

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
May 18, 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, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others Present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated May 11, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the tentative agenda with changing Jt DD 29 Br. B to Jt DD 29. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the utility permit allowing Iowa Lakes Cooperative to do underground construction across organized drainage district. Ayes all, motion carried. The work will be in Bellville 10/15.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign the utility permit allowing Black Hills Energy to do underground construction across organized drainage district. Ayes all, motion carried. The work will be in Cedar 28/30.

Moellering advised that he needs to delay the bid letting for the joint sealing. The bid letting was initially scheduled for May 25 but now will be held on Tuesday, June 8th at 11:00 a.m. The bid letting for the pavement markers will remain on May 25th at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room, at the Courthouse. Moellering also advised that they are working on clearing the ROW by the rail road crossing on N-28.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge Karen Norine's letter of retirement as the Elections Deputy in the Auditor's Office and thank her for her service to Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried. Norine's last day will be June 30, 2021.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the disposition of inventory as presented through GovDeals for \$160.03. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to appoint Wes Beneke as the alternate to the Pathfinders Strategic Partners Board as the city representative. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of April. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to approve pay estimate #8 from Progressive Structures, LLC for DD 168 improvement project for \$3,200.00 if the work is completed. Ayes all, motion carried. If work is not complete, Jepsen will add to next week's agenda for more discussion.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve payment to Emmetsburg Reporter-Democrat for publication of Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile's Reclassification Hearing for \$53.11. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve payment to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for CMP for Jt. DD 29, for \$763.60. Ayes all, motion carried. Location: SW Quarter, Section 35, Cedar Township.

The Board discussed the increased cost of pipe for the DD 41 project and decided to not change the contract at this time. Dirt Proz, LLC is to continue with the contract by doing the clean out first and if the price of pipe is still inflated at the time they are ready to lay pipe, they can do a change order at that time.

Supervisor Smith advised that he had talked with Conservation Director, Brian Reis, and if the Courthouse purchases a mower with a bagger, he is willing to let the Courthouse use his dump wagon for picking up leaves in the fall. After discussion, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to repair the mower and put purchasing a new mower on hold, and thank Supervisor Smith for his time spent on getting quotes. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed the idea of replacing the S70 Bobcat skid loader with SB150 Bobcat snow blower for a larger skid loader. The Bobcat is not adequate to clean the Courthouse and Annex parking lots. Before taking action, Chairman Siepker will discuss using Conservation's skid loader with the Conservation Director, Brian Reis, and get back with the Board next week.

Auditor, Kelly Jepsen, advised that the County should receive the first half of the money allocated through the American Rescue Plan by the end of the week or first part of next week. She recommended that the Supervisors view the webinar emailed to them regarding the interim final rules on the American Rescue Plan. The Board and Auditor Jepsen discussed forming a committee and creating a strategic plan for the funds to help mitigate COVID-19.

Weekly meetings: Ives and Aden-drainage concerns and Solid Waste business; Siepker-drainage concerns; Stauter-Fair board and drainage and ROW concerns; and Smith-Safety and Wellness.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor