

June 22, 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 Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve minutes June 15 & 19, 2017. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve the following resolutions:

- #2981 Depositories of Poweshiek County Treasurer FY'18
- #2982 Depositories of Poweshiek County Employee Health Plan Trust FY'18
- #2983 Depositories of Poweshiek County Auditor FY'18
- #2984 Depositories of Poweshiek County Recorder FY'18
- #2985 Depositories of Poweshiek County Sheriff FY'18

3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:45 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer met with the board to discuss rescinding Resolution #2958 county held tax sale certificate and abatement of taxes. Sandy states due to adjoining owners not taking any interest in pursuing the property as the Poweshiek County Treasurer had presented to them, she would like to rescind Resolution #2958 within the same fiscal year as approved. Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to rescind Resolution #2958 regarding county held tax sale certificate and abatement of taxes on parcel #3107900, known as Bailey's Addition, East 10' of Alley West of Lots 7 & 8, Block 3, City of Grinnell. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:00 a.m. J.D. Griffith, Sanitarian/Zoning met with the board for monthly meeting and presented his May 2017 sanitarian report.

Discussion regarding the properties at the Malcom interchange and contacting them regarding removal of the signage. J.D. will contact the county attorney and provide appropriate information so she can send letter to owners regarding removal of signage.

J.D. stated that he needs another individual for the Zoning Commission. Diana asked if there were any females presently on the commission and J.D. advised he had one female and perhaps it would be good to seek another to have more gender balance.

9:30 a.m. Becky Petig, County Attorney met with the board to discuss courthouse security and the recent Iowa Supreme Court Supervisory Order dated June 19, 2017. The Supreme Court ruled that there needs to be consistency with courthouse security state wide and has ordered that all weapons are prohibited from courtrooms, court-controlled spaces, and public areas of courthouses and other justice centers occupied by the court system. Becky states it is her opinion that public area of courthouse means all offices of the courthouse as long as the court system is located in that courthouse. Further, this order does not affect the authority of county to determine appropriate employment policies for their employees in county offices located in courthouses and other justice centers. The order also does not affect the authority of peace officers to carry weapons in courthouses and justice centers while performing law enforcement duties.

Becky states the county may adopt a resolution pertaining to prohibiting weapons in courthouse and can impose a penalty within the resolution. If the Supervisory Order is violated, it would be a contempt of court violation. Becky would recommend having a resolution in place, which is consistent or more restrictive than the Supervisory Order and have it apply to county buildings with the exception of Foster Center; courthouse & courthouse grounds. Becky recommended that the county post a summary of the Supervisory Order at courthouse main entrances, stairwells & elevation.

10:26 a.m. Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Trevor White, Chairman

June 26, 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 Dawley, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve agenda as amended to include approval of Utility Permit #17-67U to Poweshiek Water Association. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to approve Utility Permit #17-67U to Poweshiek Water Association to bore line under 360<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Section 33, Sheridan Township and Section 4, Malcom Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Larry provided an update with regard to the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge and stated that the county attorney has agreement from railroad and she is reviewing and will be in touch with Lyle and the board once reviewed. Larry is hoping this can be on the agenda for the Thursday, July 6 board meeting.

8:45 a.m. City of Searsboro representatives Kim Shutts, Mayor; Shirley Tremmel, City Clerk, Diane Angove & Christine Nippe, City Council members met with board to discuss roads in Searsboro. Also present Terry Pickett, Assistant Engineer & Mark Bair, Road Superintendent. Kim states the city is having issues with semis coming into town and destroying black top on city roads. The city did have Manatts fix one patch of the road at a cost of \$11,000, which really made a hard hit to the city's road use fund. Kim would like to re-open a road & put in a cement culvert for an alternate route for semis and then put weight limit on the two other entrances. The road she would like to re-open has been closed for years. Kim stated she called DOT to see if any assistance was available and was advised by them that farm-to-market money came to county & to contact the county. Kim states their main goal to find an alternate route into town for semis so to not have the damage done to their black top roads.

Kim also wanted to know if there would be any way the city could pay the county one-time a year to grade the rock roads in Searsboro. They do not have a resource at this time to maintain the rock roads in town and would like the board to consider this request. Diana asked if there was a contractor that would possibly be able to grade the roads and recommended to reach out to some private contractors to see if they could assist. Larry advised to contact other cities to see what resources they utilize. Diana suggested to contact Region 6 Housing to see if they would have funds available and Kim stated they are already utilizing Region 6 for their storm sewer system project.

9:15 a.m. Joel Vanderleest, Chief Deputy & Ben Anderson, Jail Administrator met with the board to discuss staffing and their request to hire a thirteenth person. Larry states he is possibly willing to go along with hiring an additional employee. He feels it is unknown how everything will work until you get into the split with dispatchers & jailers. With the split, dispatchers will be trained as jailers but those hired as jailers will be solely jailers. Joel stated they are looking to hire part-time jailers to help cover jail shifts of time off, which he feels would alleviate overtime. Trevor might be for hiring an additional employee but he would like to meet quarterly with sheriff to look at income & expenses to see if it is working financially. Diana feels once something is approved, it is hard to go back. Joel states there are a few items working out with the union and there will be a letter of agreement for this union contract. Trevor asked about pay scale for jailers and if it is the same as the dispatchers or will they have a different pay scale. The board tabled making decision on authorizing hiring an additional employee for sheriff's department until board meeting Thursday, June 29.

9:50 a.m. Mark Vavroch, Conservation Director met with the board for monthly meeting. Mark presented the minutes from the Conservation Board meeting held June 6, 2017. Mark advised the board that he had one of his summer staff terminate employment.

10:00 a.m. Northeast Iowa Area Agency on Aging (NEI3A) representatives Donna Harvey, Cara Ferch and Darlis Hawkins met with the board. Also, present George Fowler, Sharon Herman, Bev King, Tom Cooper & Mona Bond. Donna Harvey gave overview of services offered through NEI3A such as meals on wheels, family caregiver support program, transportation services, lawn care, respite care, and other smaller services. Donna does not feel old services are what people want today. The state has cut back funding and they are losing 18 employees so they needed to make changes and decided to go back to basic roots by talking to communities to see how NEI3A can support them and what services are need. NEI3A would like to keep seniors at home, happy, healthy, active & social. There needs to be programs people want. Programs offered are on a contribution basis but perhaps should be on shared financial basis.

Diana inquired if seniors having mental health issues are still provided case management services. Donna advised that they still provide case management services for only for non-Medicaid individuals. Donna advised she has reached out to work with our region and will reach out to Capstone so they can work together to provide appropriate services to individuals in need.

Sharon asked how we can get these services for individuals who need them and how can these individuals obtain this information. Donna advised they are trying to be more involved in Poweshiek County and get the information available. One way suggested was to reach out to the churches.

Another issue mentioned was the need for transportation for individuals to get to appointments. Darlis stated they do have many volunteers but the transportation funds really are not there. Darlis advised that the Brooklyn Senior Center would be closing.

Diana stated she thought it would be good to have a representative from Poweshiek County to be on the NEI3A board of directors. Donna agreed and welcomed anyone interested from Poweshiek County.

11:00 a.m. Amy Vermillion, Assessor joined the meeting.

11:06 a.m. Becky Petig, County Attorney met with the board to discuss courthouse security and to discuss adopting a resolution to conform to the Iowa Supreme Court Supervisory Order as well as the current security policy with Poweshiek County. Becky will prepare a draft resolution for the board's approval.

Trevor stated he would like to revisit at future board meetings the reapportioning funds to capital projects for rural rock road infrastructure.

11:46 a.m. Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dawley to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Trevor White, Chairman