

November 2, 2017

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. at Drake Library, Grinnell, Iowa. Members present Diana Dawley & Larry Wilson. Also present Sondra Burnell, Worthin Grattan, Stockton Harter

Vice Chairman 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 October 26 & 30 board minutes. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Brenda Daily, CICS met with board for quarterly update. Brenda states that most applicants request funding consideration to gap fund outpatient services and services provided by Station Clubhouse. Brenda has been going to the Poweshiek County Jail to review jail-based service options with inmates and to assist them to complete CICS application packets.

Some funding obstacles have been that Salvation Army stated they are out of funds until January 2018 and MICA stated their crisis funding has been depleted so they are not able to help with disconnect notices, past-due pay arrangements, etc.

Brenda stated there has been a change in the CICS Housing Assistance program in that utility assistance is no longer available for consideration to applicants receiving a housing subsidy, as their utility is already used in the calculation of their housing subsidy.

Brenda has been making contact with the community and doing outreach regarding CICS services and how they may be able to assist certain individuals.

8:50 a.m. Jo Wray joined the meeting

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve November 3, 2017 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$187,205.57. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve Certificate of Appointments for Gene Tish, Derek Kriegel, & Brian Meeker as Part-time Temporary Secondary Road Winter Help at rate of pay \$19.50 per hour effective December 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve the following utility permits:

- Utility Permit #18-10U to MidAmerican Energy for work in Section 7, Union Township
- Utility Permit #18-11U to MidAmerican Energy for work in Section 23E, Jackson Township

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by Dawley to approve quote from 4 Season's Lawn & Landscape for snow removal at Community Services Building at rate of \$130 per 24 hour period for parking area, sidewalks, & ice melt for walks; \$75 per salt/sand parking area. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

8:55 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer, Melody Ferneau, Megan Tindle, Brenda Sutfin, & Kay Latcham, Treasurer's Office joined the meeting.

9:00 a.m. Jo Wray & Sondra Burnell met with the board to share information they received via e-mail from Mikel Derby, Iowa Department of Transportation (DOT) and to ask the board to advocate support for driver's license location in Grinnell. Dawley inquired who Mikel Derby was and stated Sandy had not received any correspondence from him regarding driver's license. Sondra stated that he is a liaison between DOT and legislature.

Jo Wray inquired if the board would lobby to have driver's license in Grinnell 2 days per week. Dawley stated that the DOT needs to be lobbied to get additional equipment for Poweshiek County. Sandy indicated that she stands behind her decision and, without additional equipment to provide effective

customer service; there will not be a satellite location in Grinnell. The board indicated that they back Sandy's decision fully.

Dawley stated that she supports Sandy because who knows better than the elected official what the situations are and her staff goes up there and they know the situations.

Dawley inquired why DOT was not trying to work harder with the counties to get them the equipment they need when we are providing a very valuable service to the residents. Why don't they step up to the plate and provide us with two issuing stations per location.

Sondra advocates that the county currently has the two stations and she would like to see the satellite location in Grinnell and wait to see when the DOT releases the one issuing station. She states she would rather see the service in Grinnell over effective customer service.

Wilson states that when all this started, June 19, 2017 with being notified by DOT that they would be taking Poweshiek County down to one issuing station per location, the county could still not get into the office located in the City of Grinnell building. Kay Latcham asked if the office location was ready at this time and no one had a definite answer if the location was even ready at this time. Wilson said then discussion began and the county still was not able to get into the office location in Grinnell so discussion started about whether to go back for a short while and then pull out when brought down to one issuing station per location or should the county pull now since already been out a year or more.

Dawley states it is disappointing when people say they go to Jasper County for driver's license instead of coming to Montezuma to support Poweshiek County. Jo and Sondra state that people want a one-stop shop where if they take time off to get driver's license, they can do other things, such as doctor appointments, groceries, lunch, etc.

Wilson assures that not having satellite driver's license station in Grinnell is not because the county does not want to, but based with the information provided to them from DOT and dropping down to one issuance station per location, it just would not provide effective customer service needed.

Sandy states she wants to provide good customer service and unless she has two issuing stations, she feels she cannot provide good customer service. If DOT were to provide her with the two issuing stations in Montezuma and two for Grinnell, sure she would be back in Grinnell.

Dawley states the board and Sandy were supporting the location in Grinnell until they were notified about being dropped down to one issuing station per location and then at that time, they began discussion about options and came to where they are today.

Board tabled discussion with Lyle Brehm, Engineer regarding wind farm road use escrow agreement until Monday, November 6 board meeting.

Board received Recorder's Report of Fees collected for month ending October 31, 2017.

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

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Trevor White, Chairman