

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
January 31, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Brent Aden; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Somers.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to approve the minutes dated January 24, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve the agenda with striking approve Alison Hauser as a Reserve Deputy. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to approve the transfer of Bryan Rahn to the Auditor's Office. Ayes all, motion carried. On February 6, 2023, Rahn will transfer from the Sheriff's Office to the Auditor's Office and per the Pocahontas County Compensation policy, Rahn will earn \$22.41/hour.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to appoint Craig Rubel and Patrick Sullivan to the 2023 Eminent Domain Commission. Ayes all, motion carried. Rubel will serve in the Owners-Operators-Agricultural group and Sullivan in the Bankers and Auctioneers group.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge the Pocahontas County Historical Society's report on accomplishments in 2022 and thank them for all they do. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve payment to Chris Pohl for beaver trapping in Jt. DD 77 for \$80.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Supervisors discussed the Solid Waste bills for Bennett Sanitation that were sent to the County to be paid. After discussion, it was the consensus of the Board that it is not the County's responsibility to pay for items Bennett Sanitation took to the landfill.

Russ Jergens, EMA/E-911/ Zoning Coordinator, discussed a new layout for the crumbling parking lot on the North side of the Courthouse. The new layout would provide better drainage and make it easier for snow removal. Jergens will get bids for the project.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Cummins North– ID# 65111 located in the SE SW, Section 16, Cummins Township with Hawkeye Partners LLP as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person; and (2) Cummins South– ID# 65112 located in the SE SE, Section 32, Cummins Township with Hawkeye Partners LLP as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, advised that the DOT is replacing a bridge on Highway 3 and wants to use DD 41's right-of-way. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Iowa DOT Drainage District Consent Agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives to approve specification with noted changes for brush management for joint drainage districts with Buena Vista, Calhoun, and Sac Counties. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor, presented information requested on salaries, budgeted amounts not used in FY22, and possible max levies. The Board requested additional information to assist in determining which departments they would like to review budget requests with again.

The Board reviewed the tentative Sheriff's Union agreement and will discuss further next week with Paul Greufe, the County's union negotiator.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board held a bid letting for CMP for Secondary Roads. Atherton advised that three bids were received: True North Steel from St. Paul, MN, was rejected for not bidding to specifications; Contech Engineered Solutions from Ankeny, IA for \$272,542.28; and Metal Culverts from Jefferson City, MO for \$228,771.19. Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to award the contract to Metal Culverts, as long as the bids were calculated correctly. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Solid Waste and drainage concerns; Stauter-Midas, met with Navigator, and CFR; Aden-Solid Waste, Midas, met with Navigator, and CEDS; Siepker-Upper Des Moines, Rolling Hills, and North Raccoon Watershed Management Coalition; and Smith-met with contractors to get bids for Courthouse projects.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor