

June 15, 2017

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

Chairman White led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by White to approve board minutes for June 8, 2017. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by White to approve June 16, 2017 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$271,683.99. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by White to approve fireworks permit to Flashing Thunder for display at Lake Ponderosa July 1, 2017. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by White to approve Resolution #2976 Inmate Room & Board Fees. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by White to approve Utility Permit #17-65U to Windstream Iowa Communication, LLC to plow copper telephone cable on 50th Street, Section 23, Grant Township. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by White to table approval/discussion of Resolution for Joint Agency Agreement Between Iowa County, Iowa and Other Counties Potentially Affected by Iowa Watershed Approach Project. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

8:57 a.m. Terry Pickett, Assistant Engineer joined the meeting.

9:00 a.m. Marty Wymore, Region 6 Planning Commission met with the board to discuss comprehensive economic development strategy and to get county input for strategy process. Marty stated he is meeting with counties in the region to get their input on economic development issues. Marty asked board for their thoughts on local needs to improve the economy. Dawley thought that affordable housing is a need in the county. White agreed with the housing need and also stated people need good paying jobs as well and people usually look at the school districts and commerce in the area. Dawley stated that the farm economy has been cutting back and some farmers are having to downsize. Marty inquired if there are public infrastructure conditions that impede growth and development. Trevor feels that the interstate junctions need work and there are some run down properties there and prime locations that could be put to greater use. Trevor feels economic development wise that the Malcom interchange would be a great location for a warehouse type business. Trevor stated that the county sanitarian is doing a great job with keeping up with septic systems at Lake Ponderosa and Holiday Lake and elsewhere in the county. Terry Pickett stated there are 8 bridges/culverts in the county that need work and secondary road department is working aggressively to repair those. Trevor states he would like to see if the county can improve the rock road infrastructure system. Marty stated that once he has met with all the counties in the region, he will be compiling a summary of his findings and will share with the counties.

9:18 a.m. Sean Sutfin joined the meeting

9:35 a.m. JD Griffith, Zoning Administrator met with board for public hearing on zoning change.

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met Thursday, June 15th, 2017 at 9:35 A.M in the Poweshiek County Courthouse Board of Supervisors meeting room to hold a public hearing. The meeting was recorded and on file in the office of the Poweshiek County Zoning Administrator.

Roll Call: Supervisors- Chairman Trevor White and Diana Dawley, Auditor Missy Eilander, Zoning Administrator J.D. Griffith , and Sean Sutfin.

At 9:35 A.M., Diana moved to open the public hearing. Trevor 2nd. All in favor.

J.D. Griffith stated the Zoning Commission met on June 13th and recommended approval of this change to the Board of Supervisors with a vote of 6-0. The Zoning Commission felt it was an excellent place to build. J.D. has not heard any opposition to this request.

Trevor asked about the driveway, Sean stated there was one there that was in need of repair so the county just finished installing a new one.

Trevor asked if Sean was aware of the conditions of living in the country. Sean stated he grew up on a farm.

At 9:37 a.m. Diana motion to close public hearing. Trevor second. All in favor, motion carried.

Diana made a motion to approve the request to change 2 acres of an 11.5 m/1 acre parcel from ag to residential in Lot A SW SW EX School section 1 T-78-N R-13-W. Deep River TWP Poweshiek County Iowa. Trevor second. All in favor. Motion Carried.

Meeting adjourned 9:38 A.M.

J.D. Griffith- Poweshiek County Zoning Administrator

JD informed the board that he discussed the sale of fireworks with his zoning members and they decided if someone wanted to sell fireworks within the county, a conditional use permit must be approved.

JD gave the board an update on the board of adjustment meeting regarding conditional use permit for wind turbines.

Diana stated she attended an 8th Judicial District meeting yesterday and the district reviewed all policies due to union changes with the legislation.

Trevor stated he attended landfill meeting yesterday.

Board received MMP Annual Updates for:

- Triple Z Acres #1, SE ¼ SW ¼, Section 26, Deep River Township
- Henry Pork LLC, SW ¼ SE ¼, Section 24, Jackson Township

10:23 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by White to adjourn. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Trevor White, Chairman

June 19, 2017

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

Chairman White led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve Utility Permit #17-66U to Interstate Power & Light to install a pole on county right-of-way located at 4271 20th Street, Section 5, Washington Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve Resolution #2977 FY'18 Departmental Appropriations. 3 ayes. Motion carried. See resolution on file.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve Resolution #2978 FY'18 Appropriation Fund Transfers. 3 ayes. Motion carried. See resolution on file.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve Resolution #2979 FY'18 Tax Credit Funding for homestead, military, elderly & disabled tax credits. 3 ayes. Motion carried. See resolution on file.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to approve Resolution #2980 FY'18 Poweshiek County Benefits Premium Analysis. 3 ayes. Motion carried. See resolution on file.

Larry advised the other members that he was contacted by a county resident expressing his concern that a neighbor to the south was taking advantage of the new fireworks law and was not being neighborly about displaying the fireworks. He stated that he has farm animals that are affected by the fireworks. Larry stated that the county was going to follow the state law and was not implementing anything different for the county at this time and recommended contacting the board to schedule a meeting to discuss the fireworks law.

Trevor advised the other members that an individual contacted him last week with a complaint regarding the sanitarian and completing time of transfers. He thinks that the county is corrupt for doing the time of transfers; the county is forcing residents to do this & taking business owners out of the equation. Trevor agrees with our sanitarian and feels it is right for Poweshiek County to perform the time of transfers and receive income associated with it, as it is Poweshiek County land.

9:00 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to enter into public hearing to receive comments regarding P.S.L. Cattle expansion, NW ¼ NW ¼, Section 19, Pleasant Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried. Present: Diana Dawley, Trevor White, Larry Wilson, Supervisors; Missy Eilander, Auditor; Kenny Hoksbergen, Doug Hoksbergen, Brenda Hoksbergen, Thomas Romanoski, David Coffey, and Thomas D Ogle. Trevor opened by explaining the county goes above and beyond when they receive an application to hold a public hearing to keep local land owners/residents within a 2-mile radius informed of confinements and to be good neighbors. Doug Hoksbergen stated he is adding a building to the south side of the current operation. The new barn will house the mom cows and the current building will be used for babies and to feed the cattle out. Larry asked if the manure is composted before it is hauled out to the field. Doug stated that it was and that they remove the manure and then spread lime back on floor and cover with the cornstalks. Doug stated the manure is not a liquid product, it is a dry product that is spread with a manure spreader. Trevor inquired on the number of animal units and Doug stated that they are under 500 units at the current facility and with the addition; he will be under 1000 units. Larry inquired about site distances and Doug advised that he has worked closely with DNR with the requirements and that the site distance should be 1250 feet and the closest neighbor was 1723 feet and Doug has reached out to this neighbor and had conversations regarding his facility. Doug advised that the building has 16 feet of concrete where the cattle come to feed and the other 40 feet of the building is a clay base with the corn stalk base. Diana asked if there was a manure pit and Doug advised there is not a pit. Trevor asked if someone lived onsite and Doug advised he has a hired hand that lives there on site. David Coffey asked Doug if he had enough room to spread all the manure and Doug advised that he did. David Coffey states it appears to be spreading on thick and it looks real black. Doug responded that what it looks like and what it is are different things. Doug states it does look black but that is because the manure has gone through a compost so it is going to look black. According to tonnage, he could actually put about 6 times the amount down. Doug states he takes what he has and determines how much to spread and evenly spreads over the farmland evenly. Tom Romanoski feels more confinements getting built around Ewart area could possibly drop property value. Trevor states confinements must be at least 1250 feet from residents and it appears the closest neighbor was 1723 feet, of whom Doug has reached out to regarding the facility. Trevor further states he feels Doug reaches out to nearest neighbors and is being a good neighbor. Trevor states that Doug owns these properties and lives or his family lives on or near these facilities and Trevor respects how Doug operates and it is his ground to do with what he wants as long as he meets DNR requirements. Tom Ogle states he lives 2 miles west of the site and he has never smelled any odor from this facility since it has been built. Tom feels we need animal agricultural in the county and to utilize the grain we are growing in the county. Tom feels Doug and his family are good stewards, take good care of things, and he supports the facility. David Coffey states his concern is the smell and not only this facility but others in the area. Doug states he spreads all around the nearest resident, Lori Knox, and she did not have any concerns with the facility or the smells. Doug puts a product in the cattle feed to help keep the ammonia down. Doug can't say that everyone utilizes products to help keep ammonia down but he feels he does his part for this to be a good neighbor

and tries to keep smells down. Trevor relayed that we accept the manure management plan but everything goes through the DNR but the county still likes to have these public hearings in order to keep local landowners/residents aware of confinements in their area. Trevor complimented Doug for his good work with his operations. 9:23 a.m. Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to end public hearing. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

10:00 a.m. Dave Maxwell, State Representative met with the board to give an overview of this past legislative session and to answer any questions and receive comments/suggestions from the group discussion. Present: Diana Dawley, Trevor White, Larry Wilson; Supervisors; Missy Eilander, Auditor; Amy Vermillion, Assessor; Dianna Longhenry, Recorder; Becky Petig; County Attorney; J.D. Griffith, Sanitarian/Zoning; Terry Pickett, Assistant Engineer; Brenda Daily, CICS Service Coordinator; Mona Bond, Jamie Nelson. Dave stated that he did not support the workers compensation nor the medical malpractice. Dave then opened it up for questions from the audience. Questions were asked regarding mental health services and funding. Dave didn't foresee any changes forthcoming soon. Becky Petig stated she felt the mental health system in failing in the state. Dave said he has been throwing out the idea of increasing the sales tax by 1% and having 3/8 going to water quality and having another portion of that going toward mental health. Becky feels that we have very limited resources of where individuals can go and we need more inpatient beds as well as places for individuals to go for outpatient services. Contributing factors of closing down the MHI's took away resources and Dave stated he was not on board with closing MHI's. Concerns were expressed with billing, funding and cost shifting. Becky expressed her concern regarding social workers and their overloaded caseload and the turnover. Concern was expressed with regard to foster care availability and limited resources some kids could slip through the crack. Trevor thanked Dave for his work with the Federal Aid Road Fund Swap. This bill allows the state to allocate primary road funds to counties and cities in exchange for federal aid road funds that would otherwise be allocated to the local governments. Trevor inquired on Texting While Driving and Dave explained that now texting while drive is a primary offense, which allows a peace officer to stop a motorist specifically for texting while driving. Dave further explained that it allows a phone to be used in hands-free mode and to utilize the GPS features. Trevor feels this is a start and Dave states there is still work to be done with this law. Dave was encouraged to reach out to local governments to receive input on how certain laws might affect certain jobs within the county. Dave stated that anyone is welcome to attend the sub-committee meetings and further offered anyone to send him e-mails with any concerns or comments. Public Employment Collective Bargaining was discussed and Trevor did not like that some positions were excluded and he felt that everyone should be treated the same and now some can only bargain for wages. Trevor states that for example our secondary road department works just as hard as sheriff's office. Dave states he heard from hundreds of individuals during the discussion on collective bargaining. Mona Bond brought up IPERS and Dave said it will come up in the future and IPERS is a defined benefit. Dave says that at some point IPERS will have hard time keeping up with the payments and what will need to be done; would it be raise contributions by employees and employers. What will happen if IPERS benefits are taken away or even payout at retirement lowered. Amy Vermillion states IPERS is a big benefit to employees and if we do not have good benefit such as IPERS, how are we going to retain or even hire good employees. It was suggested to have meeting within local county or with legislatures to provide their ideas and plans regarding any issues affecting them. Dave offered anyone to contact him via phone or e-mail with any concerns, questions or comments.

11:54 a.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Wilson to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Trevor White, Chairman