

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 5, 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: Human Resource Consultant, Paul Greufe; Sheriff, Steve Nelson; and Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes from February 27, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk presented pictures showing a private crossing in Section 30 of Cummins Township. The drain pipe is approximately 4.5 feet too high, impeding the flow of water in DD 114. A letter will be sent to the land owner advising that they will need to lower the pipe to the correct elevation.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to table approving a utility permit allowing Palmer Mutual Telephone Company to do underground construction across organized drainage district lands. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to authorize an \$80.00 subsidy for dust control to landowners, \$40.00 per application, up to two applications. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board reviewed a quote from Mathy Construction Company from Onalaska, WI for 3 miles of overlay on C-49 for \$874,730.15. Mathy has already been contracted to overlay C-49 between N-28 and Highway 4 through the DOT with partial federal funds. The County will use local funds to complete the last 3 miles between the Buena Vista County line and N-28. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to authorize the County Engineer to sign a contract with Mathy Construction to complete the last 3 miles on C-49 for \$874,703.15. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to authorize Secondary Roads to take 76-inch CMP pipe to the Sale Barn to be auctioned. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve payment to Mike Westfall for beaver trapping in Jt. DD 63 MOD for \$450.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed the letter from Midwest Construction Consultants advising them to amend our current budget by \$650,000.00 for anticipated expenses for the new jail prior to the new fiscal year. This money will be paid back to the general fund from the General Obligation bond. The Board will hold bills for the jail until the amendment is complete.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to sign the 28E Agreement providing for the joint exercises of powers between Pocahontas and Humboldt County for Environmental Health services. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve Amendment #1 to DD 57 Reclassification Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Ken Woodford Finishing #2 – ID# 67029 located in the SE SW, Section 5, Cummins Township with Ken Woodford as owner & contact person; (2) Tim Flaherty Home Place – ID# 62728 located in the NW SW, Section 26, Roosevelt Township with Tim Flaherty as owner & contact person; (3) Rittgers Home Place – ID# 58467 located in the NW NW, Section 7, Des Moines Township with David Rittgers as owner & contact person; (4) K&M Turkey Farm – ID# 68050 located in the SW SE, Section 34, Coon Township, Buena Vista County with Matt McCarthy as owner & contact person; (5) A & W Site – ID#67013 located in the NW SE, Section 1, Cummins Township with Hawkeye Ag LLP as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person; and (6) Brannigan Site – ID# 67014 located in the NE NE, Section 23, Dover Township with Summit Farms, LLC as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: All Supervisors participated in FY25 budget meeting. Additionally, Ives- Region V Hazmat; Stauter-Nothing; Smith-Jail meeting; Siepker-Upper Des Moines and Rolling Hills; and Aden-Midas and Revolving Loan Fund Committee.

At 10:54 a.m., a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to go into an exempt session, pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Ayes all, motion carried. At 11:56 a.m., the Board voted to come out of exempt session with no action taken.

With no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

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At 12:50 p.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. Others present: Sheriff, Steve Nelson.

At the February 27th Budget Workshop Meeting, the Board requested that the Sheriff cut \$150,000 from his budget request. Instead the Sheriff added \$71,351.00 to his request. Since the Sheriff overbudgeted his current budget, which increased the overall tax levied onto our property owners, the Board discussed using some of his current budget to cover some of his FY25 expenses. After discussion, the Sheriff agreed to cut \$100,00.00 from his budget request and turn in those new numbers to the Auditor's Office on Wednesday, March 6th. Jepsen will create a new Capital Projects fund and Debt Service fund to be used for the new jail. This concluded the budget workshops.

Workshop ended at 1:30 p.m.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor