

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
June 20, 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.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes dated June 13, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

At 10:02 a.m., the Board had a conference call with Palo Alto County to discuss Jt. DD 63 Contractor's Pay Request. The full minutes are available for review in the Auditor's office.

Al Hinrickson from the Jail Committee, requested that the Board of Supervisors put the question to build a new jail to a vote. Supervisor Ives questioned the validity of the numbers in the Needs Assessment Report created by John Hansen, the contractor hired to build a new jail. Ives felt that the data was skewed towards building a new jail verses transporting, as the County would not need to hire three new Deputies to transport prisoners to another county. Ives also expressed concerns about being able to run the new facility as HF 718, which became law, limits the amount of money we can levy, mandates tax exemptions that are not funded by the State, and new unfunded mailing requirements for budgeting and elections. Ives is concerned that more money will be needed to operate a new jail than our current jail and the people need to know that other County departments and funding to outside entities could be affected. Some of the unmandated services include: Home Care Aids, County Attorney's Fine Collections person, FT Veterans Affairs/General Assistant person, and Driver's License and Passport services. Some of the outside entities the County funds: Economic Development, Libraries, Fair Board, Upper Des Moines, Elderbridge, and CAASA. Sheriff Nelson thought that the people should make the decision, not the Board. Ives responded that it is the Board's responsibility to set budgets and levies and he feels uncomfortable making this decision until we have a better understanding on how HF 718 will affect us. He wants to ensure that if this goes to a vote, that the voters understand not only what a new jail would cost to build but what some of the unforeseen consequences could be. Supervisor Smith talked to the Sheriff in Calhoun County and he wished he had his own jail. Supervisor Stauter indicated that Calhoun County hires non-Deputies to transport prisoners out of county, not Deputies. Supervisor Siepker thinks the people should decide. Supervisor Smith said that if the people went upstairs and saw how antiquated we are and the liability we put our staff in maybe they will agree we need a change, weather it is transporting or building a jail. Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to put the question on the November ballot. Ayes-Stauter, Aden, Siepker, Smith; Nays-Ives. Motion carried. Present for discussion: John Hansen, Midwest Construction Company; Sheriff Nelson; Chief Deputy, Wes Van Donge; Jailer, Rhonda Vosberg; Sheriff's Office Manager, Barb Hinners; Dispatcher, Jessica Paulsen; Officer, Mason Williams; Al Hinrickson, Kyle Brinkman and Bruce Arnold.

Moellering advised on the progress on C-15 and the C-49 Bridge. C-15 will be finished up this week and the C-49 Bridge is in process.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge the Conservation Board's new FT Natural Resource Manager, Mason Stall. Ayes all, motion carried. Stall will transition to his new responsibilities on July 1, 2023, earning \$23.05 per hour.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge the resignation of Environmental Health Specialist, Nate Vento, and wish him well. Ayes all, motion carried. Vento's last day will be June 23, 2023.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve a pay increase for Tyler Behrendsen, FT Deputy Sheriff, as he has reached 24-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. On July 5, 2023, Behrendsen's rate of pay will change to \$35.14 per hour, as per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the FY24 wages as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to adopt the FY24 Budget Appropriations 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:

**Appropriations Resolution for 2023/2024 Budget Year
RESOLUTION 2023-06-#29**

WHEREAS, it is desired to make appropriations for each of the service areas and the departmental budgets within the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 in accordance with Section 331.434(6) of the Code of Iowa.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. The amounts by department with a service area on the following schedule are hereby appropriated from the resources of each fund as designated.

Section 2. Subject to the provisions of other county procedures and regulations, and applicable state law, the appropriations authorized under Section 1 shall constitute authorization for the department to make expenditures or incur obligations of the funds effective July 1, 2023.

Section 3. In accordance with Section 331.437 of the Code of Iowa, no department shall expend, or contract to expend, any money or incur any liability in excess of the amounts appropriated by this resolution.

Section 4. If at any time during the FY2023/2024 budget year, a department administrator recognizes the available appropriation is insufficient, they shall contact the County Auditor. The Auditor shall inform the Board, and recommend the appropriate action.

Section 5. The Auditor shall establish separate accounts for the appropriations authorized for the departments, and shall report the status of each account to the applicable department administrators monthly during the fiscal year.

Section 6. All appropriations authorized pursuant to this resolution lapse at the close of business on June 30, 2024.

Dept No.	Department	Amount	Dept No.	Department	Amount
01	Board of Supervisors	\$ 1,437,099	25	Social Services	\$ 150,972
02	Auditor	\$ 548,261	26	Environmental Health	\$ 132,357
03	Treasurer	\$ 365,049	28	Medical Examiner	\$ 25,486
04	County Attorney	\$ 343,155	33	Libraries	\$ 106,840
05	Sheriff	\$ 2,400,019	36	Ambulance	\$ 43,000
06	Clerk of Court	\$ 86,450	51	Courthouse & Grounds	\$ 426,199
07	Recorder	\$ 217,511	52	Data Processing	\$ 343,378
20	Secondary Roads	\$ 8,969,566	53	County Development	\$ 6,075
21	Veterans Affairs	\$ 89,074	60	Mental Health	\$ 96,151
22	Conservation Board	\$ 930,152	80	County Farm	\$ 12,000
23	Board of Health	\$ 1,312,835	99	Non-Departmental	\$ 2,357,669
24	Weed Commission	\$ 6,015			
TOTAL					\$ 20,405,313

Approved This 20th 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 approve the Jt. DD 181 proposed tile outlet repairs at a cost estimate of \$1,700.00. Ayes all, motion carried. Work site 1-NW SE Section 31, Williams Township, Calhoun County. Site 2-SE SW Section 31, Williams Township, Calhoun County.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Lenz Poultry Inc. – ID# 58877 located in the SE SW, Sec. 4 Bellville Township with Philip Lenz as owner & contact person; (2) Dan & Laura Erickson – ID# 60392 located in the SE NE, Section 24, Colfax Township with Dan & Laura Erickson as owners & contact person; and (3) Burke Delmar & Shawn – ID# 58173 located in the SE, Section 32, Colfax Township with Delmar & Shawn Burke as owners & Becky as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives and Aden-Economic Development; Stauter-Fair Board; Siepker-Conservation; and Smith-Safety and Building & Grounds.

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

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor