

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
January 20, 2026**

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Peter Seehusen, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Mary Jo Litwiller; Erin Rydgrin; Steven Henderson; Russ Jergens; Tate Schmeling.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Siepker to approve the minutes from January 13, 2026 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Steven Henderson, Sheriff's Department Union Rep presented the initial Union contract proposal. Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker to acknowledge receipt of the initial Union contract proposal.

Russ Jergens, EMA/E911/Zoning Director presented the approved Solar Ordinance by the Planning and Zoning Commission. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to acknowledge receipt of the Solar Ordinance and set February 10 at 10:30 am as the first reading of #44 Solar Ordinance. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jergens also advised that at the February Planning and Zoning Commission meeting they will be looking at windmills, pipelines and nuisance ordinances. Jergens will look at other counties ordinances and present the best options to the board before the commission reviews them.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer presented two estimates from Calhoun-Burns and Associates for bridge planning. The bridge projects are scheduled to start in the Spring and completed in FY27. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Siepker to approve Calhoun-Burns and Associates estimates for Bridge 022A plan development of \$40,650 plus final design and Bridge 052 plan development of \$42,100 plus final design. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling advised the new dump trucks are to be stored in heated areas due to the new DEF systems. Schmeling will check on cost of insulating the east shop and also into plug in units.

Schmeling is also looking at a bigger area for their lab. Possible use of third floor kitchen.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor discussed decommitting instead of reassigning previous committed funds. Hinrickson will prepare and present a Resolution to decommit.

Hinrickson also presented information to the board for deciding any wage increases. Decision will be made after looking at budgets.

Derek Essing received one quote for sewer pipe relining and the other company wouldn't formally quote without doing a TV condition assessment that would cost \$2,000-\$3,000. Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve Behle Inc's quote of \$71,573.70 for sewer pipe relining. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Manure Management Plans: (1) FMP III Wernimont #2 – ID# 65118 NW SE, Section 4, Cedar Township FMP III, LLP as owner & Rusty Kosky as contact person (2) DeYoung Finisher – ID# 61831 SE SE, Section 17, Sherman Township Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Steve Licht as contact person (3) Steve Wheatley #2 – ID# 58343 SW SE, Section 27, Lincoln Township Brent Wheatley as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Econ Dev, Manure Matrix; Siepker- DECAT, League of Cities meeting; Stauter- YES, League of Cities meeting; Smith- Planning & Zoning Mtg, Drainage Concern; Aden- Planning & Zoning Mtg, Econ Dev.

With no further business, motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor