, Stauter. Nays-Dewey. Motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Jt. DD 77 Main Open Ditch claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for watchman services, in the amount of \$251.44. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile claim from Bolton & Menk for engineering services on the improvement project, in the amount of \$5,665.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the Jt. DD 63 FEMA claim from Bolton & Menk for engineering services on the improvement project, in the amount of \$255.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Dewey, to approve the Jt. DD 171 claim from Sindergard Excavating, Inc. for FEMA repairs in the SW1/4 of Section 1, Lizard Township, in the amount of \$10,767.79. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Jt. DD 63 Br. F Open Ditch claim from Anderson Drainage & Excavation for repairs in Section 8 of Powhatan Township, in the amount of \$2,077.80. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to table the Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar FEMA claim from Anderson Drainage & Excavation for \$6,177.50 until more information is available. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Jt. DD 77 Main Open Ditch FEMA claim from Anderson Drainage & Excavation for repairs in Section 22 of Roosevelt Township, for \$2,500.00 and in Section 16 of Lake Township, for \$15,815.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Marton/Pedersen, Finisher Farm – ID# 57922 located in the NW NW, Section 13, Garfield Township with Marton Pork Production, Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, 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:

Parker Aden	Consultant	335.00	1
Henry Adkins	Maint Agreement	2960.00	1
Henry Adkins	Software	4290.00	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	341.44	1
Alpha Wireless	Supplies	119.16	1
Amazon Capital Services	hose nozzle	21.97	1
Amazon Capital Services	masks 1YF9-NGR4-VGD9	8.49	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	275.73	3
C Archer	Con Board Mil/Emp Ex	160.00	1
Arnold Motor	Parts	833.26	1
Blk Hawk Co Sheriff	Service	1000.00	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	69.27	2
Bomgaars	Supplies	144.99	1
Canon Financial Services, Inc	Lease	378.73	1
CID	Supplies	166.00	1
Century Link	Phone	319.83	1
CenturyLink	Phone	56.37	1
D Cirks	Phone REIM	80.00	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	281.15	2
J Conlin	Phone	25.00	1
Counsel	Lease	237.17	2
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	326.36	1
B Dahl	Phone	25.00	1
Des Moine Stamp	Date Stamp	68.00	1
Dollar Gen	Supplies	12.15	1
Dean Ekstrand Construction	Repair	186.45	1
Electronic Special	Equip	485.75	1
Electronic Special	Wall Phone	121.43	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	746.79	1
Gilmore City	Utilities	110.81	1
Government Forms & Supplies	Envelopes	455.00	1
City-Havelock	FTM/RUT	796.49	1
Healthcare First c/o Wells Far	Service	104.74	1
HyVee AR	Meds	37.99	1
IACCP	Dues	40.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electric	307.00	1
IDALS	Certification	45.00	1
ILEA	Training	150.00	1
Insight Public Sector, Inc.	License	534.98	1
ISS & DA	Dues	275.00	2
Kakacek Lawn	Fall Clean Up	900.00	1
KAYL	Radio Ad	52.50	1
David A Kraft	Mileage	11.90	1
Laurens Municipal	Phone Lines	643.26	1
LED Lighting Solutions	controller for flash stop	877.25	1
Martin Marietta	entrances	232.30	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone	14930.66	1
Mediacom	Internet	266.90	2
Mediacom	Telecom	12.13	1
St Med Exam	Autopsy Serv	2064.50	1
Messenger	Ads	90.00	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer elec	61.85	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer int. lts	68.91	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	359.32	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	45.27	1
Murphys Flooring	Annex Remodel	9328.76	1
S Nelson	Phone	183.55	1
Office Elements	Calculator	137.63	1
Office Elements	Supplies	482.96	7
Overhead Door	Repairs	165.35	1
Owen/King	SIR	298.68	1
Palmer Mutual Tel	Phone	314.92	1
City-Palmer	FTM/RUT	2372.32	1
J Paulsen	Mileage	89.70	1

Philips Lifeline	Lifeline	432.60	1
City-Plover	FTM/RUT	1421.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	7234.50	2
Po Co Solid Waste	Disposal	32.00	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	10453.97	1
Poca COC	Dues	75.00	1
Poca Dental	Services	88.00	1
Poca Postmaster	Postage	70.00	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Meals	4928.00	1
Poca Equip	chain saw	376.16	1
Poca Equip	grease	121.44	1
Poca Equip	parts	24.26	1
Poca Equip	sharpen chain	7.49	1
Poca Equip	Parts	73.14	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	650.64	1
Poca Ford	Maint	195.82	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	1705.23	2
Professional Dev	Dues	510.00	1
RAM Systems	Maint	565.00	1
Rees Truck	Parts	199.64	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	209.52	1
Schoon Excavating	Drainage	6023.27	1
Seiler App	Filters	234.00	1
Sports Rehab	Services	5143.50	1
T Reuters-West	Publication	149.90	1
Christopher S Toner	Maint	9.00	1
Uline	Supplies	104.74	1
US Cellular	Phone	272.02	2
City-Varina	FTM/RUT	408.72	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	480.56	1
Vircom Inc 3551 St Charles Blv	License	264.60	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Propane	676.00	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	25.42	1
Windstream	Phone Line	96.10	1
Windstream	Phone Lines	129.80	1
Youth Shelter NCI	Shelter Care	1399.50	1
Ziegler	Supplies	215.90	1
Grand Total		96329.56	

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor, and the Board discussed scheduling budget reviews, and the Jt. DD 181 annual meeting.

Weekly meetings: Siepker-Workforce Development and Linking Families; Aden-Home Care Board meeting, and tile concerns; Ives-Solid Waste business; Stauter-YES Center and tile concerns; and Dewey-EMA and E911 concerns.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to accept the initial union contract proposal from CWA for Secondary Roads. Aye all, motion carried.

Paul Greufe, Human Resource/Union Negotiator, discussed the Cares Act with the Board. The new bill proposed does not appear to include the Families First Corona Virus Relief Act (FFCRA). So the leave we have in place for two weeks of paid leave or 2/3 paid leave and the exception to Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) is sun setting at the end of December.

At 12:25 p.m., the Board met telephonically with Paul Greufe, Union Negotiator. The remainder of the meeting was exempt from the open meetings rules, pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3).

At 12:50 p.m., there being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned and they all thanked Supervisor Dewey for his many years of service to Pocahontas County.

Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor