

August 22, 2019

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA. Members present Diana Dawley, Merle Doty & Jason Roudabush.

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doty to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to approve August 7, 12, & 19, 2019 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doty to approve August 23, 2019 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$262,537.43. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:32 a.m. J.D. Griffith, Zoning/Sanitarian met with board for monthly meeting.

9:00 a.m. Jody Eaton, CICS met with board. Jody advised that employee, Susan Hiner will be leaving employment in December. Jody will be advertising for this position in September and hope to have someone hired in order for Susan to help train that individual.

Jody wanted to further discuss Diamond Life. Jody stated years back, all RCF's privatized and broke away from counties and Poweshiek County sold the building to privately owned Diamond Life and therefore the county has no authority over Diamond Life. Jody stated Diamond Life was scheduled to close September 30 but due to financial conditions, they have applied with Department of Inspection and Appeals to have an earlier closing date, which they hope to be August 30.

Department of Inspection & Appeals (DIA) and Department of Human Services (DHS) are involved in order to make sure all individuals' needs are met. DIA & DHS has reached out to CICS region to see if they could help with finding placement for these individuals. Jody stated DIA, DHS, IME, AmeriGroup, and CICS are working on getting individuals placed in new locations. Jody stated they have daily calls and several meetings and are working hard to find placement.

Jody stated she is going to reach out to the board of directors for Diamond Life to make sure everyone is aware of certain requirements they need to maintain or DIA could assess fines/penalties.

Board discussed abatement request by City of Grinnell to abate parcels #3604300, 3604100, 3603900 totaling \$1,362.00. After discussion, it was moved by Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to approve Resolution #2020-4 Abatement of Taxes for City of Grinnell for parcels #3604300, 3604100, and 3603900 totaling taxes of \$1,362.00. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doty to approve Resolution #2020-3 Abatement of Taxes for Grinnell-Newburg School District for parcels #3111100, 3111200, 3136900, 3137200, 3231800, 3231900 totalling \$8,190.00. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to approve the following Utility Permits:

- #20-08U to MCG for work in Section 10, Union Township
- #20-09U to Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC for work in Section 16, Sheridan Township
- #20-10U to Mahaska Communication Group for work in Section 3, Union Township

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Roudabush stated he attended the Council on Aging meeting.

Board discussed planting another tree on the west side of the courthouse to replace the ash tree that was removed. Dawley will contact tree farm and get a tree ordered for planting.

Doty stated he attended the Emergency Management Commission meeting this week.

10:11 a.m. Moved by Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Diana Dawley, Chairman

August 26, 2019

Board met in regular session at 8:30 a.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA. Members present Diana Dawley, Merle Doty & Jason Roudabush.

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doty to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to approve Resolution #2020-5 – Compensation Commission to Assess Damages. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Roudabush to approve Liquor License for Pilot Travel Center #495, Brooklyn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:40 a.m. Marty Wymore, Region 6 Housing met with board to discuss Region 6 Housing Trust Fund Poweshiek County cash contribution for FY'21. Wymore stated Region 6 obtains funding from the state of 75% and obtains contributions locally of 25%. Region 6 will reserve \$130,000 of Region 6 Housing Trust Fund assistance in Poweshiek County for calendar year 2020. The housing trust fund continues to seek application for owner occupied housing improvements. Applicants must have annual income under 80% of the county median as determined by HUD. Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doty to approve Resolution #2020-6 – Region 6 Housing Trust Fund Poweshiek County Contribution for FY'21 in amount of \$11,970. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:15 a.m. Mark Vavroch, Conservation Director met with board for monthly meeting.

9:30 a.m. Bart Klaver, County Attorney met with board to discuss North English Wind Project amendment to existing wind energy lease. Klaver stated he would like to get more information from the board on what is asked of him and past information on the lease. Vavroch stated originally wind project wanted to cross county property at NE corner of conservation land as they could not get adjoining land owners consent for an easement. Wind project wanted to do 7 power lines across the property and having an easement over 10-15 acres. The adjoining land owners then entered into an easement agreement so there was then no need to cross the conservation land. Vavroch does not feel the need for this amendment increasing the acres to 180 nor does he feel a need for the current lease agreement signed a few years ago.

Dawley stated her concern if the amendment is signed allowing for more acres, what if in the future the wind project then wants to put more power lines, it would hinder the county if conservation wanted to develop area or use for projects.

The board stated they would like Klaver to review the proposed amendment to the original lease agreement filed and further see if he can negotiate to not have the lease at all.

9:53 a.m. Brian Paul, EMA met with board to discuss hazmat. Currently Poweshiek County is a member of Northeast Iowa Response Group and Paul stated as part of his strategic plan is to have a 5-year plan to potentially be independent from NIRG. Paul presented the board with EMA's 5-year plan to become independent of the NIRG in Hazardous Materials responses.

Paul further discussed ICS training. This training is available online and it is a recommended training for supervisors in order to get federal funding if declared disaster area by federal government. Paul recommended the supervisors take the basic introductions classes of ICS 100 & ICS 700.

10:46 a.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doty to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Diana Dawley, Chairman