

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
August 18, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden, Louis Stauter; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Electronically: Supervisor, Ed Dewey; and Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated August 11, 2020, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Wade Judkins and Lexie Green, both with Community & Family Resources, informed the Board that September was National Recovery Month and requested the Board to make a Proclamation. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to adopt the Recovery Month Proclamation. The Chairman called for a voice vote: Ayes – Siepker, Aden, Ives, Stauter, Dewey; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the proclamation duly adopted to-wit:

**RECOVERY MONTH PROCLAMATION**

**WHEREAS**, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one's overall wellness; and **WHEREAS**, prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and recovery is vital to the well-being of the individual and the community; and **WHEREAS**, proactively acknowledging and treating mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and **WHEREAS**, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and **WHEREAS**, given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must strive to offer all persons the same opportunities for treatment and wellness; and **WHEREAS**, approximately 100,000 Iowans currently receive treatment for mental illness or substance abuse addiction; and **WHEREAS**, the COVID-19 epidemic poses new challenges to the citizenry of our great nation and illicit substance use has shown worrisome gains, and **WHEREAS**, recent changes made in the state of Iowa and our nation make the personal possession of the opioid overdose reversal drug Narcan available and should be responsibly promoted, and **WHEREAS**, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), and the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors invite all residents of Pocahontas County to participate in *National Recovery Month* and by virtue of the authority vested in us by the laws of Pocahontas County, do hereby proclaim the month of September 2020 as **NATIONAL RECOVERY MONTH** in Pocahontas County, and call upon the people of Pocahontas County to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies to support this year's *Recovery Month*.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the Recorder's July Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to table Jt. DD #1 claim from Darren Stearns for beaver trapping. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Quit Claim Deed for the sale of the South Forty (40) feet of Lot Six (6), Block Three (3), Village of Ware to Scott Hanson for \$1.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Maneman 1 – ID# 59694, located in the SE NW Section 21, Dover Township, with Robert Maneman as owner & contact person; (2) PI 229 Finisher – ID# 64827, located in the NW NW Section 21, Belleville Township, with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner, and Dennis Benning as contact person; and (3) Hess Farms – ID# 66286, located in the NW NE, Section 30, Colfax Township, with Tim & Dennis Hess as owners and Twin Lake Environmental Services, LLC as contact persons. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the claim for Jt. DD 77 Main Open Ditch to Anderson Drainage & Excavation, LLC for FEMA repairs, in the amount of \$7,765.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Siepker, to approve a claim from King Excavation for repairs in Jt. DD 85 in Section 34, Booth Township, Palo Alto County, in the amount of \$15,937.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen advised that Pocahontas County is eligible for money through the County CARES Act. The County will need to request the funding to reimburse for COVID-19 related expenses. Jepsen also gave an update on the Annex, and relayed Board correspondences regarding North Raccoon River Valley Counties IDALS WQI Project Grant. The Board requested that Jepsen draft a letter in support of said grant.

Weekly meetings: Siepker- Upper Des Moines Finance meeting, drainage and N-28 concerns; Aden- Solid Waste meeting and drainage concerns; Ives-Solid Waste meeting; Stauter-Fair board, drainage and N-28 concerns; and Dewey- Interagency meeting and COVID-19 concerns.

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