

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
April 23, 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 Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from April 16, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

At 10:05 a.m., the Board held a Public Hearing on a budget amendment for the FY24 Budget. Jepsen presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the amendment to the FY24 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Stauter, Smith, Siepker, Aden; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION #2024-04-16
Amendment of Current County Budget
2023/2024

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County met on this date for the purpose of amending the current 2023/2024 County Budget. No objectors were present therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY TO adopt the 2023/2024 amended budget as published and change the following appropriations as listed:

Department Number	Department Title	Appropriation Prior To	Appropriation Adjustment	Final Appropriation
EXPENDITURES				
2	Auditor	\$548,261.00	\$16,500.00	\$564,761.00
22	Conservation	\$930,152.00	\$41,360.00	\$971,512.00
33	Libraries	\$106,840.00	\$80.00	\$106,920.00
60	Mental Health	\$96,151.00	\$7,027.00	\$103,178.00
99	Non-Departmental	\$2,357,669.00	\$1,326,800.00	\$3,386,469.00
	Totals	\$4,039,073.00	\$1,391,767.00	\$5,430,840.00
REVENUES				
22	Conservation	\$99,950.00	\$8,000.00	\$107,950.00
60	Mental Health	\$96,151.00	\$7,027.00	\$103,178.00
99	Non-Departmental	\$8,329,594.00	\$650,000.00	\$8,979,594.00
	Totals	\$8,525,695.00	\$665,027.00	\$9,190,722.00

ADOPTED THIS 23rd 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 acknowledge the resignation of Keane Brown, Environmental Health Specialist and thank him for his service. Ayes all, motion carried. Brown's last day will be April 26, 2024.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve the union contract with Communications Workers of America for the Sheriff's Department for FY25. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the claims as reviewed by the Board, including ACH payments, except Claim #3835. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	40.55	1
Parker Aden	Expenses	100.00	1
Adv. Drainage	Materials	11541.27	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	271.77	1
Amazon	Supplies	1360.74	4
C Archer	Safety Reimbursement	150.00	1
G Atherton	Expenses	91.76	1
C Bailey	Safety Reimbursement	150.00	1
Bennett Recycling	Services	33.00	1
Big State Ind	Supplies	262.80	1
N Birkey	Expenses	532.35	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	77.17	1
Bolton & Menk	Professional Services	8439.50	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	590.73	1
Bunda Seed	Seed	1138.00	1
CAASA	Allocation	1250.00	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Calhoun-Burns	Professional Services	5792.75	1
CID	Supplies	280.00	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	78.41	1
Comm Lumber	Supplies	524.48	2
J Conlin	Expenses	45.00	1
Nicholas J Dirks	Expenses	25.00	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	685.24	1
Expo Center	Rent	150.00	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	842.93	4
Family Crisis Center	Allocation	1250.00	1
Fonda Pub Libr	Allocation	6409.00	1
Force America	Parts	109.74	1
Forestry Suppliers	Supplies	323.00	1
Foundation An	Service	1046.00	1
GC Pub Libr	Allocation	2950.00	1
Gordon Flesch	Lease	381.22	1

Graham Tire	Tires	561.96	1
D Harson	Expense	50.36	1
Havelock Pub Libr	Allocation	5264.00	1
Healthcare First	Service	111.02	1
B Hinners	Expenses	238.64	1
Holiday Inn	Lodging	1532.16	2
M Hoyt	Expenses	211.08	1
Humboldt Co Sheriff	Service	840.00	1
HyVee AR	Jail Meds	84.49	1
IState Truck	Parts	29.52	1
IADPS	Service	1533.00	1
IA Workforce	Unemployment	928.92	1
ILEA	Service	750.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	311.00	2
ISCTA	Service	150.00	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	100.00	1
R Jergens	Expenses	246.81	1
Johnston Auto	Parts	419.88	1
D Kraft	Service	550.00	2
David A Kraft	Mileage	4.68	1
Anthony J Krips	Safety Reimbursement	149.99	1
Language Link Accounts Payable	Service	35.51	1
Howard Larson	Trapping	160.00	1
LMPC	Utilities	643.26	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	860.20	1
Lifeline	Lifeline	372.53	1
Machine Shop	Supplies	398.55	2
Mail Services	Service	3671.46	1
MakeMyMove	Service	18451.00	1
Manson Lumber	Supplies	94.60	1
Martin Marietta	Materials	8486.10	1
Tiffany M McClurg	Expenses	72.04	1
Metal Culverts	Materials	28343.15	1
MSOCIC	Dues	100.00	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	104.21	1
MW Underground	Parts	122.38	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	112.05	1
Motorola	Service	45653.00	1
Comm First	Service	278.84	1
Comm First	Supplies	55.34	1
Netsmart	Service	3469.00	1
New Way Ford	Service	501.39	1
New Way Ford	Vehicle	40967.00	1
OBrien Co Sheriff	Service	10160.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	128.59	1
K Olson	Well Plug	1500.00	1
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
Palmer Pub Libr	Allocation	5645.50	1
Palo Alto County Engineer	Services	303.85	1
J Paulsen	Expenses	238.99	1
Penguin Mgt	Telecom	1470.00	1
Pens.com	Supplies	344.95	1
R Peters	Well Plug	1300.00	1
Pitney Bowes	Lease	170.43	1
PJ Greufe	Service	1500.00	1
Plover Pub Libr	Allocation	5645.50	1
Po Co Econ Dev	Allocation	25000.00	2
Po Co Fair Assoc	Allocation	10000.00	1
Po Co Historical	Allocation	3570.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	5400.00	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	11369.26	1
PO CO IT Dept	GIS	3000.00	1
PO CO IT Dept	Office Machines	29.20	1
PO CO IT Dept	Phone Fiber	99.63	2
Poca Pub Libr	Allocation	7936.50	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Service	13535.00	2
Poky Equip	Supplies	8.19	1
Prinsco Inc	Materials	161.41	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	1726.31	1
Bryan C Rahn	Expenses	343.39	1
Record Dem	Minutes	1004.40	4
Rees Truck	Parts	101.04	1
Reg V HAZMAT	Contribution	2654.25	1
Rehab Visions	Service	2157.25	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	294.21	1
Rolfe Pub Libr	Allocation	6409.00	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	368.49	1
A Salsberry	Expenses	304.94	1
T Schmeling	Expenses	80.00	1
IA SOS	Notary	30.00	1
Secure Shred	Service	148.00	1
Seiler Appl	Service	887.25	3
M Stall	Expenses	33.71	1
A Stern-Domek	Mileage	400.69	1
M Thomas	Supplies	1017.00	1
Treasurer St of IA	State WH	12373.00	9
UDMO	Allocation	4250.00	1
US Cellular	Phone	56.96	1
K Vadar	Mileage	259.74	1
Varina Pub Libr	Allocation	5264.00	1
Verizon	Communications	240.06	1
Verizon	Phones	784.35	2
R Vosberg	Expenses	69.31	1
R Vosberg	Postage	19.14	1
Windstream	Line Chg	225.89	2
Woods	Supplies	95.92	3
Ziegler	Parts	177.06	1
Grand Total		364809.35	

At 10:30 a.m., the Board proceeded to the Public Hearing for the FY25 Budget. Jepsen presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to approve the FY25 budget

by resolution and authorize the Chairman to sign. Voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Stauter, Smith, Siepker, Aden; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**RESOLUTION – 2024-04- #17
FY 2025 COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on April 23, 2024 for the 2024/2025 Fiscal Year County Budget, and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331,434 authorizes the Board of each county to certify property taxes annually at its April session,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approves and adopts the County Budget in the amount of \$26,750,061 with \$3,369,916 in transfers for a total of \$30,119,977; with the following approved levies and tax asking beginning July 1, 2024:

Levies per \$1,000 of valuation:

General Basic \$3.43137
Pioneer Commentary \$0.01490
General Supplemental \$2.09132
Debt Services \$0.067914
Voted Emergency Medical Services \$0.21000
Rural Basic \$3.18627
Countywide Total \$6.42673
Countywide + Rural Services Total \$9.61300

Tax Asking:

General Basic \$3,281,534
Pioneer Commentary \$14,250
General Supplemental \$2,000,000
Debt Services \$650,000
Voted Emergency Medical Services \$200,829
Rural Basic \$2,591,079
Countywide Total \$6,146,613
Countywide + Rural Services Total \$8,737,692

APPROVED THIS 23RD 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

At 11:04 a.m., a bid letting for pavement patching was held. Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and Tate Schmeling, Asst. County Engineer, advised that four bids were received to patch 83 areas in the County: Ten Point Construction Co. from Denison, IA bid \$332,560.00; Cedar Falls Construction Co. from Cedar Falls, IA bid \$261,616.00; Midwest Contractors, Inc. from Cedar Falls, IA bid \$233,440.00; and Denco Highway Construction from Mingo, IA bid \$347,331.00. After discussion on the bids, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to award the contract to Midwest Contractors, Inc. from Cedar Falls, IA for \$233,440.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering and Schmeling gave an update on Roads: the deck on the Countyline Bridge is currently being poured; test bores are being taken from the 27/28 Cedar Bridge; it was decided to get a 32” claw bucket instead of a 38” bucket; and they will have the quotes for a wheeled excavator next week. Pro-Coop will also be testing a new product for dust control in four proposed locations: 55350 150th Ave., Fonda; 28111 510th St., Pocahontas; 52162 240th Ave., Pocahontas; and 19400 440th St., Havelock. This product is environmentally friendly and once cured becomes insoluble in water.

Concerns with the proposed Notice of Bid Letting for LEC was discussed with Sheriff Steve Nelson, John Hansen from Midwest Construction Consultant and Maria Bownell, Attorne with Ahlers and Cooney, P.C. The Board expressed their concerns as it was presented to the public that they were planning to build an 18-bed facility with an expansion up to 24-beds but the bid notice is for a 26-bed facility with an expansion of 24 more beds and that the bid notice was not given to the Board to approve prior to it being published. The Board requested an Addendum to the bid notice published so they would receive three bids for the project, one for 18 beds, one for the expansion of 24 beds and the original bid for a 26-bed with expansion of 24 more beds. Brownell advised on publication deadlines and it was decided to keep the bids due before 2:00 p.m. on May 21, 2024 and opened at 2:00 p.m. on said date. The Board requested Brownell change the resolution to include the addendum as summarized by Hansen as long as it reflects what is stated above, delegate the County Auditor as the receiving agent for the bids and change the Public Hearing on the Plans to 10:00 a.m. on May 21, 2024. Brownell will make said changes and the Board will act at the April 30, 2024 Board meeting.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Bridge and tile concerns; Stauter-YES Center; Smith-Zoning and drainage concerns; Siepker-DCAT and North Racoon Watershed meeting; and Aden-Zoning and Economic Development. All Supervisors attended the all employee meeting.

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

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor