

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
January 7, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Clarence Siepker; Supervisors, Peter Seehusen, Louis Stauter, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Rick Winegarden, Chair for Comp Board; Steven Nelson, Sheriff.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes from January 2, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Stauter to approve the agenda with the addition of the change of Board representative. Ayes all, motion carried.

Rick Winegarden, County Compensation Board representative, presented the Compensation Board's recommendations for elected official salaries for FY26. With the Cost of Living of 2.7% per November 2024 CPA and allowed for an additional 3.30% raise with the understanding that the Board of Supervisors will adjust to meet their budgetary restrictions, the Compensation Board recommended a 6.00% increase for all elected officials. The Board thanked Winegarden for his time. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to acknowledge receipt of the Compensation Board's recommendation. Ayes all, motion carried

Barb Hinners & Rhonda Vosberg presented the 2025 Wellness Agreement to the Board for approval and signature. Hinners reported that employees' participation was very high last year. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve and have the chairman sign the 2025 Wellness Agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinners thanked the Board for matching funds in 2024 and asked the Board to think about matching again in 2025.

Seehusen volunteered to be a member of the County Wellness Committee.

Gary Atherton, Assist Engineer/Drainage Clerk presented the Board a report on DD84 main ditch with issues of water flow. Hinrickson will prepare a notice for the paper and landowners. Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to set an informational meeting for February 18, 2025 at 1:30 pm in the Assembly Room. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve the correct mileage reimbursement rate for 2025 of \$.585. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson advised that the LEPC & Region V Hazmat is the same Board and to change the representative from Seehusen to Smith on the Region V Hazmat Board. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve change in representative. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve the Sheriff's Office 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve JT DD 9 Cal 13 Poc invoice from Wieston Ag Service, Inc for \$1,500.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve the 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; Stauter- Fair Board; Siepker- Laurens City Council, Dept Head, Police Matters; Smith- Dept Head: and Aden- Solid Waste.

Siepker advised that the City of Laurens extended the Sheriff's Office contract another 90 days with the option of cancelling if the City lines something else up.

Smith advised that insulation is being put down on the LEC roof.

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

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Clarence Siepker, Chairman

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Nita Hinrickson, Auditor