

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 15, 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 Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Also present: Reporter, Erin Somers.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes, dated March 8, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Sheriff Steve Nelson advised the 2022 Ford Explorer they ordered was in and that he would like to trade in the 2013 Chevy Tahoe and the 2015 Ford F-150 pick up towards the Explorer. He could get \$14,000 for the Tahoe and \$13,000 for the F-150, leaving \$6,916.00 owed on the Explorer. Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to trade in said vehicles for the Explorer. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nelson also presented quotes for equipping the 2022 Ford Explorer and the 2022 Ford F-150, which has not arrived yet, from Karl Emergency Vehicles from Des Moines, IA. The Explorer would cost \$17,243.80 to equip and the F-150 would be \$16,982.29. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Sheriff to purchase said equipment for the Explorer and the F-150. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge the retirement letters from Jerry Fowler, Gilmore City Patrol Operator, and Dennis Devereaux, Fonda Patrol Operator and thank them for their years of service. Ayes: all, motion carried. Fowler's last day of employment will be March 18, 2022 and Devereaux's will be April 15, 2022.

With the retirement of the Gilmore City Patrol Operator, Jack Moellering, County Engineer, John Runneberg, Roads Superintendent, and the Board discussed selling the Gilmore City Shed. They would change the Patrol Operator's Summer route, adding 15 miles, maintaining their Winter route and then instead of hiring a Patrol Operator, they would hire a floater, someone that can do all the jobs. Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to take sealed bids for the lots and the shed in Gilmore City. Ayes all, motion carried. Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the County Engineer to change the Gilmore City Patrol Operator position to a Floater position, create a new job description, and to advertise for the Floater position and for a Patrol Operator for Palmer. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve a utility permit allowing MidAmerican Energy to do underground construction across organized drainage district lands. Ayes all, motion carried. MidAmerican will be placing fiber lines running from their Windfarm control station on 180th Ave. and then East on D-11 into Calhoun County.

Moellering, advised that he had received a couple calls last week, one from Russ Jergens, E-911/EMA Coordinator and one from IDALS, stating that they do not believe we should be closing roads due to the bird flu. The Board disagreed and the roads will stay closed until the poultry producers in Pocahontas County are comfortable with them being re-opened.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to tentatively approve the Engineer's Report for DD 60, set a hearing on said report for Tuesday, May 3, 2022 at 1:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse and the bid letting for the clean out to follow at 2:00 p.m. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the County Engineer/Drainage Clerk, presented a pictured depicting rock in DD61 tile. The tile is approximately 5 years old and they believe that the rock has been there since the tile was installed. The picture shows no water, just a little bit of dirt and rock. Since water is not being impeded, the Board opted to do nothing at this time.

Atherton also advised of a landowner's concern that DD 33 tile may be damaged when a neighboring landowner puts in his 32" tile, running along side DD 33 tile. Atherton is also concerned that this landowner would be wiping out part of DD 33 once he tiles past Lateral #1. Jeff Luft had talked to Atherton in the Fall about this tile project and Atherton advised Luft that he would need to talk to the Board, which he never did. The Board advised Atherton to talk with Luft to make sure the landowner and Luft both understand that they are liable for any damage to the district tile.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to set three public hearings for consideration of a resolution declaring Emergency Medical Services in Pocahontas County to be an essential service, for Tuesday, May 17, 2022, May 24, 2022, and May 31, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to accept the FY21 Cost Allocation Plan and authorized the Chairman to sign the Certification of the Plan. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of February. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the quote from UKG for a time keeping program. Ayes all, motion carried. The contract will run for 36 months, with an annual cost of \$5,292.00 and a \$2,000.00 onetime set up charge.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 63 Contractor's Pay Estimate #2 to Dirt Proz, LLC for \$2,037.69, releasing retainage. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve DD 41 Contractor's Pay Estimate #2 to Dirt Proz, LLC for \$14,888.35, releasing retainage. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed vendor permits for RAGBRAI and it was decided to have a permitting process with a \$100.00 charge to set up in the unincorporated parts of the County. Camping will be allowed on the County's property across the street from the Courthouse but have not decided if camping on the Courthouse lawn will be allowed.

Weekly meetings: Ives-ISAC Spring Conference and Solid Waste Business; Aden-Pipeline concerns; Stauter-Fair Board, windmill concerns, and meeting with Paul Greufe; Siepker-Upper Des Moines Executive Board meeting and Conservation; and Smith-Safety, Building & Grounds, and Wellness.

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

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor