

May 4, 2017

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. at Drake Library, Grinnell, Iowa. Members present Diana Dawley & Larry Wilson. Also, present Becky Petig, County Attorney and Dann Hayes, Poweshiek CR

Vice-chairman Diana Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve agenda. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve minutes April 27 & May 1, 2017. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve May 5, 2017 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$177,327.68. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve fireworks display permit for Bruce & Colleen Crook, 1009 320th Ave, Malcom, IA. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Becky Petig advised the board she met with Lyle Brehm, Engineer to review the proposed agreement with the railroad for replacement of the 20th Street Bridge and that she and Lyle made a couple revisions to the proposed agreement and sent back to the railroad for their approval and signature.

Becky further discussed with the board an issue, which arose at the courthouse on Wednesday, May 3 concerning a high security alert notice.

8:30 a.m. Brenda Daily, CICS met with board for monthly meeting. Brenda gave an update of CICS applications received, services funded, community outreach, trainings attended and upcoming training. Brenda further stated that May is Mental Health Month and she is asking the board to sign a Proclamation recognizing the responsibility of the county, community and citizens to increase awareness and understanding of mental health and to promote healthy lifestyles. The board will discuss this at the board meeting on Monday, May 8.

9:00 a.m. Karen Sleuwenhoek, Robert Renaud, Wendell Sleuwenhoek and Richard Young, Members of the 20th Street Bridge Group; and Chris Johnson, KGRN met with the board. Larry advised the group that the county had received a proposed agreement from the railroad and made a couple minor changes to the proposed agreement, of which Lyle Brehm, Engineer, signed and sent to the railroad for review and signature.

Larry stated that he would be attending a HAZ-MAT meeting this afternoon.

9:30 a.m. Russ Schuck, Veteran Affairs Director met with the board to advise that the \$10,000 allocation of funds received from the State of Iowa will be cut in future years. Russ received notification that for FY'18, the county will receive \$9,575 in state allocation funds and for FY'19, the county will receive \$4,817.80 in state allocation funds. Russ stated that he currently works 26 hours per week and with the cut in the funding from the state, he is looking to cut his hours back to 20 per week. According to Code of Iowa, the county is required to provide 20 hours of service. Russ inquired if someone in the county services building would be able to field calls for his office when he is absent. Russ inquired about signage for the Veteran Affairs office and Larry indicated that he is working on getting signage at the county services building. Russ also asked about the possibility of getting a flagpole at the county services building. Russ has been working on obtaining a headstone for an unmarked soldier grave for Christian Sowerwine in the Brooklyn Cemetery and advised he finally has this completed and will be having a re-dedication on Saturday, May 27 at 3:00 p.m. at the cemetery. He stated he has notified the American Legion, Senator Grassley's Office, and Senator Ernst's Office. Russ stated an organization from Des Moines would be attending the re-dedication in the 1812 uniform.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to award Contract for Bridge Replacement on F29 East of Brooklyn, project number BRS-CO79(49)—60-79 to McCulley Culvert, Inc of Barnes City, and to direct Trevor

White, Chairman to sign the appropriate documents upon their return from the contractor. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Debbie Mielak met with the board to discuss an assessment notice she received from the assessor's office changing the class of her property from agriculture to rural residential. The property is located at 668 400th Avenue and consists of 2.29 acres. Debbie provided the board with pictures of her acreage and copies of letters received from the assessor's office as well as sections from the Code of Iowa. Debbie feels her land is agriculture and would like the class changed back to that. Supervisor Dawley wanted to speak with the assessor's office so she placed a telephone call and spoke with Alyssa Sutherland on speakerphone. Alyssa stated the process their office does when looking at assessing property for class changes. Alyssa stated the letter of use completed by Debbie Mielak indicated the property was going to be used for row crop and cattle. When the assessor did their viewings of the property in November 2016 and January 2017, there was no row crop nor cattle on the property. There is a .17-acre area, which has oats. From this, the assessor determined the current use of the property is not agriculture and would be rural residential. Alyssa advised the board and Debbie that when she received her assessment notice, she had from April 2 to April 30 to protest the assessment. Debbie contacted the assessor on May 2 and since it is past the deadline, the assessor's office advised her there was not anything they could do for 2017 values. Alyssa indicated that they would certainly be able to look at this property again for the 2018 assessment year.

10:45 a.m. Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to adjourn. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Trevor White, Chairman

May 8, 2017

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA. Members present Diana Dawley, via conference call; Trevor White & Larry Wilson.

Chairman White led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve Proclamation recognizing May as Mental Health Month and authorize Trevor White, Chairman to sign. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve Cigarette/Tobacco/Nicotine/Vapor Application for Kwik Star #303. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:40 a.m. Diana Dawley ended conference call.

Board discussed replacing the sidewalk/curb on east side of the courthouse. The board received correspondence from the City of Montezuma that their council approved a \$2,500 cost-share contribution toward the cost of replacement. The board stated they wanted to look into the possibility of applying for funds from Poweshiek Alliance grant.

9:15 a.m. Diana Dawley joined the meeting.

9:15 a.m. Jennifer Frampton & Rick Hurt, South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency gave a presentation to update the board about the agency and its services and programs.

9:40 a.m. Tom Kriegel, Sheriff; Paul DeGeest, Sitler's & Tim Besco, Besco Electric met with the board to discuss updating lighting at public safety building. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve the bid from Sitler's for \$24,930 with estimated \$11,930 rebate for MidAmerican Energy to replace the lighting inside the public safety building and the parking lot. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:55 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer joined the meeting.

10:05 a.m. Thomas Krussel met with the board to discuss delinquent tax notice received. He is asking to have his interest waived due to not receiving the original tax billing notice. Sandy Ross, Treasurer provided documentation that the original tax billing notice and delinquent notice were returned undeliverable. Sandy states that according to the Code of Iowa 445.36(3) failure to receive notice is not a defense to the payment of the total amount due. Trevor stated as a land owner individuals are responsible for making sure taxes are paid and also past practice has held that the county does not waive interest or penalties. The board advised Mr. Krussel that the interest on the delinquent taxes will not be waived and he will be responsible for payment of the full delinquent taxes, including any interest.

Board discussed removal of tree located on the east side of courthouse and felt that the tree did not need removed at this time.

10:20 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Trevor White, Chairman