

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 9, 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 Stauffer, Auditor, Kelly Jepsen; and Reporter, Erin Somers. Telephonically: Supervisor Kyle Smith.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve the minutes, dated March 2, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Cody Bunda and Jonathon Rittgers met with the Board to inquire about the County's plans for the vacant lot east of the Courthouse. They presented the 90Ten Athletics' business plan to build a recreation center. They like the location since it is close to the swimming pool, soccer fields, baseball fields at Elbert Park, and the businesses on Main Street. Their goal is to give a big city opportunity to small town Iowa. They feel they will draw people from other areas for tournaments and other unique events. Bunda and Rittgers are both raising families in Pocahontas County and would like to keep this community thriving for generations to come. Sheriff Nelson stated that he was advised that the lot probably is not big enough to house a new law enforcement center. Bunda and Rittgers are going to be aggressive in getting the rec center built, so would like to know if they could work out an agreement for the lot east of the Courthouse. The Board is open to the idea and will give it consideration.

Sheriff Nelson presented a proposal/contract from Midwest Fence & Gate Company to modify the fence around the fire escape. The barbed wire would be replaced with razor wire. Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauffer, to approve the contract from Midwest Fence & Gate Company for \$1,410.94. Ayes all, motion carried.

Sheriff Nelson also elaborated on the location for a new jail, stating that a construction consultant advised that a new jail would need a lot that is at least an acre. Nelson would like to see it on the same grounds as the Courthouse but is open to anything. Nelson's opinion is the closer to the Courthouse, the better off they are. The Board and Nelson all feel the Armory has too many drawbacks. The consultant advised that the payback to build vs transporting would take 20-25 years to break even. They discussed concerns with finding another jail to house the prisoners and who makes the decision on the prisoner's healthcare concerns, versus the cost of building the jail and the ongoing cost of almost doubling the staff. Nelson and Supervisor Smith were both impressed with John Hansen with Midwest Construction Consultants. The Board advised Nelson to move forward on getting more information on a new jail using this consulting firm.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed a water leak in the Courthouse garage and deer crossing signs on N-28.

Don Cirks, Roads Superintendent, was contacted by a landowner who wants to widen his driveway beyond the limit and wants the Board to make an exception for him. The County limits the width to 52 feet due to the cost of replacing pipe underneath the driveway, which is the County's responsibility. It was the concession of the Board to not make an exception. Moellering will reach out to the landowner.

Cirks also inquired about changing the Roads Crews' hours to 4-ten hour days from Memorial Day till Labor Day. Cirks explained that 14 employees were in favor of it while 6 were not. Moellering would like to stick with the 5-eight hour days but will ask other counties that do 4-tens to see how it is working and report back to the Board.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Ives, to approve a tax abatement on parcel 08-05-254-002 and parcel 08-05-254-003, for the City of Rolfe, in the amount of \$82.00. Ayes all, motion carried. Said parcels are located at 700 and 702 Oak Street in Rolfe.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve payment to Julian Johnson for \$200.00 for beavers trapped in Jt. DD 73. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden, to appoint Jerry Hammen and Mike Behrendsen as Commissioners for the Reclassification of DD 59. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to continue with the County's established Families First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) guidelines until March 31, 2021. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) A & W Site – ID#67013 located in the NW SE, Section 1, Cummins Township with Hawkeye Ag LLP as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person; (2) Brannigan Site – ID# 67014 located in NE NE, Section 23, Dover Township with Summit Farms, LLC as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person; (3) PI-328 – ID#65793 located in the NW NE, Section 20, Bellville Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person; (4) Brian Kinkade – ID# 65166 located in the NE NE, Section 32, Marshall Township with Brian Kinkade as owner & contact person; and (5) Flaherty Tim Home Place – ID# 62728 located in the NW SW, Section 26, Roosevelt Township with Tim Flaherty as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden, to approve all the claims as reviewed. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	69.50	1
Ability Network	Service	1254.12	1
Access Systems Leasing	Lease	142.21	1
Leah Dawn Aden	Expenses	40.80	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	676.88	1
Alpha Wireless	Supplies	92.00	1
Amazon Capital Services	tablet holder 1QDP-M3JK-7	29.99	1
Amazon Capital Services	Equip	858.62	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	761.18	8
Pat Archer	Well Plug	196.88	1
Availa Bank	Self-Funding	3520.00	1
B&H Photo-Video Remittance Pro	Supplies	16.61	1
Denise Ann Bailey	Expense	46.20	1
Renee Jean Beneke	Expense	41.88	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	1709.35	5
BV Co Journal	Minutes	400.36	1
Calhoun-Burns	Bridge Rate/Inspect	7332.26	1
CID	Supplies	578.80	1
Century Link	Service	378.95	1
CenturyLink	Phone	35.88	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilites	35.38	1
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James P Conway	Feed	8.54	1
Corn Belt Power	Tower Rental	714.00	1
Counsel	engr copier	47.29	1
Counsel	Lease	89.95	2
Po Co Sec Rd	Repair	136.32	1
B Dahl	Mileage	101.70	1
District A Homecare Directors	Training	30.00	1
Dossier Systems	Computer Ser	477.00	1
Electronic Special	Radio	1070.00	1
Farm & Home	bits	23.41	1
Farm & Home	extension cord	38.99	1
Farm & Home	mailbox	14.99	1
Farm & Home	screws	2.18	1
Farm & Home	spray paint	10.58	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	725.00	5
Daniel L Feistner	Training	270.00	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	258.95	1
Force America	Parts	190.74	1
Foundation Analytical Lab	Tests	532.40	1
Gordon Flesch Company	Lease	16.67	1
Great American Financial Serv	Lease	239.50	1
Carla Kay Gustafson	Expense	49.44	1
Brittany J Hetrick	Uniform	10.68	1
Ashley Elizabeth Hobbs	Expenses	46.20	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	19.04	1
Hannah G Hubbell	Mileage	35.56	1
Hannah G Hubbell	Phone	25.00	1
HyVee AR	Meds	94.66	1
IA DOT	Services	100.00	1
IA Prison Ind	signs	1281.70	1
IAN	Training	25.00	1
Rachel Ihde	Well Plug	300.00	1
ILEA	Training	150.00	1
ISAC	Training	200.00	2
ISS & DA	Renewal	25.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Equip	4970.00	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	296.94	1
R Jergens	Expenses	614.44	1
R Jergens	Mileage	250.00	1
JL Time & Attend	Equip	1037.90	1
Julian Johnsen	Trapping	160.00	1
Juicebox Interactive	Website	230.00	1
M Klocke	Mileage	21.28	1
David Kramer	Well Plug	240.00	1
Brooke A Krips	Mileage	222.32	1
Anthony Wayne Lanus	Expense	42.96	1
Billy Lee Larson	Expenses	42.96	1
Mike Lash	Well Plug	362.84	1
House of Print	Brochure	1494.00	1
House of Print	Printing	95.44	1
Laurens Municipal	Laurens utilites	254.23	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	583.07	1
Lawson Products	Supplies	674.50	1
Loffler	Lease	81.86	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone	3684.12	1
McKesson Medical	Supplies	638.92	1
Kevin R McLellan	Expenses	48.36	1
Mediacom	Internet	236.90	1
Menards	Shelving	149.98	1
K Metzger	Mileage	245.95	1
MidAmeri Energy	rural Manson int. lights	27.90	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electricity	42.57	1
MidAmeri Energy	GC elec	46.70	1
M Montag	Equip	126.26	1
Larry Gene Movall	Expenses	41.88	1
Glenda Gay Mulder	Expenses	50.52	1
Amy Lynn Mumford	Expenses	31.08	1
Kayla M Nedved	Mileage	6.77	1
Kayla M Nedved	Phone	25.00	1
Carl Nelsen	Rolfe sewer line	350.00	1
S Nelson	Phone	171.58	1
S Nelson	Weapons	1166.58	2
N IA Telecom	Equip	274.00	1
Northern Safety Co Inc	Supplies	105.48	1
NW Comm	Lines	1705.52	1
NW Comm	Phone	27.95	1
R Nystrom	Mileage	11.20	1
Office Elements	white paper	151.60	1
Office Elements	Supplies	782.02	9
Palmer Mutual Tel	Phone	314.92	1
City-Palmer	utilities/Palmer	94.84	1

Rick Pate	Well Plug	500.00	1
J Paulsen	Shoes	54.00	1
Philips Lifeline	Lifeline	442.21	1
Pitney Bowes	Supplies	80.74	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
Plastic Recycling	Supplies	3532.50	1
Po Co Fair Assoc	Rent	800.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	8664.00	2
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	long distance/Engr	35.00	1
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	Phone	149.72	1
Poca Dental	Services	93.00	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	1704.38	3
Poca Ford	wire assys	81.98	1
Poca Ford	Maint	236.57	1
Julie Elizabeth Potter	Expenses	47.28	1
Powhatan Travel Service, LLC H	Grant	7300.00	1
Pro Co-Op	diesel	8491.53	1
Pro Co-Op	Fonda propane	968.29	1
Pro Co-Op	Palmer propane	891.56	1
Pro Co-Op	Plover propane	874.27	1
Progressive Structures LLC Tra	Well Plug	822.51	1
R&J Material	Repair	113.93	1
Tony Eugene Ragan	Expenses	31.08	1
Record Dem	Minutes	612.10	1
Rehab Systems	Services	1032.50	1
Misti Marie Rierson	Expenses	30.54	1
Jackie L. Thompson Schaffner J	Expenses	40.00	1
Schneider Corp	Beacon Ser	13845.00	1
Duane Alan Schuttler	Expenses	40.80	1
Seiler App	Equip	379.00	1
Seiler App	Repair	224.00	1
C Siepker	Mileage	668.73	1
Site Services Inc.	500th/640th bridges insp.	3000.00	1
Solutions Inc	Renewal	807.18	2
Sports Rehab	Services	384.66	1
Street Cop Training REF.NJ Cri	Training	199.00	1
Alice Svoboda	Well Plug	500.00	1
Anne E Thompson	Expense	152.40	1
Roger Thraillkill	Well Plug	300.00	1
US Cellular	Phone	169.30	1
Luke Harrison Vanderham	Expenses	30.54	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	598.09	1
Verizon	Phones	492.90	1
Janis Louise Waller	Expenses	54.30	1
J Watson	Uniform	27.81	1
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Lease	89.00	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Propane	485.00	1
Emily A Williams	Expenses	178.80	1
Windstream	Service	134.46	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	84.00	1
Woods	Supplies	15.46	1
WPS-VAPC3 TriWest	Refund	1741.15	1
Melissia M Zuetlau	Fuel	23.14	1
Grand Total		116887.73	

Auditor Jepsen advised of an email from Collin Klingbeil, Bolton & Menk Engineer, regarding the application for the Water Quality Financing Program for the DD175 project.

Weekly meetings: Ives-ISU webinar on water quality, ISAC Spring Conference, LWDA Leadership, and Solid Waste concerns; Aden-Board of Health; Siepker-Linking Families and drainage concerns; Stauter-tile concerns; and Smith-no meetings. The Board also discussed other County concerns: COVID vaccines, employee wages, and overtime.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor