

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
January 6, 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; Julie Edwards, Exec Director UDMO. Telephonically: Brian Blomme & Ryan Buske; Tate Schmeling, Engineer.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from January 2, 2026 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Planning and Zoning will be meeting January 15 to review ordinances.

Julie Edwards, Executive Director UDMO, provided their annual report and are requesting \$19,000.00 for FY27.

Brian Bloome, County Drainage Engineer – Sac, Calhoun & Buena Vista explained the watchman services invoice. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve BV County Auditor invoice for JT DD watchman services for October and November in the amount of \$1,440.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Ryan Buske, Drainage Attorney, discussed procedure for abandoning tile in DD41 Br 38 after further research, we need a petition from the landowner initially and then get consent from landowners in the whole district. Supervisors will reach out to get a petition and consent and then will reach back out to Buske.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer, requested to set a date for pipe bid letting. Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to set pipe bid letting for February 24, 2026 at 10:30 am for 2026 pipe. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith to approve chairman to sign annual Title VI Non-Discriminate and Standard Assurance Documents. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve Federal Functional Classification Resolution 2026-01-#10 for the Bradgate Bridge Road. Ayes: Seehusen, Siepker, Stauter, Smith Aden. Nays: none. Motion carried. Full resolution can be requested at the Auditor’s office.

Schmeling advised that with the Safety Action Plan, three counties were awarded the grant with each county getting approximately 2 million dollars in funds to improve N65 in 2027. Schmeling also stated that the new hoist was delivered yesterday.

From the organizational meeting the supervisor’s need to approve: Recognizing this Board represents the people of Pocahontas County as a whole and having jurisdiction to act on all matters pertaining to this County, motion was made by Seehusen, seconded by Siepker that the Board shall make decisions as a unit and not as individuals. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Manure Management Plans: (1) Baker 1 Finisher – ID# 61828 SE SW, Section 13, Marshall Township Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Steve Licht as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- none; Siepker- Linking Families, Dept Head; Stauter- Mtg with Tate & Gary; Smith- Mtg with Tate & Gary, Dept Head; Aden- none.

Stauter and Smith advised after meeting with Tate and Gary they are looking at 16 hours as needed with Gary. County Attorney is creating a contract and then the board will make a decision. There appears to be three projects that are in the works and Atherton will also be watchman for DD181.

Hinrickson handed out an invite from League of Cities on January 15.

With no further business, motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

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Louis Stauter, Chairman

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Nita Hinrickson, Auditor