

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 2, 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, Auditor, Kelly Jepsen; and Reporter, Erin Somers. Supervisor, Kyle Smith, was absent.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated February 23, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Supervisor, Kyle Smith, arrived.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and Don Cirks, Roads Superintendent, along with Mitch Steffes, Bart Knox, and Jared Noack from MidAmerican, discussed MidAmerican's request for a Road Use agreement. Moellering advised that we have had trouble with MidAmerican's rough terrain cranes in the past. He explained that if the crane crosses the pavement, they have to be on pads and they cannot travel down the length of the pavement, they can on gravel, but not the pavement. They will also, by the agreement, not be allowed to park equipment on the roads, though they will be allowed to load/unload. The agreement also includes a provision to repair tile damaged by the travel of the erection crane, even up to ten years after the event. Noack assured everyone that would not be a problem, that they would adhere to the agreement. The project will begin in April and wrap up in mid-July with a second, shorter, phase in August. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Road Use and Public Drainage System Protection Agreement with Mid-American. Ayes all, motion carried.

Brian Reis, Conservation Director, met with the Board to answer questions about his FY22 budget request.

Kolby DeWitt, Regional Director for Senator Joni Ernst, unexpected made an appearance to meet the Board and invited them to reach out if they need a connection or need assistance with any federal agencies.

On behalf of Jt. DD 181 Interim Board, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to appoint Brian Blomme as the Drainage Engineer for Jt. DD 181. Ayes all, motion carried. Services will be provided on a time and materials basis, at a rate of \$120.00/hour for Drainage Engineering Services, and may be renegotiated at the end of one year. Mileage for 2021 will be paid at \$0.56/mile for mileage necessary to perform engineering services.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to appoint Mike Behrendsen as a Classification Commissioner for Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile for Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve pay estimate #7 from Progressive Structures, LLC for DD 168, in the amount of \$175,346.56. Ayes all, motion carried. \$2,400.00 will still be held in retainage until seeding and fertilizing and possible silt fence installation and removal is completed.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile claim payable to Bolton & Menk for professional services in the amount of \$10,152.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) PI-257 – ID#65156 located in the NE NW, Section 6, Grant Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen advised that they received a letter from Matt Helmers from Iowa State University and that Palo Alto County's budget for the Sheriff is \$1,963,510.00, which includes: 7 deputies plus the Sheriff, communication center, and jail. Pocahontas County Sheriff's budget for FY22 is approximately \$2,100,000.00, which includes: 7 deputies plus the Sheriff, communication center, and the cost of running our jail.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board proceeded with the Public Hearing on the maximum property tax dollars for the FY22 budget. Jepsen presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the maximum property tax dollars for the FY22 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Siepker, Ives, Aden, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

Resolution- 2021-03-#9
Approval of FY 21/22 Maximum Property Tax Dollars

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY 21/22 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on the county web site and social media accounts.

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 2, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY 21/22 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services: \$4,533,467; an increase of 0.11% from the prior year

Rural County Services: \$2,347,014; an increase of 0% from the prior year

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY 21/22 represents an increase of 0.11% from the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY 20/21.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to set the FY22 Budget hearing for Tuesday, March 23, 2020, at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-LEPC and drainage concerns; Aden-bridge concerns; Siepker-Upper Des Moines, County Social Services, Rolling Hills, and Department Head meeting; Stauter-CFR, Yes Center, and bridge concerns; and Smith-Department Head meeting.

Supervisor Smith gave an update on sharing the Sanitarian with Humboldt County and Chairman Siepker discussed the mental health region.

Paul Greufe, Human Resources, unexpectedly dropped in and gave the Board an update on HR concerns.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor