

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
April 2, 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; and HR Representative, Paul Greufe.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes from March 26, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded votes: Ayes: Ives, Stauter, Smith, Aden, Siepker. Nays: none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION 2024-04-14
APPROPRIATION CHANGES
FY 2023-2024

WHEREAS, Section 331.434 (6) 2013 Code of Iowa, authorizes the Board of Supervisors to transfer appropriated monies within a service area, without amending the budget;

WHEREAS, such a transfer is necessary to correct current budget expenditures within certain departments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors to authorize the appropriation transfers within the same service area as follows:

SECTION I: The total sum of \$124,842.00 is ordered transferred from the Secondary Roads decreasing the appropriations in the dollar amounts and Department 20 in the Secondary Roads Fund, Service Area 7 as follows:

\$124,842.00

Line Item: 20000 10200 423 20 From \$2,316,500.00 to \$2,191,658.00

SECTION 2: The total sum of \$124,842.00 as detailed above is ordered transferred to the Secondary Roads budget, increasing the appropriations in the dollar amounts and Department 20, Secondary Roads Fund, Service Area 7 as follows:

\$124,842.00

Line Item: 20000 07000 100 20 \$49,000.00 From \$158,347.00 to \$207,347.00

Line Item: 20000 07000 113 20 013 \$10,842.00 From \$39,092.00 to \$49,934.00

Line Item: 20000 07010 100 20 \$35,000.00 From \$125,168.00 to \$160,168.00

Line Item: 20000 07010 423 20 \$10,000.00 From \$89,000.00 to \$99,000.00

Line Item: 20000 07210 423 20 \$20,000.00 From \$602,630.00 to \$622,630.00

Approved this 2nd day of April, 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 Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve utility permits for Iowa Lakes Electric and Mid-American to do construction across organized drainage district lands. Ayes all, motion carried. Iowa Lakes Electric's scope of work: Plow cable within and next to the east ROW of 260th Ave. beginning on the south side of 490th St. and continuing south for approx. 2,560' then east into private area in Section 23, Roosevelt Township. Mid-American's scope of work: Remove 2 existing poles, installing 3 new poles and a guy wire in order to relocate an overhead power line currently crossing through a field at 33771 605th St.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to set a bid letting for concrete pavement patching for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 11:00 a.m., in the Supervisors Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

County Engineer, Jack Moellering and Asst. County Engineer, Tate Schmeling, discussed projects for the DOT 5-year program.

With April being Keep Iowa Beautiful Month, Chairman Smith read the proclamation, Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful Month.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to adopt said 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:

PROCLAMATION
Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful Month

Whereas, the rolling landscapes and the natural forested beauty of its river valleys, define Iowa as "The Beautiful Land"; and

Whereas, Iowans have a high regard for the natural beauty of the state along with a strong sense of stewardship and want to encourage all residents and visitors to help keep Iowa beautiful for future generations; and

Whereas, Pocahontas County has caring residents and citizens who want to build the pride and respect that we have toward both our natural lands and the environment, knowing that these are essential to the cultural and economic health and vitality of our county; and

Whereas, enhancing and supporting our communities through programs like Keep Iowa Beautiful and Pocahontas County's Hometown Pride Program are important to Pocahontas County's quality of life.

Now, Therefore, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors, in Pocahontas County, Iowa encourage all residents to embrace the Hometown Pride Program and undertake personal efforts that will enhance the cleanliness, health and beauty of our county. We do hereby proclaim April 2024 as Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful Month.

Approved this 2nd day of April, 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 Stauter, seconded by Aden, to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Ives, Stauter, Smith, Siepker, Aden; Nays: none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**Resolution 2024-04 #15
DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, Pocahontas County, Iowa that pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14, Code of Iowa, 2022, it is hereby ordered:

That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Pocahontas County, Iowa, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in the Chapter, at such times each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other weeds shall render the streets or highways, adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise be destroyed on or before the following dates as often as necessary to prevent weed production.

Group 1 – May 25 to June 15, 2024 - for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper Grass, Sour Dock, Smooth Dock, Sheep Sorrel

Group 2 – June 1 to June 15, 2024 - for Canada Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Wild Mustard and other species of Thistles

Group 3 – June 21 to July 15, 2024 - for Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot

Group 4 – June 21 to July 15, 2024- for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butterprint, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Bull Thistle, Teasel

Each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Pocahontas County infested with any primary or secondary noxious weeds including: Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canada Thistle, Bull Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Buckthorn, Perennial Pepper Grass, Palmer Amaranth, Russian Knapweed, Butterprint, Cocklebur, Teasel, Wild Mustard, Wild Carrot, Buckhorn, all other species of thistles belonging in the genera of “Cirsium and Carduus, Wild Sunflower, Sheep Sorrel, Sour Dock, Smooth Dock, Puncture Vine, Multiflora Rose, Poison Hemlock, and Shattercane, shall adopt a program for weed destruction, prescribed by the Weed Commissioner, which in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said primary and secondary noxious weeds.

That if the owners or person in possession or control of any land in Pocahontas County fails to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the land and the owners thereof.

Approved this 2nd day of April, 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 set a public hearing for FY25 Budget for Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 10:30 a.m., in the Supervisors Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the engagement letter with Piper Sandler & Company for Underwriter/Placement Agent services for the General Obligation bonding process for the new jail. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Pocahontas County Provider and Program Participation Agreements with Upper Des Moines, Elderbridge, Center Against Abuse & Sexual Assault (CAASA) and Family Crisis Center for FY25. Ayes all, motion carried.

After discussion with Greufe and Sheriff Nelson, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve pay increases for Blake Wiley, PT Deputy; Reed Russell, PT Deputy; Tom Shaw, PT Deputy; and Elizabeth Leu, PT Jailer. Ayes all, motion carried. As of March 21, 2024, Wiley’s rate of pay was changed to \$32.93/hr.; March 8, 2024, Russell’s pay was changed to \$31.62/hr.; August 7, 2023, Shaw’s rate of pay was changed to \$35.14/hr.; and on April 10, 2024, Leu’s rate of pay will change to \$20.26/hr.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to table approving the contract with the Communications Workers of America for the Sheriff’s Department. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) B & B Hog Farms Inc. – ID# 59153 located in the SE SW, Section 3, Des Moines Township with Brad Banwart as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Drainage concerns; Stauter-Road sign concerns; Smith-Jail calls; Siepker-Upper Des Moines, Rolling Hills and drainage concerns; and Aden-Midas. All Supervisors participated in the public hearing on Proposed Tax Levy for FY25.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to adjourned the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor