

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
February 3, 2026**

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Peter Seehusen, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Erin Rydgren.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Siepker to approve the minutes from January 27, 2026 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Old Business:

DD41 Br 38 there will be no petition. Secondary Roads will repair/replace about 200' of tile.

Supervisors will visit with Sheriff Nelson regarding Law Enforcement contracts at budget review.

Alison Hauser, Liaison, provided the board with her quarterly report for the Bryne Grant telephonically. Hauser advised that she received intercept referrals on all five levels she presented in her grant. A Behavioral Health Coalition in Pocahontas County has been implemented. Siepker will be present at those meetings. Hauser reported that barriers have been the Medicaid changes and follow through. Hauser will send the quarterly report from the Bryne Grant to the auditor.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer reviewed the bridge posting recommendations. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Siepker to approve bridge posting recommendations and Resolution 2026-02-#13 Revised Bridge Postings for County Bridge #126 and #237. Roll call vote: ayes- Seehusen, Siepker, Stauter, Smith, Aden. Nays-none, motion carried. Full resolution can be requested at the auditor's office.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve DOT Detour Agreement, BRFN-003-3(74)-39-76. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Siepker to approve County Line Project with Humboldt FM-C046(92)-55-46 and FM-C046(93)-55-46. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor reviewed the initial Fund Status Report for FY27.

Hinrickson advised that the county received a thank you from Upper Des Moines Opportunity for the donation.

The County 2020 Code of Ordinances should be reviewed every five to six years. Hinrickson reached out to Simmering Cory of Storm Lake on a cost for recodifying and it would be approximately \$5,000.00. Hinrickson was asked to find out what the time frame would be to get it done.

Hinrickson stated that they are working on changing the deputy's office on the third floor into a breakroom for employees, moving it from the basement.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2026-02-#11 Decommitt Certain Funds. Funds were assigned in 2021 under Resolution numbers 2021-6-#17 & 2021-7-#26 for Future Buildings and Repairs and Future Voting Equipment but not used. Roll call vote: ayes- Seehusen, Siepker, Stauter, Smith, Aden. Nays-none, motion carried. Full resolution can be requested at the auditor's office.

Seehusen reviewed and agrees with the Matrix provided for the Hawkeye Ag LLP, A & W site, Construction Application in Cummins Township. Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve the application. All ayes, motion carried.

Stauter reviewed and agrees with the Matrix provided for the Summit Farms Pork LLC, Brannigan Site, Construction Application in Dover Township. Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker to approve the application. All ayes, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to acknowledge receipt of the County Historical Society 2025 financial report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden to approve Bolten and Menk invoice of \$26,226.00 for Wetland Locator Services. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to Manure Management Plans: (1) Plover Finisher Farm – ID# 58387 NW SW, Section 32, Powhatan Township Marton Pork Productions Inc. as owner & Iowa Select Farms LLC as contact (2) Fonda Finisher Farm – ID# 58396 NW NW, Section 5, Williams Township, Calhoun County Iowa Select Farms, LLP as owner & Iowa Select Farms LLP as contact (3) Benelli Finisher Farm- ID# 71429 SW SW, Section 10, Cedar Township Prime Farms LLC as owner & Iowa Select Farms LLP as contact Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Drainage Concern, County Foundation, CFR, Farm Bureau Mtg, Dept Head; Siepker- UDMO, ISAC Conference; Stauter- County Foundation; Smith- County Foundation, Dept Head, Ditch Concern; Aden- IDDA, MIDAS, County Foundation. All supervisors were part of Union Negotiations and DD 181 Annual Meeting.

Smith advised that the Farm Bureau meeting was very informational.

At 11:00 a.m., public hearing was held for the County Comprehensive Plan. No concerns were presented.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve Resolution 2026-02-#12 Pocahontas Co Comprehensive Plan. Roll call vote: ayes- Seehusen, Siepker, Stauffer, Smith, Aden. Nays-none, motion carried. Full resolution can be requested at the auditor's office and the plan can be viewed on the county website.

With no further business, motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:10 a.m. the Board of Supervisors started budget reviews with departments. The supervisors took lunch and returned at 1:00 p.m.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer will meet back with the board Tuesday, February 10 after the board meeting.

Workshop ended at 3:45 p.m. and continued on Wednesday at 10:00 a.m.

Louis Stauffer, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor

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10:00 a.m. - Budget Reviews Continued

Economic Development increased their request from the County. The county will see how it works in the budget.

Discussion with Steve Nelson, Sheriff regarding replacement of vehicles. They have held off replacing and they are 3 behind now. Supervisors advised to add one vehicle to the budget.

Hinrickson inquired about reserving 1% of income from housing out of county prisoners to go towards paying down the bond. Sheriff and Supervisors were in agreement with the possibility of increasing that percentage.

Supervisors took lunch and returned at 1:00 p.m.

After meeting with departments Smith asked about replacing courthouse windows. He has reached out to a couple of contractors but after they have looked no one has given a quote. Smith will reach out to other companies.

Discussion on wages and possibly 3% increase across the board with 2% for Supervisors. Hinrickson will input the changes and see how it affects the budget.

Workshop ended at 2:00 p.m.