

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
September 8, 2020

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Chairman, Jeffrey Ives; Supervisors, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden, Ed Dewey, and Louis Stauter; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Electronically: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated September 1, 2020, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the tentative agenda as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) GNB LLC – ID# 62461 located in the NW NE of Section 33, Marshall Township, with GNB LLC as owner and contact person; (2) Taylor Finisher Farm - ID# 61716 located in the NW NE of Section 32, Cedar Township, with Crown Farm Partners II, Inc. as owner and Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (3) Naeve Finisher Farm – ID# 65541 located in the NE NW of Section 17, Weaver Township, Humboldt County, with Iowa Select Farms L.L.P. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person (4) Delaware Finisher Farm – ID# 70372 located in the NW NW of Section 6, Garfield Township, with Intern Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (5) Dennis Wadle & Gene Wadle – ID# 58139 located in the SE NE of Section 30, Cedar Township, with Gene & Dennis Wadle as owners & contact persons; and (6) PI 246 Finisher– ID# 64893 located in the SW NW of Section 20, Colfax Township, with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve an increase in pay for Barbra Hinners, Sheriff's Clerk, as she has reached 18 months of service and Thomas Christians, Sheriff's Department Deputy, as he has reached his first-year anniversary. As of September 4, 2020, Hinners' hourly rate went to \$17.49/hour and on September 17, 2020, Christians' rate of pay will be \$27.42/hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to approve the hire of Wyatt Rahn as a full-time Sheriff's Department Deputy. Rahn will start November 8, 2020, at \$26.65/hour, as per union contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seipker, seconded by Dewey, to accept the resignation of John Esler, part-time Jailer in the Sheriff's Department and thank him for his service. Esler's last day was August 29, 2020. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to table the following claims from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads, for watchman services: Tri Jt. DD 1 for \$493.96, Jt. DD 171 for \$303.15, and Jt. DD 63 Br. F for \$485.04. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the Jt. DD 13 Outlet claim from Jacobson-Westergard & Associates, Inc., for Engineering Service, in the amount of \$1,182.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Jt. DD 171 MOD claim from MR Farm Partnership, for concrete delivery, in the amount of \$14,040.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Aden, to approve the Jt. DD 63 Br F claim from Anderson Drainage & Excavation LLC, for repairs in Section 8, Powhatan Township, for \$35,896.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Tri Jt. DD 1 claim from Anderson Drainage & Excavation LLC, for FEMA repairs in Section 24, Des Moines Township for \$10,231.42. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the proposed tile outlet repair in Jt. DD 1-54, estimated at \$1,300.00, located in the NE SW of Section 8, Butler Township, Calhoun County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to table the proposed tile outlet replacement in Jt. DD 79-40, estimated at \$10,500.00, located in the SW SW of Section 15, Butler Township, Calhoun County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve and sign the following proclamation. Ayes all, motion carried.

**National Voter Registration Month**

**OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION BY THE POCAHONTAS BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**WHEREAS**, registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and  
**WHEREAS**, 2020 marks the centennial anniversary of women gaining access to the ballot box through the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution; and  
**WHEREAS**, one of the national leaders of the women's suffrage movement was Iowan Carrie Chapman Catt; and  
**WHEREAS**, Iowa consistently ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for voter registration and voter participation, with more than two-million residents currently registered to vote; and  
**WHEREAS**, 17-year-olds are now eligible to register to vote in Iowa; and  
**WHEREAS**, Iowa's voter registration process is easier and more convenient than ever before, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and  
**WHEREAS**, the State of Iowa's online voter registration system enables citizens to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and  
**WHEREAS**, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign, to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa.  
**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, do hereby proclaim September 2020 as National Voter

Registration Month; and Tuesday, September 22nd, 2020 as National Voter Registration Day.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded votes: Ayes: Siepker, Aden, Ives, Stauter, Dewey. Nays: None Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted. Ayes all, motion carried.

**RESOLUTION 2020-09-#19  
RESOLUTION REQUESTING REIMBURSEMENT FROM THE IOWA COVID-19  
GOVERNMENT RELIEF FUND**

A resolution by Pocahontas County to request reimbursement for eligible costs related to the COVID-19 public health emergency from the Iowa COVID-19 Government Relief Fund.

**WHEREAS**, the United States Congress approved the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act to provide economic relief related to the COVID-19 pandemic.

**WHEREAS**, Governor Kim Reynolds allocated \$125 million of the State of Iowa's CARES Act funding to local governments for direct expenses incurred in response to the COVID-19 emergency.

**WHEREAS**, local government funding reimbursements may only be used for necessary expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 pandemic, were not accounted for in the current fiscal year county budget, were incurred during the time period of March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 and have not been reimbursed from other sources.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, Pocahontas County requests reimbursement of \$83,915.73 in eligible expenditures in response to the COVID-19 public health emergency.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, Pocahontas County affirms that the above requests for reimbursement follow all formal published Federal and State of Iowa guidance on how the funds should be spent, and understand if the reimbursements are misrepresented, the local government will be liable for any applicable penalty and interest.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Iowa Secretary of State Vote Safe Iowa Initiative Grant Agreement, where Pocahontas County will receive \$14,800 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to Coronavirus during the 2020 Federal election. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Dewey, seconded by Stauter, to approve all the claims for payment, including claims with documented public purposes. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	66.86	1
Ability Network	Service	1194.40	1
Parker Aden	Consultant	316.00	1
Adv. Drainage	animal guards	2933.52	1
Adv. Drainage	30" plastic pipe	2218.33	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	65.05	1
Amazon Capital Services	tools 1XFR-F6FJ-HR6X	20.47	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	358.33	4
American Business Phones	Hardware	326.76	1
Amerigroup	Service	288.00	1
Arnold Motor	Parts	849.69	1
AT&T	E911 Service	48.60	1
D Beneke	Legal Services	135.00	3
Best Evers Cleaning Sharon Eve	Labor	620.00	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	63.98	2
BV Co Journal	Minutes	464.03	1
B.V. Co Pub Health	Training	601.71	1
Calhoun-Burns	Bridge Rate/Inspect	6156.20	1
CenturyLink	Phone	38.46	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	3628.34	4
J Conlin	Phone	25.00	1
Counsel	copies/engr	87.59	1
Counsel	Lease	95.78	3
B Dahl	Mileage	197.40	1
B Dahl	Phone	25.00	1
Denco Corporation	sealing/Rolfe and Bridges	4000.00	1
Dollar Gen	Supplies	51.40	1
Dean Ekstrand Construction	Sidewalks	18468.75	1
Elderbridge	Annual Allocation	6189.00	1
Electronic Special	Equip	8.60	1
Laura S Erickson	Training	85.95	2
Farm & Home	blades	16.47	1
Farm & Home	glove	15.39	1
Farm & Home	glue	5.49	1
Farm & Home	oil filter	5.49	1
Farm & Home	paint	72.57	1
Farm & Home	quikcrete	171.27	1
Farm & Home	socket	5.49	1
Farm & Home	tie downs	32.99	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	273.12	3
D Ferguson	Mileage	36.05	1
D Ferguson	Phone	25.00	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	113.61	1
Forterra Pipe & Precast	tie rod coupler	1248.00	1
GSK Financial	Flu Shots	440.56	1
Graham Tire	Tires	540.00	1
T Grau	Expenses	372.75	1
Great American Financial Serv	Lease	231.72	2
Henderson Products, Inc.	truck box #131	18111.00	1
Barbra J Hinners	Postage	15.10	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	19.55	1
J Robert Hopson	Certification	600.00	1
Hannah G Hubbell	Mileage	50.24	1
Hannah G Hubbell	Phone	25.00	1
Humboldt Co Sheriff	Service	30.00	1
IState Truck	Supplies	224.68	1
IMWCA	Worker Comp	6170.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	monitor/VS	168.00	1
Jack's Uniform	Supplies	39.85	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	5774.88	1
R Jergens	Expenses	845.24	1
R Jergens	Mileage	250.00	1
Juicebox Interactive	Service	586.75	1
Juicebox Interactive	Websites	9281.25	1
KAM Line Highway Markings	pavement painting	51485.02	1

M Klocke	Mileage	21.85	1
Brooke A Krips	Mileage	236.79	1
Brooke A Krips	Phone	25.00	1
House of Print	fuel books	298.00	1
House of Print	time books	989.65	1
House of Print	Guide	2500.00	1
Laurens Municipal	utilities/Laurens	143.08	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	680.80	1
Legal Directories	Directory	59.75	1
RELX INC DBA LexisNexis	Software	110.00	1
Loffler	Lease	79.02	1
Luft & Son	Services	48623.50	1
Machine Shop	Parts	8.89	1
Mail Servcs	Mailing	3264.96	1
Mail Servcs	Service	230.69	1
Martin Marietta	entrances	77.90	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone	27054.84	1
Martin Marietta	Aggregate	256.71	1
McKesson Medical	Supplies	111.81	1
Mediacom	Internet	236.90	1
Menards	breaker bar	29.98	1
K Metzger	Mileage	236.15	1
K Metzger	Phone	25.00	1
Meyer Electric	Parts & Labor	105.22	1
MidAmeri Energy	rural Manson int. lts	28.28	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electricity	602.17	1
MidAmeri Energy	GC/elec	17.41	1
MidAmeri Energy	Varina/elec	20.46	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	139.58	1
Diana Morgan	Well Plug	500.00	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	772.50	1
Kayla M Nedved	Mileage	8.34	1
Kayla M Nedved	Phone	25.00	1
NW Comm	E911 Service	1705.52	1
NW Comm	Hosting	27.95	1
R Nystrom	Mileage	11.50	1
Office Elements	Supplies	577.61	5
P&R Entry Doors	Door/Repairs	5950.00	1
Palmer Mutual Tel	Phone	314.92	1
City-Palmer	utilities/Palmer	94.84	1
Po Co EMA	Allocation	71000.00	1
Po Co Pub Health	Services	31.50	1
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	long dist. engr	40.72	1
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	Phone Internet	33.15	1
Poca Fiber	Fax	3.33	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	1708.27	3
Record Dem	Minutes	668.16	1
Schneider Corp	Beacon Ser	13845.00	1
S H Lawn Care	Lawn Care	2448.00	1
Seiler App	Repair	805.65	1
Shield Tech	Service	9495.00	1
Sioux Lumber Cash & Carry	Rerod	30.00	1
D Stall	Mileage	449.08	1
D Stall	Phone	25.00	1
M Parrott	Ballots	191.52	1
Betty Thul Estate	Well Plug	500.00	1
Twin River Tool Co. LLC Snap O	tools	13.40	1
Verizon	E911 Service	680.70	1
Verizon	Phone	40.01	1
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Lease	89.00	1
Windstream	E911 Service	264.26	2
Grand Total		345475.05	

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to authorize Jack Moellering, County Engineer, to sign the State of Iowa Section 130 Crossing Safety Improvements Agreement with the Iowa DOT. The railroad tracks are located East of Laurens. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Dewey, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Iowa DOT agreement for use of highway Right-of-Way for utility accommodations for Black Hills Energy. Ayes all, motion carried. The work site location is in Section 36, Sherman Township on Highway 4, approximately .013 miles South of the 510<sup>th</sup> and Highway 4 intersection.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed the intersections of N-65 & C-49 and of N-65 & C-66 to determine if light stop signs were needed. Secondary Roads will install flashing stop signs at both locations.

Weekly meetings: Siepker and Stauter-drainage and N-28 concerns; Aden-Homeward Housing; and Ives-Solid Waste meeting with State Auditor. Supervisors Dewey, Stauter, Siepker, and Aden attended the Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile Hearing on Improvements.

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

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Jeffrey K. Ives, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor