

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
June 15, 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, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others Present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated June 8, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Dawn Mentzer, CEO Rolling Hills Community Services Region, met with the Board to introduce herself and to discuss Pocahontas County joining their mental health region. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to enter into a 28E Agreement with Rolling Hills Community Services Region. Ayes all, motion carried. Pocahontas County will join Rolling Hills July 1, 2021.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Ives, to approve the Rolling Hills and Central Iowa Community Services Regions Mental Health Advocate contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

On recommendation of the Rolling Hills Governance Board, a motion was made by Stauffer, seconded by Aden, to approve the hire of Alison Hauser. Ayes all, motion carried. Hauser will function as the Coordinator of Disability Services for Rolling Hills Community Services, effective July 1, 2021, with a salary of \$52,500.00.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith, to approve the hire of Theresa Sandvig as the Engineer's Office Manager for Secondary Roads. Ayes all, motion carried. Sandvig will start employment on June 28, 2021, at \$21.20 per hour, as per union contract.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign the joint sealing contract with Denco Highway Construction from Mingo, IA. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed Road concerns including the wind farm project.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the hire of Tyler Behrendsen as a full-time Sheriff's Department Deputy. Ayes all, motion carried. Behrendsen will start on July 5, 2021, at \$27.19/hour, as per union contract.

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

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden, to appoint Auditor, Kelly Jepsen, Supervisor, Kyle Smith, County Attorney, Dan Feistner, Economic Development Workforce Marketing Coordinator, Emily Williams, and EMA Director, Russ Jergens to the American Rescue Plan Committee. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the changes to section 3.1 and section 5.1 of the Employee Handbook and consider changes to section 2.8 when more information is available. Ayes all, motion carried. New language reads as follows:

3.1 Definition Of Employee Status

"Part-time employee" means an employee who is regularly scheduled to work fewer than 35 hours per week. Part-time employees are not eligible for any benefits unless others specified in this handbook.

5.1 Group Medical Insurance-

Eligibility

Pocahontas County will pay the single or family premium for each eligible full-time regular employee. Part-time employees who work 1,534 hours in a year, shall be offered insurance based on their hourly rate of pay in accordance with the Affordable Care Act. Part time employees who average at least 20 hours per week but less than 1,534 hours in a year would be eligible for health insurance at 50% of the cost of single or family premium.

For eligibility purposes, a year is defined as May 1 – April 30, taking effect on July 1.

Brian Reis, Conservation Director, and the Board discussed allowing Conservation to trade in the Courthouse's 2019 S70 Bobcat with snow blower on the purchase of a 324G Skid Steer, net cost \$26,300. Since the S70 is too small for the Courthouse, Conservation will give the Courthouse their 2010 S185, which has a higher resale value than the 2019 S70. In return, the Courthouse will purchase two SB72D snow blowers with smooth auger, one for Conservation's 324G Skid Steer and the other for the 2010 S185 for the Courthouse, totally \$14,000.00. Motion was made by Smith, seconded by Aden, to authorize Conservation to use the 2019 S70 Bobcat with snow blower on their purchase of a 324G Skid Steer and purchase two SB72D snow blowers. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed the policy for the mitigation of converted farmed wetlands. During the DD 168 Reclassification Hearing, the landowner was advised that per the wetland mitigation policy, he would be responsible for 12.5% of the cost of the wetland mitigations. The policy in fact states that the drainage district will pay up to \$7,500 per farmed wetland acre and with IDALS paying 75% of the wetland mitigations, the remaining cost is less than \$7,500, so DD 168 will be responsible for the cost.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve Amendment #1 to DD 168 Reclassification Report and Combined Assessment Schedule. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 36 Main Tile claim to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for tile on a repair, \$356.38. Ayes all, motion carried. Location: NE Quarter of Cummins Township.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve Jt. DD 171 Main Open Ditch claim to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for repairs and watchman service, for \$230.52 and \$272.84 respectively. Ayes all, motion carried. Location of repair: SW Quarter of Lizard Township.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 77 Br. 18 claim to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for repairs for \$1,198.73. Ayes all, motion carried. Location: NW Quarter of Roosevelt Township.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to approve Jt. DD 46-88 claim to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for watchman services for \$454.73. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 43-72 Lateral B Tile claim to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for repairs for \$358.65. Ayes all, motion carried. Location: SE Quarter of Bellville Township.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve B & W Control Specialists for spraying the following ditches: Jt. DD 63 Main Open Ditch for \$6,457.75, Jt. DD 63 Br. 4 for \$493.75, and Jt. DD 63 Br. 5 for \$437.13. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve Jt. DD 1-54 claim to Calhoun County Drainage Engineer for landowner communications, in the amount of \$100.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 173-67 claim to Calhoun County Drainage Engineer for reclassification, in the amount of \$1,000.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

On behalf of the Jt. DD 181 Interim Board, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for watchman services, for \$121.26. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Moline Turkey Farms – ID# 58705 located in the SW SW, Section 31, Lizard Township with Moline Bros. as owner & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Economic Development meeting and DD 168 and Solid Waste concerns; Aden- Economic Development meeting; Siepker-Conservation Board, Alternate Energy meeting, and meeting with State Auditor; Stauter-Alternate Energy meeting and weed concerns; and Smith-Meeting with State Auditor, Safety, Wellness, and Courthouse meetings, and Public Health concerns. All Supervisors participated in DD 168 Annexation and Reclassification Hearings.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor