

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
January 27, 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; Laura Erickson, Deputy Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter, Katie Halligan, Pocahontas County Librarians: Lola DeWall, Laurie DeWall, Lorna Naeve, Glenda Mulder, Willa Casstevens, Mandy Pitstick and Stephanie Archer.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve the minutes from January 20, 2026 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

County Library Directors presented the county libraries report. 6 of the 9 county librarians were present. For FY27 budget, the libraries are asking for a 3.00 % increase. Chairman Stauter, thanked the librarians for all they do and that all budgets are tight. The Board may not be able to give an increase this year and may have to look at lowering donation.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to acknowledge receipt of Pocahontas County Library Association meeting minutes keeping splits as is stated in the contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

Tate Schmeling, County Engineer presented a new hire letter to the board. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the hire of Haley Toms as Drainage Engineer beginning the week of February 16, 2026 with a starting salary of \$95,000.00 once contract has been signed. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to accept the (79) D11 Fonda Box Culvert Plan. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to acknowledge the (79) D11 Fonda Box Culver ROW purchase. Ayes all, motion carried.

Tate also informed the board there are old truck toppers that Secondary Roads would like to get rid of. The board suggested putting them by the road with signs stating they are ‘FREE’. This way, all taxpayers have access to them.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith to approve B & W Specialists invoice in the amount of \$10,275.60 for the 2025 spray rotation for joint drainage ditches with Calhoun County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to Manure Management Plans: (1) Kies North Farm – ID#63529 NW SW, Section 6, Cedar Township FMP I, LLP as owner & Rusty Kosky as contact person (2) Mark Wells – ID# 64298 SW NW, Section 18, Colfax Township Mark Wells as owner & contact person (3) PI-251– ID# 65720 NW NW, Section 21, Powhatan Township Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & contact (4) Farm 235-Reed – ID# 67051 SE NE, Section 26, Dover Township New Fashion Pork as owner & Sarah Withers & Emily Wegener as contact (5) Farm 123 (T. Lampe)-ID#61614 NE NW, Section 9, Cummins Township New Fashion Pork as owners & Sarah Withers & Emily Wegener as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve claims as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

L Adson	Expenses	79.80	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	433.64	1
Amazon	Supplies	1560.45	8
Audioboom	Ads	1472.00	1
C Bailey	Expenses	80.50	1
Baker Electric	Service	6815.00	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	1984.11	4
Blackburn Mfg Co	Materials	340.38	1
Bomgaars	Supplies	15.00	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	553.42	2
CCDA	Dues	100.00	1
CDW	Renewal	949.60	1
Century Link	Service	71.45	1
Charm-Tex	Supplies	597.80	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	10.00	1
ComTech	Service	5075.00	1
A Devereaux	BOH	21.60	1
DeWall Const	Service	3058.01	2
DIII Conservation	Dues	200.00	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	4228.65	1
Elec Service	Service	1833.29	1
Electronic Special	Well Plug	3043.58	1
Emergency Management Agency	Reimb	10684.89	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	294.38	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	1318.48	2
Force America	Parts	486.74	1
Forestry Suppliers	Supplies	241.88	1
Galls	Uniform	714.81	1
Gordon Flesch Co	Service	356.06	1
Healthcare First	Service	120.65	1
Heart'n Home	Supplies	112.00	1
Jacob E Hinrickson	Expenses	325.00	1
IHCA	Training	875.00	1
ILEA	Service	50.00	1
INTRANS ISU	Training	120.00	1
Iowa Dept of Transportation At	Engineering Maint	180.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	7400.15	4
ISSA	Dues	1100.00	1
ISAC	Training	660.00	2
I & S Group	Engineering Plans	17000.00	1
ITSavvy LLC	Service	680.55	1
JDUBS, Inc Jamie Wood	Materials	500.00	1

R Jergens	Expenses	634.86	1
Jim Hawk Truck	Parts	89.15	1
Language Link	Service	32.60	1
House of Print	Supplies	64.77	1
LMPC	Utilities	242.32	1
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	190.49	2
Laurens Sun	Minutes	804.57	2
Lifeline	Lifeline	231.00	1
Mail Services	Service	298.33	1
Main Street Specialties	Modems	19108.58	1
Mainstay	Service	237.00	1
K Maurer	BOH	19.20	1
Menards	Supplies	623.90	1
MSOCIC	Dues	100.00	1
MidAm Energy	Utilities	154.95	1
MGB	Service	370.00	1
MW Technology	Security Sys	11736.57	2
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	48.68	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	1480.73	1
Comm First	Parts/Supplies	232.44	1
NE Gen Serv	Parts	11435.00	1
S Nelson	Expense	537.18	3
Netsmart	Service	1853.66	1
New Way Ford	Service	913.27	1
Odd Fellows	Service	1225.15	1
Office Elements	Supplies	928.84	5
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
Phelps Uniform Specialists	Supplies	40.55	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	5624.00	3
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	11543.48	1
Po Co Pub Health	Services	226.00	1
PO CO IT Dept	Service	193.96	3
Poca Comm Hospital	Service	189.50	2
Poky Sales & Serv	Repairs	35.95	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	54.15	1
Record Dem	Minutes	1477.72	6
Reg V HAZMAT	Contribution	2654.25	1
B Reis	Expenses	15.00	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	757.01	1
J Runneberg	Safety	114.46	1
H Schachtner Kramer	Mileage	40.38	1
Schimberg Co	Supplies	323.16	1
SCI Comm	Service	445.05	1
Secure Shred	Service	4.00	1
B Shelgren	Service	300.00	1
C Siepker	Expenses	785.07	1
Stratford Gravel, Inc	Materials	56294.36	1
T-Mobile	Service	219.45	1
Truck Center Companies	Parts/Materials	62.56	1
Vanguard	Service	875.00	1
Verizon	Phone	598.35	2
Verizon	Services	280.10	1
K Wagner	Expenses	55.80	1
WalTek	Service	4200.00	1
J Watson	Mileage/Meals	575.88	1
Wessels Oil	Materials	654.93	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	2151.78	1
Windstream	Line Chg	264.26	1
Woods	Supplies	116.82	2
Ziegler	Parts	131.08	1
365 Mech	Service	3492.90	1
Grand Total		224299.03	

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Solid Waste & Budget Concerns; Siepker- HHS & Linking Families; Stauter- DD91 Concerns & Interview; Smith- Interview & Jail Concerns; Aden- Solid Waste.

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

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Laura Erickson, Deputy Auditor