

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
September 6, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met on Wednesday, September 6, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. for their regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Brent Aden; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, Jeff Ives, Clarence Siepker; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the minutes from August 22, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Patrick Mooney, County EMS, gave an annual update on the Essential Emergency Medical Service for Pocahontas County. He reviewed the number of 911 calls each service received and the number of responses vs. transports. The Board thanked him for the information.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pay increase for Matthew Valentine, PT Jailer/Dispatcher, as he has reached 12-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. On September 6, 2023, Valentine's rate of pay will change to \$20.26/hr., plus shift differential, as per union contract.

On behalf of the Jt. DD 181 Interim Board, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for \$457.54, for a repair on Big Cedar in the SW Quarter of Section 11, Cedar Township and a claim from Mauer Tiling, Inc. for pipe and animal guard. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve Jt. DD 63 claims from Bolton & Menk for \$18,178.50 and \$16,453.00, for Engineering Services. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed the need for a downspout on the west side of the Courthouse. Supervisor Stauter explained that he has found one contractor interested in the project with an estimated cost of \$1,800.00-\$2,000.00. Supervisor Stauter will move forward with getting the downspout.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to give \$5,216.00 towards the FY24 Heart of Iowa Housing Trust match for Pocahontas County and revisit the issue at a later time. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge the Manure Management Plans: (1) Frank North Wean-Finish Farm – ID# 58276 located in the SE SW, Sec. 23 Cummins Township with Iowa Select Farms, LLP as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person with; (2) Sherman Finisher Farm – ID# 58362 located in the SW NW, Sec. 24 Sherman Township with Iowa Select Farms, LLP as owner & Kent Pliner contact person; (3) Taylor Finisher Farm - ID# 61716 located in the NW NE Sec. 32, Cedar Township with Crown Farm Partners II, Inc. as owner and Kent Pliner as contact person; (4) Zaugg 1 Finisher Farm – ID# 67866 located in the NE NW, Sec. 35 Des Moines Township with Hawker Farms, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner contact person; (5) Naeve Finisher Farm – ID# 65541 located in the NE NW, Sec. 17 Weaver Township, Humboldt County with Iowa Select Farms, LLP as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person; (6) Wadle North – ID# 58139 located in the SE NE, Sec. 30 Cedar Township with Gene & Dennis Wadle as owners & contact person; (7) Maneman 1 – ID# 59694 located in the SE NW Sec. 21, Dover Township with Robert Maneman as owner & contact person; and (8) GNB LLC-Albert City – ID# 62461 located in the NW NE Sec. 33, Marshall Township with GNB LLC as owner and Glenn Baker as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed the culvert that replaced Marshall 19/30 bridge and the progress on the Lake 30/31 bridge. The Lake 30/31 bridge will be completed in a couple weeks.

Lana Pratt from the Rolfe City Council met to discuss rural properties that are a nuisance around Rolfe and to see what the County could do. Currently the County does not have a nuisance ordinance but have contracted with an agency to update the Zoning Ordinances, to include nuisance, pipelines and solar panels. Russ Jergens, Zoning Coordinator, was present for discussion.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Jail informational meeting, ISAC and drainage concerns; Stauter- Jail informational meeting, and pipeline meeting; Aden-Midas, pipeline meeting and Wiegert Fall Fest; and Siepker-Upper Des Moines, ISAC, Rolling Hills, opioid meeting, jail informational meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor