

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
March 19, 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 March 12, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the agenda with striking union contract and adding discuss third floor Conference Room. Ayes all, motion carried.

Brittany Rice with Community & Family Resources informed the Board that March is Problem Gambling Awareness Month and requested the Board to make a Proclamation in support. Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to adopt the Problem Gambling Awareness Month Proclamation. The Chairman called for a voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Stauter, Smith, Siepker, Aden; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the proclamation duly adopted to-wit:

**2024 Problem Gambling Awareness Proclamation**

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Problem Gambling and the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services and Community and Family Resources has designated March 2024 as Problem Gambling Awareness Month;

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is a public health issue affecting millions of Americans of all ages, races and ethnic backgrounds;

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling has a significant societal and economic cost for individuals, families, businesses and communities;

**WHEREAS**, problem gambling is treatable, and treatment is effective in minimizing this harm to both individuals and society as a whole;

**WHEREAS**, numerous individuals, professionals and organizations have dedicated their efforts to the education of the public about problem gambling and the availability and effectiveness of treatment;

**WHEREAS**, the National Council on Problem Gambling, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, and Community and Family Resources invite all residents of Pocahontas County, Iowa to participate in Problem Gambling Awareness Month.

**THEREFORE**, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim the month of March 2024 as: Problem Gambling Awareness Month in Pocahontas County, Iowa and encourage all citizens to support the National Council on Problem Gambling, the Iowa Department of Health and Human Services, and Community and Family Resources in their efforts to mitigate gambling-related harm throughout Iowa and across the nation.

Approved this 19th day of March, 2024

By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Kyle Smith, Chairman, /s/ Jeffrey K. Ives, /s/ Louis Stauter, /s/ Clarence Siepker, /s/ Brent Aden

ATTEST: /s/ Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve the Pocahontas County Engineer/Secondary Roads' addendum to their policy on the Use of Controlled Substances and Misuse of Alcohol. Ayes all, motion carried.

Discussion on the Pocahontas County Engineer/Secondary Roads Part Time/Seasonal Employee Employment Policy took place. County Engineer, Jack Moellering will make some changes and present it again next week.

Approve Culvert Plans: Sherman 23/24 & Sherman 24/25- Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the culvert replacement plans for Sherman 23/24 and Sherman 24/25. Ayes all, motion carried. The DOT will perform the bid letting in June. Location of culverts: 500<sup>th</sup> St., ½ mile west of Highway 4; and 210<sup>th</sup> St., ½ mile North of 500<sup>th</sup> St.

Tate Schmeling, Assistant County Engineer, and Moellering, advised the Board that Calhoun County is no longer interested in replacing the County Line Bridge, located on the south side of Section 33, Cedar Township. The Board will need to discuss it directly with the Calhoun County Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge Kim Johnson's end as a temporary part-time employee for Environmental Health and thank her for her time. Ayes all, motion carried. Johnson was hired to train our new Environmental Health Specialist.

The number of part-time, as needed employees that the Sheriff's Department has on the books that they are not utilizing was discussed, the Sheriff agreed to dwindle that number down.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to allow Tyler Behrendsen to stay on as a part-time Deputy Sheriff. Ayes all, motion carried.

Signs of water damage in the third floor conference room was discussed and a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table discussion until next week. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Conference Board Meeting, EMA/E911 Meeting and ISAC Spring Conference; Stauter- Conference Board Meeting; Smith- Conference Board Meeting and Board of Health; Siepker- Conference Board Meeting and ISAC Spring Conference; and Aden-Solid Waste business.

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

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Kyle Smith, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor