

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
January 16, 2024

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Kyle Smith; Supervisors, Jeff Ives, Louis Stauffer, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from January 4, 2024 and January 9, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauffer, to approve the agenda with striking John Runneberg. Ayes all, motion carried.

Librarians: Glenda Mulder, Becky Ives, Lola DeWall, Stephanie Archer, Linda Mercer, Melissa Hoyt, Lorna Naeve, and Anita Fischer, met with the Board to thank them for their continued support and requested a 6% increase in County funding for FY25. They each presented on the services and activities they provide our rural residents. The Board thanked them for their services they provide and will take their request into consideration.

Rick Woodley, Stephanie Webbink and Collin Lind advised the Board on the County's liability renewal for calendar year 2024. The insurance increased 21%, totaling a \$28,835.00 increase. They discussed each area of coverage, reasons for the increase and options for lowering the premium. Ives and Jepsen will meet with the agents to make changes to decrease the cost.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed policies for Secondary Roads when the Courthouse is closed. The Board advised Moellering to make a policy now to be used going forward, which will be referenced in the Employee Handbook. Moellering also advised that the pre-construction meeting for 34 South Lizard bridge will be Wednesday. Tomorrow the DOT will also inspect the bridge to determine the exact amount not eligible for federal funding.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden, to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report, Statement of Condition, and Semi-Annual Report. Ayes all, motion carried. In the Quarterly Investment Report, it was noted that there was \$600.00 cash in the Treasurer's Office, \$8,002,601.14 in Certificates of Deposit, \$3,078,982.07 in Stamped Drainage Warrants, \$1,150,477.88 in Drainage Improvement Certificates, and \$11,274,997.31 in banks, for a total of \$23,507,658.40. This quarter there were three CD's renewed, \$301,128.11 in interest earned, and 386 driver's licenses issued that generated \$2,702.00 in revenue.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Benelli Finisher Farm-ID# 71429 located in the SW SW, Section 10, Cedar Township with Prime Farms LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (2) FMP III Wernimont #2-ID# 65118 located in the NW SE, Section 4, Cedar Township with FMP III, LLP as owner & Rusty Kosky as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Nothing; Stauffer-EMS Advisory Group and Fair Board; Smith-DOT; Siepker-Visioning Committee and Conservation; and Aden-Visioning Committee.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauffer, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

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The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in special session to review budget requests.

Members present: Chairman, Kyle Smith; Supervisors, Jeff Ives, Louis Stauffer, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen.

Starting at 1:00 p.m. the Board met with the department heads from the different departments to review their budget requests for FY 25. Budgets reviewed were Veterans Affairs, General Assistance, Recorder, Assessor, County Farm, Sheriff, Zoning, E-911, EMA, Mental Health, and Courthouse & Grounds.

At 4:20 p.m., the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor