

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
June 6, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Brent Aden; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, Jeff Ives, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers; and Lori Hopkins.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes dated May 30, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

The agenda was approved as posted, on motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:02 a.m., the Board had a conference call with Palo Alto and Humboldt County to set a drainage levy on Tri Jt. DD 1 and discuss possibly disbanding said district. The full minutes are available for review in the Auditor's office.

One bid was received for painting and plaster work for the Courthouse. Jarnagin Painting, Inc. from Johnson, IA, bid several projects including the: Courtroom-repair plaster and paint for \$47,450.00; room behind the Courtroom-build and paint a box to cover HVAC system and paint the room for \$6,377.00; Rotunda-build scaffolding, patch the plaster, and painting the walls from the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor up, including the Rotunda for \$148,225.00. Supervisor Stauter found a company that would like to bid so the Board will wait on their bid before acting.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve payment to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for tile repair in Jt. DD 144 Main Tile for \$458.11. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to set the 2023 drainage levy and waivers by resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes: Ives, Stauter, Aden, Siepker, Smith. Nays: none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**Resolution-2023-06-27**

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, acting as Drainage Trustees, having investigated the financial condition of Drainage Districts in Pocahontas County, and having found from said investigation that the funds on hand and available are insufficient to meet the requirements of said Districts, and

WHEREAS in the judgment of said Board of Supervisors, an assessment of a percentage of the latest classification schedule for said Districts is necessary to meet the requirements of said Districts, and to pay off outstanding warrants with accrued interest, heretofore issued against said Districts.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that an assessment of a percentage of the latest classification schedule for said Districts heretofore levied in said Districts be, and the same is hereby levied against all lands, tracts, real estate, highways, and railroads in said Districts, said levy to be set as of June 6, 2023 with the assessment to be due and payable by September 30, 2023 without interest. Assessments not paid by October 1, 2023 will become delinquent and will accrue interest for delinquency same as for ordinary taxes. Assessments in the amount less than \$5.00 shall be computed as \$5.00 as provided by law. Parcels over \$500.00 are eligible for waivers on the Drainage Districts noted with waivers.

**2023 Drainage Assessments Schedule**

Fund	District	% To Be Assessed	Total Levy Amount	Waiver at 5%
51036	DD26	55.00%	\$ 6,262.61	
51045	DD 29 Br F Tile	3650.00%	\$ 68,821.53	10 yr. at 5%
51161	DD 53 Br. 7	31.00%	\$ 31,048.57	
51578	DD 53 Br 14	10.00%	\$ 9,999.98	
51164	DD 53 Br 20 OD	15.00%	\$ 15,659.56	
51574	DD 53 Br 23-25	1.00%	\$ 2,469.24	
51166	DD 53 Br. 26	0.75%	\$ 1,168.39	
51165	DD 53 Br 27	7.75%	\$ 8,002.42	
51575	DD 53 Br 28	0.50%	\$ 2,240.35	
51175	DD 60 Main	128.00%	\$ 429,685.47	10 yr. at 5%
51350	DD 152	355.00%	\$ 22,411.04	10 yr. at 5%

Approved This 6th Day of June, 2023

By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors  
/s/Brent Aden, Chairman, /s/Jeffrey K. Ives, /s/Louis Stauter, /s/Clarence Siepker, /s/Kyle Smith  
ATTEST: /s/Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table discussion on bids for Worker Compensation Insurance till more information is provided. Ayes: Ives, Stauter, Aden, Siepker; Nays: None; Abstain: Smith. Motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Brian Aden Feedlot – ID# 66770 located in the NW SW, Section 1, Colfax Township with Brian Aden as owner & Extended Ag Services as

contact person; (2) Brinkman, Gus – ID# 67359 located in the SE SE, Section 24, Roosevelt Township with Gus Brinkman as owner & contact person; (3) Wenell, John – ID# 67314 located in the NE SE, Section 32, Swan Lake Township with John Wenell as owner & Kyle Wenell as contact person; (4) Brabec Finisher – ID# 67271 located in the NE NE, Section 18, Dover Township with Kosky Family Farms LLC as owner & Rusty Kosky as contact person; (5) Cedar Flats – ID# 61541 located in the NE SE, Section 29, Cedar Township with Pitstick Pork as owner & Trent Siebrecht as contact person; (6) Rittgers, Finisher Farm – ID# 63801 located in the S SW, Section 8, Cummins Township with Sunray Pork Ltd. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (7) Ben, Finisher Farm – ID# 63794 located in the SE NW, Section 29, West Bend Township, PA Co. with Cloudburst Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (8) Colfax Finisher Farm – ID# 68918 located in the SW NW, Section 26, Colfax Township with Granite Farms III, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (9) Ryan, Finisher Farm – ID# 63824 located in the NW NW, Section 14, Des Moines Township with Roseglen Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (10) Thompson Finisher Farm – ID# 64619 located in the NE SE, Section 11, Powhatan Township with M Holdings, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dereck Hebert, IT Director, met with the Board for a performance review. Hebert requested closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to go into closed session at 10:37 a.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Ayes: Ives, Stauter, Aden, Siepker, Smith; Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board exited closed session at 10:42 a.m.

Orene Cressler, VA/GA Director, presented an amendment to the Pocahontas Volunteer Contract with the Iowa Department of Human Services for FY 21 thru 24. The contract addresses volunteers for the General Assistance Program. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Fourth Amendment to the Pocahontas Volunteer Contract for FY 24. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board proceeded with Cressler's performance review. Cressler requested closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to go into closed session at 10:46 a.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Ayes: Ives, Stauter, Aden, Siepker, Smith; Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board exited closed session at 10:53 a.m.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to tentatively approve the Completion Report for DD 114 Br. 6. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m. the Board held a Completion Hearing on DD 14 Br. 6. Complete minutes can be found in the Auditor's Office.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, met with the Board for a performance review. Atherton requested closed session per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to go into closed session at 11:02 a.m. per Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Ayes: Ives, Stauter, Aden, Siepker, Smith; Nays: none. Motion carried. The Board exited closed session at 11:10 a.m.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, met with the Board for a performance review. Moellering rejected the opportunity to go into closed session, pursuant to Iowa Code 21.5(1)(i). Moellering's overall performance was considered satisfactory and he was given a 2% wage increase starting July 1, 2023.

Moellering advised on the progress on C-56, C-15 and the C-49 Bridge. The C-49 Bridge will be replaced, which will take about two months to complete.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Drainage concerns; Aden-PHMSA; Siepker-Secondary Roads interviews and Linking Families; and Smith-Building & Grounds concerns.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting.

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Brent Aden, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor