

September 6, 2018

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

Moved by White, 2nd by Dawley to approve agenda as amended to include approval of utility permit. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Dawley to approve September 7, 2018 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$203,319.88. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Dawley to approve August 30, 2018 board minutes. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Dawley to approve Utility Permit #19-10U to MidAmerican Energy for work in Section 7, Deep River Township. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Brian Paul, EMA met with board to discuss disaster declaration for Poweshiek County. Paul stated due to the recent rainfall creating road closures and reports of flooded basements, he felt it necessary to do a declaration of local emergency for Poweshiek County. This declaration would allow access to state resources should they be needed in our county. Paul has spoken with the road department and they have all needed resources at this time but with the rain still in the forecast, which could cause water levels to rise again, there could be a need for additional resources. One main reason Paul wanted to do this declaration because of the individual assistance. The state will provide a grant to eligible individuals who are suffering from flood damage. The grant is a maximum of \$5,000 and to qualify must be at or below 200% of federal poverty level, which for a family of 3 would be a total income of no more than \$41,560. The grant would help these individuals to recoup costs incurrent for repairs and cleanup due to flood damage, as well as provide for food and alternate housing, if needed.

Additionally, Paul has been in contact with Red Cross to see about providing clean up kits to the communities in Poweshiek County. These kits would include bucket, rubber gloves, bleach, mops, sponges, etc. to help with clean up and to help reduce the possibility of mold/mildew in basements.

Paul stated he will be taking pictures of the damage in the area to submit to State of Iowa. He hopes it will dry out in the next couple days so the road department can assess any damages and see what needs completed for repairs.

White inquired where individuals would apply for assistance and Paul stated there is an online application. Paul stated there is a link on his website. When the declaration is invoked by the Governor, he will work with a disaster recovery team and coordinate to schedule a time & location where individuals needing assistance may meet.

Dawley inquired if the clean-up kits from the Red Cross would be for anyone in the community and Paul stated they are available on a first come basis to anyone needing them. Dawley inquired if individuals applying for the grant would be required to have their home inspected prior to receiving the grant funds. Paul stated it is a reimbursement so the individuals would buy the supplies, perform repairs, keep receipts and then submit to the disaster assistance team and if they qualify, they would be reimbursed with the grant money.

Dawley inquired if this information would be released to the media and Paul stated that once the declaration was invoked, he would prepare a press release to the local media.

Moved by White, 2nd by Dawley to approve Disaster Declaration for Poweshiek County and authorize Diana Dawley, Chairman to sign Declaration. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Supervisors discussed the rent for the county farmland and that proper notice was served on the current tenants that their lease would expire March 31, 2019. White stated that the current tenant would like to meet with the board to discuss a possible re-negotiation of the contract and Dawley stated that she would like to have the farmland published and placed for bid. The board will discuss further at meeting on September 10.

9:05 a.m. Moved by White, 2nd by Dawley to adjourn. 2 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman

September 10, 2018

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

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to approve agenda as amended to include addition of Utility Permit #2019-12U to MidAmerican. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Wilson to approve the following Utility Permits:

- #19-11U to MidAmerican Energy for work in Sections 15, 22 & 23, Jackson Township
- #19-12U to MidAmerican Energy for work in Section 7, Deep River Township & Section 12, Jackson Township

3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Jody Eaton, CICS met with board. Jody presented the board with the CICS Annual Audit Report for informational review. Jody discussed the Business Associate Agreement between Poweshiek County and CICS. CICS has asked each county in the region to provide a Business Associate Agreement. White stated the agreement shows Poweshiek County and CICS are HIPAA compliant. Wilson inquired if CICS would provide HIPAA training for county employees. Jody stated training is provided to CICS employees but they could provide to county employees as well and that training is not required on a yearly basis for county employees but it would be a good idea. Jody further stated the training could be completed online. Dawley inquired who would need to receive the training and Jody stated the covered department within the county would need training.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to approve Business Associate Agreement between Poweshiek County and CICS and authorize Diana Dawley, Chairman to sign. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:41 a.m. Lamoyne Gaard joined the meeting.

Jody further discussed that the CICS governing board approved a local funds distribution. It allows each county director in CICS the discretion of using \$50,000 a year for local purposes. Jody would like to form a committee consisting of herself, Susan Hiner, Brenda Daily and Diana Dawley. The committee would make sure the money is being spent properly and going where it is needed most. White stated that he is very much behind this idea. Wilson stated that the JB Paulson Fund, which works with private donations, is looking for a way to get active in raising the awareness of mental health in the community and that funding is available and the Campbell Fund in Grinnell is also available. They were wondering if they could use \$25,000 of the local fund as a matching fund for their upcoming donation drive by the Greater Poweshiek County Foundation. Jody stated that there is a matching grant fund to leverage one time funding as long as that funding would be used for one of the specific purposes. Dawley stated that the funding cannot be used for new programs or any other expenditures that may commit CICS region to future obligations. Wilson asked how we could go forward with getting more mental health services to this area. Jody shared that some counties use the local funds to bring in speakers for education on mental health. White stated he wanted to make sure that this money is used to help the people that need it. White has no objections to using it for educating the public. White asked if all counties received the same amount of funds and Jody stated that they did. White stated that he would like to see if one county did not use all of their funding and another county fell short on

their funding, could those counties share the money. Jody stated CICS is looking to do that on a regional level. Dawley stated it would be good to see some of the funding go to assist the elderly population in the county on services that are not covered. Wilson felt that Grinnell College may be interested in helping out in some way also. Dawley asked once again about the matching grant and if it would be a possibility. Jody stated that it could be if the funding rules were followed. White inquired about in-home counseling, who gets public services and the possibility of using juvenile detention counselors to do in-home counseling. Jody stated that could be a good resource if it was coded properly. Dawley asked Wilson how the JB Paulson Fund and Campbell Fund decide on allocating their funds. Wilson stated he believed it was a foundation decision and not an individual one. The board approved the forming of the committee relating to the local funds.

9:10 a.m. Roger VanErsvelde joined meeting.

Roger VanErsvelde inquired on the progress of the wind farms and was wondering if the second phase was to start this year. White stated that things were going smoothly and that Alliant's second phase is progressing and MidAmerican is still working some things out. Dawley stated that representatives from MidAmerica and Alliant have attended a board meeting providing updates and they will continue to do so. Dawley told Roger he is welcome to attend those meetings if he sees it on an upcoming agenda.

White asked Vanersvelde how he felt as a local farming resident of Brooklyn about a running event his community is putting on in memory of Mollie Tibbits on September 30, 2018. White stated that the event would go near the ground that he farms and there is possibility of shutting down some roads. Vanersvelde stated his only concern would be if they had farmers in that area harvesting that day for safety reasons, but was certain that most farmers would have no problem waiting until the run was done that day. Dawley shared that the run already had possibly 400 runners registered. Vanersvelde stated he was ok with it and just wanted everyone to be safe that participates in the run.

9:20 a.m. Dianna Longhenry, Recorder met with board for monthly meeting. Longhenry presented the board with a quote from Cott Systems for scanning of plat and survey books and that she has money in her Recorder's Management Fund to cover the expense. White stated he felt it was a good idea to move towards records being digitized. It was moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to authorize Diana Dawley, Chairman, to sign contract with Cott Systems for scanning of plat and survey books in the Recorder's Office. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:35 a.m. Sandy Ross Treasurer met with board to discuss a tax abatement request from the City of Brooklyn for property they own located at 115 Jackson Street, Parcel 0075800 in the amount of \$218. The City of Brooklyn states that this property is empty and not being used currently. Dawley inquired if the building would be sold. White stated there is a group that is trying to get the building refurbished and tied in with the Michael J. Manatt Center. The board's consensus was to approve the abatement of these taxes and will sign resolution at next board meeting.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd White to approve Resolution #2019-11 Tax Abatement Grinnell-Newburg School for parcel #3262400; S 672' of E 130' SE NW & S 672' of W ½ SE NE 8-80-16 in the amount of \$24,164 for taxes payable September 2018 and March 2019. 3 ayes. Motion carried. See Resolution on file.

9:52 Tom Kriegel, Sheriff joined the meeting.

Sheriff Kriegel addressed the board about a request from the community of Brooklyn regarding a 5K run on September 30 to honor Mollie Tibbits and to close 385th Avenue from Brooklyn city limits to 200th Street. Sheriff Kriegel felt it would be good to contact secondary road department about obtaining barricades.

9:57 Lyle Brehm joined the meeting.

The board does not see the need for extra officers or workers to help with this event. Brehm stated that it wouldn't be a problem to drop off barricades where needed but we would need a resolution for the road closure. The board gave the consensus to approve a resolution at the next board meeting regarding the closure 385th Avenue to 200th Street for the 5K run to honor Mollie Tibbits. White and Sheriff Kriegel stated they will let event leaders know there will be barricades for them to use for this event.

The board discussed with Brehm damage from the recent rains and problem areas that may need attention, especially if it were to rain as heavy in the future.

Board discussed rent of the county farmland. The board will meet with the current renters at a future board meeting. The board discussed the pros and cons for granting a 1-year extension to the current contract, opening to bidding for other interested parties, and the prospect of selling the property.

11:05 a.m. Moved by White, 2nd by Wilson to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman