

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
August 31, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Clarence Siepker; Supervisors, Brent Aden, Jeffrey Ives, Louis Stauter, and Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others Present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from August 24, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Shelly Zabel and Morgan Struchen, with Community & Family Resources, informed the Board that September is National Recovery Month and requested the Board to make a Proclamation. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to adopt the Recovery Month Proclamation. The Chairman called for a voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Siepker, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the proclamation duly adopted to-wit:

2021 National Recovery Month Proclamation

WHEREAS, Mental health and substance use disorders affect all communities nationwide, and with commitment and support, those impacted can embark on a journey of improved health and overall wellness; and **WHEREAS**, the focus of *National Recovery Month (Recovery Month)* this September is to celebrate all people that make the journey of recovery possible by embracing the 2021 theme, “*Recovery is For Everyone: Every Person, Every Family, Every Community.*” *Recovery Month* spreads the message that people can and do recover every day; and **WHEREAS**, the impact of mental health and substance use disorders is apparent in our local community, and an estimated **100,000 Iowans** are affected by these conditions; and **WHEREAS**, through *Recovery Month*, people become more aware and able to recognize the signs of mental health and substance use disorders and encourages people in need of recovery services to seek help; and **WHEREAS**, managing the effects of these conditions helps individuals achieve healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and **WHEREAS**, the *Recovery Month* observance continues to work to improve the lives of those affected by mental health and substance use disorders by raising awareness and educating communities about the effective services that are available. For the above reasons, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors proclaims this September as National *Recovery Month*.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to correct the pay rate for Brittany Hetrick, full-time Dispatcher, and Samantha Richison, part-time Dispatcher/Jailer, that was approved at the August 24th meeting from \$17.24/hour to \$17.58/hour as per union contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to accept Dr. Ted George’s letter of resignation from the Pocahontas County Board of Health, appoint Dr. Shane Kirkegaard to serve the remainder of his term, expiring December 31, 2023, and thank Dr. George for his service to the Pocahontas County residence. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve Jt. DD 63 MOD’s portion of Contractor’s Pay Request #1 from Dirt Proz for FEMA repairs in Palo Alto County for \$20,885.64. Ayes all, motion carried.

Amy Johnson and Anne Thompson, Wellness Committee co-chairs advised the Board that they are planning a Wellness event on December 10th from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and requested that all employees be paid time to attend the event. Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to pay employees while at the wellness event. Public purpose is to encourage employees to complete the Wellness program, which decreases the County’s health insurance premium. Ayes all, motion carried.

Pocahontas County was awarded the FY22 Medicolegal Death Investigator grant for two recipients to take the Medicolegal Death Investigator class through St. Louis University. Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve Morgan Olson and Shelley Stumpf as the recipients of said grant to participate in the Medicolegal Death Investigator class. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to table discussion on the bids for a roof for the North Entrance of the Courthouse until next week, when bids will be back. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Delaware Finisher Farm – ID# 70372 located in the NW NW, Section 6, Garfield Township with Intern Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (2) Zaugg 1 Finisher Farm – ID# 67866 located in the NE NW, Sec. 35 Des Moines Township with Hawker Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer contact person; (3) Naeve Finisher Farm – ID# 65541 located in the NE NW, Sec. 17 Weaver Township, Humboldt County with Iowa Select Farms L.L.P. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (4) Taylor Finisher Farm - ID# 61716 located in the NW NE Sec. 32, Cedar Township with Crown Farm Partners II, Inc. as owner and Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (5) Frank North Wean-Finish Farm – ID# 58276 located in the SE SW, Sec. 23 Cummins Township with Big Valley Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (6) Sherman Finisher Farm – ID# 58362 located in the SW NW, Sec. 24 Sherman Township with Big Valley Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Next, the Board discussed the change in concrete needed for the new EMA building. It was discovered the bids for concrete were according to the specification for the Lester building instead of the Reaves building. The Reaves specification calls for a true base. Russ Jergens, EMA/E-911 Coordinator, spoke with Reaves’ engineer and they would agree to a double trench in lieu of a true base. Tim Gonnerman, with Gonnerman/Rubel Construction advised they would not have a change order until they get the final specification from Reaves.

Weekly meetings: Ives –ISAC Annual Conference and Economic Development meeting; Aden – Economic Development meeting and worked at Wiegert’s Fall Fest; Siepker – ISAC Annual Conference; Stauter – CFR; and Smith – Public Health meeting.

Siepker advised that he spoke with the Heartland Greenway System concerning the expected pipeline that would transport liquid carbon dioxide from ethanol plants in the upper Midwest to sequestration wells in Illinois. They believe there will be about 28 miles of pipeline running through Pocahontas County. They are going to start having meeting with landowners late this year, possibly start building next year, with a goal of having it completed by 2024.

The Board advised Jack Moellering, County Engineer, of different Roads concerns. Smith inquired about the projects Moellering has on the docket and the amount of money Roads has in reserves. He is concerned that if we have too much money or no projects Engineered and ready to go that we may get passed up for the federal infrastructure grants. The Board advised Moellering of the different projects that are waiting to be done.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor