

March 22, 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: Whitney Baethke, Executive Director for City of Montezuma and Lyle Brehm, County Engineer.

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to approve amended agenda to include Utility Permit #18-36U & Signature of Plan for Project BROS-CO79(51)—8J-79. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:30 a.m. Whitney Baethke discussed a \$1,000 grant funds request from the South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency towards the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Monte Pride Service and Clean-Up Day.

8:50 a.m. Lyle Brehm, County Engineer, presented the plans for bridge work in Lincoln Township, Section 24-Project BROS-CO79(51)—8J-79 for signature. Lyle also discussed Amendment #1 to Escrow Agreement with MidAmerican Energy. After discussion, it was moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to authorize Chairman Dawley to sign the plan for bridge work in Lincoln Township, Section 24-Project BROS-CO79—8J-79. 3 ayes. Motion carried. The Amendment #1 to Escrow Agreement will be on the agenda for March 26, 2018.

Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to approve March 23, 2018 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$275,874.50. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve board minutes for March 15 & 19, 2018. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve the following utility permit:

- #18-36U to Aureon Network Services for work in Section 21, Grant Township

3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:55 a.m. Steve Short, Janitor, joined the meeting.

9:10 a.m. Steve Short discussed quote he had received to re-seal the north stairs of the courthouse. The Board would like to see work already done by the company to see what it will look like once completed. Steve Short will get information and present it to the board at a later date. Dawley requested Steve Short to obtain another quote for the steps.

10:14 a.m. Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Diana Dawley, Chairman

March 26, 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: Dann Hayes, Poweshiek CR.

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

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

Moved by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to approve the following utility permits:

- #18-37U to MidAmerican Energy for work in Section 35, Pleasant Township
- #18-38U to Windstream Iowa Communications LLC for work in Section 5, Washington Township

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2<sup>nd</sup> by White to approve amendment to escrow agreement between MidAmerican Energy and Poweshiek County and authorize Chairman Dawley to sign amendment. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

White advised the board that he contacted Signs by Fisher for a quote for the signage at the County Services Building in Grinnell and that Fisher declined to quote due to his workload at the present time.

Dawley advised that she contacted Dick Hansen to obtain a quote on fixing the north courthouse steps. Dawley further advised that Steve Short, Maintenance is obtaining quotes from other businesses as well.

8:45 a.m. Moved by White, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Wilson to appoint Bart Klaver as Poweshiek County Attorney to fill vacancy to December 31, 2018. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

White discussed letter received from Poweshiek County FSA office stating that a portion of the Bear Creek Range is on CRP ground. White said he discussed this with the FSA office and it was found that .76 acres of the CRP land was developed for the trap range. White stated he understood at the time the trap range was set up, it was not on any CRP ground. This will now go to a committee for review and to assess liquidated damages.

9:00 a.m. Board received the following bids for mowing:

Option A – All county properties as one total bid

- Hoffstetter Lawn & Landscaping; \$6,945 per season
- 4 Seasons Lawn & Landscape; \$8,455 per season
- Prusha Lawn & Landscaping; \$8,000 per season
- Agri-Vations LLC; \$8,600 per season
- Eichenberger Lawn Care; \$10,800 per season
- Mike Shutts Mowing; \$11,298 per season
- Shawn A Davis; \$11,500 per season

Option B – properties as separate bid

- Shawn A Davis; Montezuma Maintenance Shop \$2,800 per season; Brooklyn & Malcom County Shops \$4,600 per season
- Brad's Mowing Service; Bike Path, County Services Building, Grinnell & Searsboro County Road Shops \$4,725
- Mike Shutts Mowing; Bike Path, County Services Building, Grinnell & Searsboro County Road Shops \$5,100; Montezuma Road Shop \$1,561; Brooklyn & Malcom Road Shops \$4,095

The board decided to go with Option A, which entails mowing of all property, instead of Option B, which splits the property in three different areas. Board will table decisions on mowing bids until board meeting March 29, 2018.

9:30 a.m. Board met with school districts to discuss Poweshiek County Urban Renewal. Present were Brad Hohensee, Superintendent, BGM School District/HLV School District and Dave Hoeger, Superintendent, Montezuma School District. Dawley explained the urban renewal the county was planning and the purpose of the urban renewal to be for work on the infrastructure of the rural rock road system. Wilson explained the timeline for valuation on the wind turbines.

Hohensee inquired why the board would not just do a bond issue to generate money for the rock road infrastructure. White stated he does not like the idea of bonding and having all the interest to pay back. White states this is a way of building infrastructure in the entire county. Hohensee has concerns about tax dollars from TIF received are going to be used in areas of the county that are not in his taxing district. Wilson states no different than Lake Ponderosa or Holiday Lake paying taxes and money going toward school when a lot of the owners there probably don't have kids in the school districts. Hoeger asked if the board has talked about a certain dollar amount to capture from the revenue and White stated possibly anywhere from one-half to two-thirds available to capture. White explained he would like to have the authority to capture one hundred percent of available funds but knows the right thing to do is to not capture the entire available amount. White further stated this board is not going to spend money where it is not needed.

Board discussed RAGBRAI pass-through Montezuma on July 26 and the use of the courthouse lawn. The board has no problem with using the courthouse lawn for foot and bicycle traffic but would not like to have any heavy trucks

or heavy equipment on the lawn. The board stated they would like the City of Montezuma to keep the board informed if they would like to use the courthouse lawn for more than the foot & bicycle traffic. The board stated they will encourage their employees to park on side streets this day but would like to recommend to the City of Montezuma to leave the south side of the courthouse available for parking for the general public doing business in the courthouse that day. The board realizes the City of Montezuma may close whatever road they feel necessary but would hope they would take into consideration general public coming to the courthouse.

Board discussed the courthouse lawn and the need to contact lawn care businesses to get recommendations and quotes on what is needed to repair the lawn to get it into good looking condition.

Board discussed the sidewalk on the east side of the courthouse.

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

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Diana Dawley, Chairman