

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
February 6, 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 Stauter, 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 30, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nate Reefer from B & W Control Specialists presented the brush control plan for 2024. Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve the quote for brush control as follows: DD 114 for \$6,000.00, DD 116 for \$4,000.00, DD 169 for \$6,500.00, Jt. DD 36 for \$1,000.00, and Jt. DD 77 for \$12,500.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Caitlin Jeske, Probation/Parole Officer and Don Wolter, Probation/Parole Supervisor from the Second Judicial District of the Department of Corrections gave an update on Community Based Corrections. Second Judicial District serves people with Pre-trial/Probation-pre-institutional services and Parole/Work Release-post-institutional supervision with a goal to provide treatment, pay victim restitution & fines and maintaining employment/education. Currently Pocahontas County has 43 people on supervision; 39 males and 4 females. The Board thanked them for the update.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 63 claim for Drainage Commissioner services to Jerry Hammen for \$66.67. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 63 claim for professional services to Bolton & Menk for \$361.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to rescind the motion made on January 30th relating to parcel 07-31-456-013 and redeem the tax sale certificate #2022-145. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, introduced Tate Schmeling, the new Assistant County Engineer. Schmeling will work as the Assistant Engineer until the end of August, when he will take over as the County Engineer. The Board welcomed Schmeling to Pocahontas County.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Fonda Finisher Farm – ID# 58396 located in the NW NW, Section 5, Williams Township, Calhoun County with DLH Enterprise II, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (2) Plover Finisher Farm – ID# 58387 located in the NW SW, Section 32, Powhatan Township with Marton Pork Productions Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (3) Farm 123 (T. Lampe)-ID#61614 located in the NE NW, Section 9, Cummins Township with New Fashion Pork as owners & Sarah Withers as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, and Schmeling presented three bids for metal culverts. Bids were from Contech Engineered Solutions, from Ankeny, IA for \$288,167.96; True North Steel, from St. Paul, MN, for \$183,126.90; and Metal Culverts, Inc. From Jefferson City, MO, for \$262,133.35. True North's bid was considered non-responsive and thrown out as it did not contain all requested pipe. Motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to accept Metal Culverts bid. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board reviewed different options for the inclement weather and work site closing policy. After discussion, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table discussion for a week so they can review all options. Ayes all, motion carried. Present for discussion: Paul Greufe, HR Representative; Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, Jill Conlin, Public Health Administrator; John Runneberg, Roads Superintendent; Jack Moellering, County Engineer.

Weekly meetings: All Supervisors participated in FY25 budget meeting. Additionally, Ives-Farm Bureau and Jt. DD 181 annual meeting; Stauter- Jt. DD 181 annual meeting; Smith- Farm Bureau and jail meeting; Siepker-none; and Aden- Jt. DD 181 annual meeting and Solid Waste business.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

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At 11:30 a.m., the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, held a workshop to discuss the FY25 County Budget.

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

Discussion on wages and department budget requests were discussed. Jepsen will work to provide more information as requested and will be discussed at the next budget workshop.

Workshop ended at 1:45 p.m.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor