

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
August 3, 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 from July 27, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Parker Aden, with Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce, met with the Board to discuss the idea of developing an alumni registry to promote the County. The registry would be for all the communities in the County. It would be used for many different things like recruiting alumni to move back, business succession and job opportunities, solicit donation for community projects, and inform alumni of current events. Aden believes that as the Executive Director of the Pocahontas Chamber that he could develop the registry and the Chamber could oversee it. Aden requested \$10,000 per year to assist in the effort. The Board requested that Aden discuss the idea with the other communities to see if they are willing to chip in and for him to come back in a couple weeks. That will give the Board sometime to give it consideration. Also present: Wendy Panbecker.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to approve a pay increase for Tiffany McClurg, Dispatcher, as she has reached one year of service with the Sheriff's Office. Ayes all. Motion carried. As of August 10, 2021, her new hourly rate will be \$17.84/hour, as per union contract.

The Board discussed the 28E Agreement between the Iowa Division of Soil Conservation and Water Quality and Pocahontas. The agreement would assist with funding opportunities for water quality projects. Motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve entering into said agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Wheatley Turkey Farm – ID# 66824 located in the NW NE, Sec. 25 Grant Township with Bruce Wheatley as owner & contact person; (2) Cedar Creek Livestock Turkey Facility – ID# 66271 located in the NW NE, Sec. 25 Dover Township with Mark Wells as owner & contact person; (3) Hess Farms – ID# 66286 located in the NW NE, Sec. 30 Colfax Township with Tim & Dennis Hess as owners & Twin Lake Environmental Services, LLC as contact; (4) WoodGro, Inc. Site. – ID# 61278 located in the SE SE, Section 30, Rush Lake Township, Palo Alto County with Woodgro, Inc. as owner & Ken Woodford as contact person; and (5) Park Lane Farms, LLC – ID# 61547 located in the SW SW, Section 7, Colfax Township with Park Lane Farms, LLC as owner & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC as contact. Ayes: all, motion carried.

Don Cirks, Roads Superintendent, discussed paving the rest of the parking lot on the West side of the Annex. The Board requested that he get bids. Auditor Jepsen will research if American Rescue Plan funds could be used to pay for the concrete.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised on the progress of the wind tower project and discussed Road concerns.

Paul Greufe, Human Resources Representative, and the Board discussed the Family First Coronavirus Response Act (FFCRA) guidelines the County had established in April 2020. Those guidelines were discontinued as of April 1, 2021 but with the understanding that they may choose to reactivate if needed. After discussing the new variant and recent rise in COVID numbers and on recommendation of the Public Health Director, it was moved by Ives, seconded by Smith, to re-enact the County's FFCRA guidelines. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to go into an exempt session, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.9. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 12:20 p.m., the Board voted to come out of closed session with no action taken.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Solid Waste meeting; Aden-Solid Waste and Pathfinders meeting; Siepker-Department Head meeting and drainage concerns; Stauter-CFR meeting and road and theft concerns; and Smith-Department Head meeting and Public Health and jail concerns.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor