

January 29, 2020

Board met in special session at 6:30 p.m., Boardroom, Courthouse, Montezuma, IA. Members present Diana Dawley, Merle Doty & Jason Roudabush. Also present: J. Casey Pierce, Mayor City of Deep River; Kevin Carl, Malcom Fire/Montezuma Fire; Mike Kleitsch, Scott Sieck, Kris Sieck, Tiffany Criswell, Jeff Criswell, Heidi Thompson, Washington Township – Kay Haines, Dan Mauss, Tom Ogle, Peter Schalmo; Ben Anderson, Jail Administrator, Tom Kriegel, Sheriff, Chester Township – Gary Wilson, Randy Lidtka; Grant Township – Michael Hudnutt, Duane Roland; Sheridan Township – David Ferneau, Lyle Johnson; Ellen Lender, Delmar Lender, Gary Porter, Brent Nickel, Dawn Disney, E911; Ron Baker, Pleasant Township; Sally Lang, Ron Lang, Malcom Township – Faye Klenk, Darwin Klenk, Roger Cline; Joel Kercheval, Montezuma Ambulance; Traci Smith, East Poweshiek Ambulance; Dennis Crawford, Dan Sicard, Grinnell Fire Chief; Lamoyne Gaard, Grinnell City Councilman; and Richard Berman.

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve January 23 & 27, 2020 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

6:30 p.m. Chairman Roudabush initiated discussion regarding ambulance service in rural Poweshiek County, specifically the townships in the Grinnell area. Roudabush stated the current ambulance service; Care Ambulance has a contract with the City of Grinnell, which also ties in with the county to provide services in the townships. Care Ambulance gave their 60-day notice to the City of Grinnell, which left the city to find another ambulance service. The city received a quote from Midwest Ambulance, which was a much higher rate than paid in the past. The city wanted the county to provide 45% of the cost of the contract. The county offered 23% to the city and they declined this offer and stated wanted 45%. The county reached out to the city on 2 different occasions offering the 23% but each time, the city indicated they wanted 45%. The city then stated they were just going to be negotiating for city limits only. The county reached out to Midwest to see if they would do a 1-year contract and service the rural township area and Midwest indicated they could not contract with the county as their agreement is with the City of Grinnell. So the county then contact Montezuma Ambulance (MAS) & East Poweshiek Ambulance (EPAS) to see if they could expand their coverage and what it would take for this to happen.

Roudabush stated he also asked the city council members if city and county could work out an agreement for coverage for western Grant Township and city turned the request down. Roudabush also asked about other areas surrounding the city limits and was turned down.

Roudabush stated the goal is to get an ambulance stationed in Grinnell area and staffed with MAS & EPAS working together.

Roudabush further stated the contract with Midwest and the City of Grinnell was for 5 years and the county did not have a say in the contract as the city held the contract.

Roudabush stated that both MAS & EPAS have 2 ambulances and they will be hiring 2 additional employees to help with this expanded coverage.

Dawley states she has received many complaints from citizens about Midwest not having good service and they hire people out of the county who are not familiar with the territory. Dawley felt the contract heavily favored Midwest and there were issues with the contract that she did not like and the county was not part of that contract so did not have a say.

Doty stated he has concerns with the county paying 45% of contract. Doty asked at a city council meeting how the 45% came about and no one could answer but that it has been this way for 30 years. Doty does not feel 45% is an equitable amount for the county.

Doty further stated that MAS & EPAS have been so gracious and helpful through this process. Doty wants to work with the city to join ambulance service down the road. Doty further states that majority of counties in Iowa the supervisors are not involved in ambulance service. In those counties, the townships work directly with ambulance services to enter into 28E agreements for coverage in their township.

Dawley also stated Joel Kercheval, MAS & Traci Smith, EPAS have been great.

Roudabush stated that the current contract city has with Midwest is for BLS service only so basically it's a pick up and ride to hospital.

Residents of rural Grinnell stated their concerns regarding call time. Residents state they are confident in the care from MAS & EPAS but how long will it take to get to a location.

Roudabush understands the concern and states that the goal is to get an ambulance in Grinnell area in the future but this cannot be done in a few days.

Dan Sicard feels if city council and board of supervisors meet, perhaps they can come to some sort of agreement for coverage.

Dawley stated the board of supervisors will be meeting in Grinnell at Drake Library on February 6, 2020 and would welcome city council to join the meeting at 10:00 a.m. to discuss issues.

Lamoyne Gaard stated the city council has a meeting on Monday, February 3 at 5:00 p.m. if anyone wanted to attend then to voice their concerns.

Gary Wilson, Chester Township stated he met with the rural fire association to discuss if for an interim time, they would allow the rural fire truck to roll for calls as first responders. The rural fire association stated they would allow this and would pay for the manpower. They currently pay for all the upkeep on the rural fire truck. They would cover this expense for an interim time. Gary then contacted the city manager to see about discussing this with the city council. Gary was informed to reach out to one council member, Jo Wray, first. Gary spoke with Jo Wray and she stated she would not make a decision until she knew the entire plan from the county. Gary is hopeful that the city would be negotiable with the first responder if could come up with a certain time frame.

The cost of having another ambulance and staffing in Grinnell was brought up and Dawley pointed out that if the county went with the 5-year contract with City of Grinnell, the county would pay approximately \$808,000 and the supervisors feel there can be a good county ambulance working with MAS & EPAS for this amount of money and the money stays in the county. With a private company, the money goes out of county and most times, the staffing are not from the county either.

Roudabush stated that MAS & EPAS have been great and they care and just want to take care of the people in Poweshiek County.

7:58 p.m. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

February 3, 2020

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

Chairman Roudabush led the pledge of allegiance.

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

8:30 a.m. Lyle Brehm, Engineer met with board to discuss 28E Agreement with City of Grinnell regarding F27 (11th Avenue) resurfacing project. County Road F27, a Farm-to-Market Route, extends into City of Grinnell; the route is named 11th Avenue within the City's corporate limits. This road continues to deteriorate and is in need of repair and the City and County will work cooperatively to jointly complete the resurfacing. Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve 28E Agreement between City of Grinnell and Poweshiek County pertaining to the F27 (11th Avenue) HMA Resurfacing Project. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve Utility Permit #20-26U to Pioneer Solar, LLC for work in Section 4, Chester Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to approve the re-appointment of Uwe E. Meyer to Veterans Affairs Commission for a 3-year term, expiring January 20, 2023. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to approve liquor license for Gator Enterprise, LLC, Brooklyn, Iowa. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m. Rey Freeman and Michael Mazzitello, Sr., Consultants, met with board to provide a presentation on Poweshiek County Phase 2 Radio Plan. Also present: Duane Vos, Racom; Brian Paul, EMA; Tom Kriegel, Sheriff; Joel Vanderleest, Chief Deputy; Ben Anderson, Jail Administrator.

Moved by Dawley, 2nd by Doty to set public hearing concerning the County's Max Tax Levy for Fiscal Year 2021 Budget and direct county auditor to publish said information in the official county newspapers; public hearing set for Thursday, February 27 at 1:00 p.m. in the boardroom, Poweshiek County Courthouse, 302 E Main Street, Montezuma. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

11:41 a.m. Moved by Doty, 2nd by Dawley to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman