

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
May 3, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met at 12:00 p.m. 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 Smith, to approve the minutes, dated April 26, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge the resignation of James Conway, FT Ranger Naturalist, effective May 19, 2022, and thank him for his service to Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge Conservation's seasonal employees. Ayes all, motion carried. Myrvin Samuelson started April 23, 2022 at \$13.75/hr. and Preston Spooner will start June 1, 2022 at \$12.00/hr.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve Madison National Life Group, Term Life/AD&D, option 1, and Voluntary Group Term Insurance, option 1. Ayes all, motion carried. Each employee will automatically receive \$10,000 in term life insurance and have the opportunity to purchase additional insurance for themselves and their family.

The Board discussed the paving the rest of the parking lot at the Courthouse Annex and the garage on the north side of the Courthouse. The consensus was to have Secondary Roads re-grade the gravel at the Annex and contact Estes Construction for a new quote to do a facility assessment of the Courthouse.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve Jt. DD 171 claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for watchman services in the amount of \$256.44. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Dirks – ID# 64551 located in the SE SE, Section 30, Grant Township with Marvin Dirks, Jr. as owner & contact person; (2) Marshall -Finish Farm – ID# 58386 located int the SE NE, Section 6, Marshall Township with Iowa Select Farms, LP as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (3) Kopriva Finisher Farm – ID# 64541 located in the N NE, Section 4, Cummins Township with M Holdings, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person . Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the final voucher for N-28. Ayes all, motion carried. Final cost: \$6,936,423.30.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer; Jonathon Williams, Sign Technician; and the Board discussed vandalism to two beacons northwest of Rolfe, on C-26 and a flashing stop sign's solar panel, located at the corner of C-49 & N-65. They were shot out causing nearly \$2,000.00 in damages.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the County Engineer/Drainage Clerk, and the Board discussed the Trail Council's desire to build a trail in DD 53's right-of-way in Pocahontas County. They would like to run the trail from Rosenberger Park to the statue of the Indian in Pocahontas.

Weekly meetings: Stauter – CFR; and Siepker – Upper Des Moines, Rolling Hills, and DCAT. All Supervisors participated in the DD 175 Improvement Hearing.

Paul Greufe, Human Resources Representative, and the Board discussed possible handbook changes and items that will be discussed at the Department Head meeting.

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

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor