

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
July 18, 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 Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the minutes from July 11, 2023. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the posted agenda with the addition to discuss paying employees who volunteered to work at the 100th year celebration under action items. Ayes all, motion carried.

Mary Jo Litwiller, Pocahontas County Economic Development Director, reviewed the Visioning Survey results with the Board. 471 residents participated in the survey resulting with the best things about Pocahontas County is the rural setting, work/jobs, proximity to family, and low cost of living. The residents also felt that retaining current businesses, attracting young people and improving conditions & infrastructure is what is needed to grow our County.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to table discussion until a later date. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised that all the asphalt work on C56 and C15 is complete, they will be pouring concrete for the C49 Bridge (30-31 Lake Bridge) project shortly, and they are replacing pipe in 14-23 Colfax just North of Hwy 7.

With Sheriff Nelson paying his employees for their time during the Courthouse Open House, a motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to pay all employees that participated in the Courthouse Open House, Heritage Days parade, and represented the County at the Fair. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge Matt Valentine's change in statue from full-time to part-time employee in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. Valentine's last day as a full-time employee will be July 24, 2023.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report and Semi-Annual Report for the period ending June 30, 2023. Ayes all, motion carried. The Quarterly Investment Report noted that there was \$600.00 cash in the Treasurer's Office, \$8,002,601.14 in Certificates of Deposit, \$2,713,242.99 in Stamped Drainage Warrants, \$1,322,994.63 in Drainage Improvement Certificates, and \$9,970,802.39 in banks, for a total of \$22,010,241.15. This quarter there were no CD's renewed, \$167,926.11 in interest earned, and 406 driver's licenses issued that generated \$2,842 in revenue. This represents all dollars in restricted and non-restricted funds.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Pocahontas County Provider and Program Participation Agreements with Upper Des Moines for FY24. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to reschedule the DD 56 Completion Hearing for Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to tentatively accept Jt. DD 63 Completion Report and set the Completion Hearing for Tuesday, August 15, 2023 at 1:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve Jt. DD 67-173 claims from Strutzenberg Farm Drainage & Excavating for \$2,100.00 and \$6,010.00 Ayes all, motion carried. A surface drain was installed in the SW NE Quarter of Section 6, Butler Township, Calhoun County for \$2,100.00 and three repairs: one located in the NW SE Quarter of Section 6, Butler Township; and two in the NW SE Quarter Section 1 of Williams Township for \$6,010.00.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge the Manure Management Plans: (1) Delaware Finisher Farm – ID# 70372 located in the NW NW, Section 6, Garfield Township with Intern Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (2) Johnson Turkey Farm, LLC – ID# 61693 located in the NW SE, Section 14, Fairfield Township, Buena Vista County with Robert & Colin Johnson as owners & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC as contact; and (3) Ekstrand Farms – ID# 67371 located in the SW SW, Sec. 36 Grant Township with Dean Ekstrand as owner & as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Drainage and Secondary Roads concerns; Stauter-Pocahontas County Fair and concerns about buildings, drainage and Secondary Roads; Aden-Solid Waste concerns; and Smith-Safety, buildings & grounds, and concerns about drainage, jail and pipeline. All Supervisors participated in the Courthouse Open House.

The Board discussed the time capsule. They decided to leave the items that were in the time capsule on permanent display in the Courthouse and only put new items in the time capsule to be opened in another 100 years. Next Tuesday, following the Board meeting, the Supervisors will unroll the rolled items and will investigate the best way to display them.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor