

August 23, 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; Merle Doty, Danny Carroll

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by White to approve agenda as amended to include discussion regarding cleaning at the Community Services Building in Grinnell, 2nd by Wilson.

3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:32 a.m. Lamoyne Gaard joined the meeting.

Board discussed cleaning at the Community Services Building in Grinnell. Wilson stated Cathy Beck was interested in the cleaning. The cleaning would be two times per week and average 2-3 hours each day with a rate of pay \$10.00 per hour. Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to approve Cathy Beck to clean at Community Services Building with rate of pay \$10.00 per hour to perform work 2 days per week averaging 2 -3 hours each day. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Wilson stated the asphalt overlay has been completed on the 20th Street Bridge in Grinnell.

Moved by White, 2nd by Wilson to approve August 24, 2018 Poweshiek County Payroll for \$257,959.21. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to approve Utility Permit #19-06U to Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC for work in Section 22, Jackson Township.

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Wilson to approve Resolution #2019-7 Abatement of Mobile Home Taxes as follows: Owner of record: Stalzer, John V & Stalzer, Charlotte; 1983 Fairmont mobile home VIN#42738; Title 79-W003861, which was removed from Lot 13 Grinnell Mobile Home Park in the amount of \$156.00. 3 ayes. Motion carried. See resolution on file.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to approve August 9, 13 & 20, 2018 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Wilson to approve letter to DNR regarding the public hearing held August 20 receiving comments on proposed confinements.

White stated that conservation is looking into the feasibility of installing solar panels at the Foster Center and the campground.

White stated the EMA meeting scheduled for last night was cancelled due to members not being able to attend due to other obligations.

Dawley stated she attended DeCat meeting yesterday at Drake Library.

Board discussed the quote to move heating/cooling unit from the breakroom to the recorder's vault and stated they would like to see a detailed quote, including all work to be completed and listing cost for each item.

9:00 a.m. Board met with members from townships within the MidWest Ambulance district. Those present were Gary Wilson, Chester Township; Duane Roland, Michael Hudnutt, Nancy Wolff, Rick Peters, Grant Township; Clifton Schultz, Wesley Sebetka, Sheridan Township; Kay Haines, Dan Mauss, Tom Ogle, Washington Township. Dawley explained the county currently has a contract with City of Grinnell for ambulance service with MidWest, which services their township and this service includes advanced services so that Montezuma Ambulance and East Poweshiek Ambulance may tier with them, if needed. The contract is up August 2019 and therefore now looking at what options are available for ambulance service since nearing the end of the contract. Dawley stated last budget year, Montezuma Ambulance contracted with townships to levy 20 ¼ cents for service.

Wilson stated townships serviced by MidWest do not currently levy for ambulance service and the county contracts with City of Grinnell to have the townships covered. Wilson stated the City of Grinnell says it does not really need advanced services due to having the hospital in town. Wilson feels the townships need to levy for ambulance service but also feels the county should continue to play a role to make sure the entire county is getting ambulance service and the type of service needed.

White states he will be a representative for the county on the committee the City of Grinnell is putting together to discuss ambulance service and would invite any of the townships officials to be on the committee as well. White states the county is not trying to take control over the townships but just want to make sure we have ambulance service in the county.

Wilson states that just as the townships levy for fire protection, they should levy for ambulance service. The total levy rate allowed by law for emergency services is 60 ³/₄ cents, this includes fire & ambulance.

Dawley stated she researched ambulance services with other counties and did not find a county in similar situation as Poweshiek County. She stated Iowa County has their own ambulance service and Mahaska County has ambulance service through the hospital.

White says he feels there are 3 options: 1) stay with MidWest and work to renew contract; 2) find a different ambulance service; or 3) have countywide service.

Dawley stated that East Poweshiek Ambulance is not requesting any additional funds from the county and they do their own fundraising and billing for their income.

Danny Carroll inquired what townships are in the Montezuma Ambulance Service. Auditor Eilander stated all of Union, Jackson & Deep River Township are covered as well as portions of Sugar Creek, Pleasant, Scott & Lincoln Townships.

Wilson stated that due to the time frame of nearing in on valuation & budget time that it may be best to try to negotiate a one-year extension of the contract to allow time to make decisions.

Gary Wilson inquired if the townships levy for ambulance, will the county reduce their contribution? White stated they are looking into what to do in that respect; whether to eliminate or reduce but just as long as it is the same across the board for all ambulance services, whatever that decision will be.

Dawley stated she feels if the townships levy for ambulance service, then the county should not continue to contribute.

Wilson feels the level of county funding should remain the same for Montezuma Ambulance and East Poweshiek Ambulance. Wilson feels many calls may be to the interstate and he does not think the cost of that should fall all on the townships and the county should still play a role in some way and wants to make sure all areas of the county are covered.

Dawley stated the board is trying to keep the townships informed of what is going on with the ambulance contract.

White stated the board is trying to make sure each township has ambulance service but stated if the township officials wanted to reach out to ambulance service providers to try to reach an agreement on service that is an option. Dawley stated that perhaps the ambulance service that provides transports for the hospital might be interested.

Gary Wilson, Chester Township and Nancy Wolff, Grant Township expressed interest of being on the committee discussing ambulance service. The supervisors stated their contact information is on the website and for township officials to reach out to them if they have any questions or comments and they will keep the lines of communication open during this process.

9:45 a.m. Richard Lemke joined the meeting.

Nancy Wolff advised the board that the railroad crossing on 410th Avenue just off 146 is a disaster and full of holes between the tracts and potholes on both sides of track. She wondered if there could be some negotiation with the railroad to see about repairing it. The board stated they would relay the information to the engineer to see what could be done and advised Nancy she could communicate with engineer as well to keep updated.

10:25 a.m. Tom Kriegel, Sheriff joined the meeting. Sheriff Kriegel wanted to update the board briefly on work the sheriff's office has been doing over the past few weeks.

Board received Manure Management Plan for Andy Mart, SW ¹/₄ SE ¹/₄, Section 20, Deep River Township for proposed swine confinement for 2480 head. The board will set this matter for public hearing at 9:30 a.m. on September 13, 2018 to receive comments and will send letter to landowners/residents within a 2-mile radius of the location.

10:47 a.m. Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman

August 27, 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 & Dann Hayes, Poweshiek CR

Chairman Dawley led the pledge of allegiance.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to approve agenda as amended to include approval of re-appointment of Linda Stoll, Veterans Affairs Commission. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Wilson to approve the following utility permits:

- #19-07U to Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC for work in Sections 8 & 9, Washington Township
- #19-08U to Interstate Power & Light / J.F. Edwards Construction Company

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to approve letter to mail to landowners within 2-mile radius of Andy Mart proposed confinement. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Wilson to approve re-appointment of Linda Stoll to serve a 3-year term on Veterans Affairs Commission. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by White, 2nd by Wilson to approve 28E Agreement between Poweshiek County and Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Sandy Ross, Treasurer met with board to discuss abatement request by City of Grinnell. City of Grinnell made a request to abate taxes on parcel #0485100; West Grinnell Lots 15 & 16, Block 13, located at 521 4th Avenue, Grinnell, owned by political subdivision. Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to approve Resolution #2019-8 abatement of taxes owned by City of Grinnell, Parcel #0485100; West Grinnell Lots 15 & 16, Block 13, located at 521 4th Avenue, Grinnell in amount of \$1,214.00 for taxes due and payable September 2018 and March 2019. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Sandy Ross presented an abatement of taxes request by Grinnell-Newburg School District, which request is for parcels 3111100, 3111200, 3136900, 3137200, 3231800, 3231900, 3262400, totaling \$32,310 due and payable September 2018 & March 2019.

White stated he is ok to abate parcels 3111100, 3111200, 3136900, 3137200, 3231800 & 3231900 as the schools intent is to still use this location for school purposes. Board relayed they are in favor of abating these parcels & a resolution will be presented at board meeting August 30.

Wilson feels that once parcel #3262400 property was listed for sale earlier this year, the intent to use for school purposes was no longer and would not consider abatement going forward. Dawley stated that since the taxes run a year and half behind and as of January 1, 2017, the school advised they still intended to use for school purposes, she feels the taxes due and payable 18-19 should be abated but since the school is selling the property and it is now not intended for school use, perhaps future year taxes should not be abated. A resolution will be presented to the board for approval at August 30 meeting.

9:09 a.m. Tom Kriegel, Sheriff; Joel Vanderleest, Chief Deputy; and Ben Anderson, Jail Administrator met with board to discuss staffing. Ben stated he has couple employees leaving in the dispatcher/jailer positions stating one is taking another position. Ben stated he would like board's approval to hire two additional employees so they can be trained and ready when the current employees leave employment. Dawley asked if they have had any formal

resignation letters at this time. Kriegel stated they have an individual from prior advertisement listing they would like to offer position. Wilson stated if they go through advertising process, it would take about a month. White stated he would feel comfortable with hiring one individual at this time but feels they need the official resignation date before he would authorize hiring the second. Dawley feels ok to hire one individual now as they have a good candidate and go ahead and advertise for the additional position, as that process will take some time. Dawley stated she would like to find a way to thank all the dispatchers/jailers and deputies for all the work they did during the Mollie Tibbetts case.

Dawley inquired on the Central Iowa Detention Commission meeting minutes it stated there was a request for more information regarding tiers of insurance, number of people on each plan tier and number of people declining insurance based on open enrollment time periods. White stated that currently they provide a monthly stipend of \$1,000 for employees to use toward benefits. Wilson inquired how many are employed and White stated there are around 26 full-time benefit eligible employees and about 100 total employees of record. Most employees are part-time drivers and about half of those employees work directly for detention and the other half with other services.

9:45 a.m. Moved by Wilson, 2nd by White to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Diana Dawley, Chairman