

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
August 15, 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 Smith, seconded by Stauter, to approve the minutes from August 8, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

The agenda was approved with adding adjustment to DD 60 levy and striking Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, on motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried.

Mary Jo Litwiller, Pocahontas County Economic Development Director, and the Board discussed the billing for the website used by the County, Economic Development and all the cities. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to have the County pay 100% of the website bill out of the IT budget for FY24, not to exceed \$2,800 and will revisit at budget time. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the County Engineer/Drainage Clerk advised of an error he and the contractor made on DD 60. Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to allow Strutzenberg Farm Drainage until September 15, 2023 for pay back DD 60 \$62,010 for overpayment. Ayes all, motion carried. Following the discussion, Brandon Strutzenberg phoned to advise that he would be making payment by Friday, August 18, 2023.

Due to the overpayment, on motion made by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to adjust DD 60 levy from 128% to 100%, still offering the 10-year waiver. Ayes all, motion carried. Jepsen will run new levy notices for DD 60, advise the landowners of the change and issue checks to the landowners who have already paid their drainage taxes.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the Iowa DOT plans for the County Line Bridge. Ayes all, motion carried. The County Line Bridge will be replaced as well as the elevation on 640<sup>th</sup> Street will be raised approximately 2 feet.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the Iowa DOT plans for C-49. Ayes all, motion carried. The 9 miles of asphalt between N-28 and Highway 4 on C-49 will be rejuvenated and approximately 2 more inches of asphalt will be added.

Atherton and the Board discussed charging for the different permits the County issues. Atherton also advised that Secondary Roads will be contracting for propane for the out buildings, resulting in about a \$5,000 savings this year.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to rescind the motion made to approve the hire of Greg Wiley as a FT Jailer for the Sheriff's Department as Wiley turned down the position. Ayes all, motion carried.

In light of the advice from Paul Greufe, HR Representative, that the part time position in the Auditor's Office would not be a temporary position, a motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to rescind the motion authorizing the Auditor to hire a temporary part time employee and authorize her to hire a part time employee. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to abate the remaining taxes on parcels #07-31-407-003, 07-31-407-004, 07-31-407-005, 07-31-407-006, 07-31-407-007 & 07-31-407-008, totaling \$714.82 as the parcels are now owed by the County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to set an informational meeting on DD 51 for Wednesday, September 6, 2023, 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center in Rolfe. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dereck Hebert, IT Director and the Board discussed the Courts' desire to install a conference system including TVs, camera, microphones and speakers in the two Courtrooms. The Courts have asked the County to pay for all the electrical needs for the system. They will revisit the request once an estimate from the electrician is received.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to table the bids for new garage doors for the Courthouse while they wait for the last bid. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge the Manure Management Plan: (1) Hess Farms – ID# 66286 located in the NW NE, Sec. 30 Colfax Township with Tim & Dennis Hess as owners & Twin Lake Environmental Services, LLC as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Met with the Courts; Stauter-Fair Board and drainage concerns; Aden-Visioning and Solid Waste business; Siepker-Visioning and Conservation; and Smith-Safety and pipeline concerns.

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

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Brent Aden, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor