

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
October 17, 2023

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

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes from October 10, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

The agenda was approved with the addition of Best Performing County Award, on motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried.

Haley Keihn, with Palo Alto County Health Systems, Alison Hauser, Coordinator of Disability Services, and Jill Conlin, Public Health Administrator, discussed the need for Substance Abuse (SA) services in Pocahontas County. Right now, anyone needing to do an SA evaluation or counseling has to go out of County and CFR is no longer doing prevention services in our schools. Keihn is willing to come to Pocahontas County and provide services like SA assessments in the jail, school preventions and mock situations, one-on-one with students and awareness through social media. They proposed the use of the County's Opioid Litigation Funds to fund these services. The Board felt like it would be a good use of the funding. Keihn and Hauser will put a fee for service proposal together and present it next week at the Board meeting.

The Board reviewed the bids for new fan coil units, baseboard heater and mini-splits for the Courthouse as the current systems are approximately 40 years old. Two bids were received: Midstate Plumbing & Heating, Inc. from Ft. Dodge, IA bid \$248,334.00 for 44 units installed; and Midwestern Mechanical, Inc. from Spencer, IA for \$191,855.00 for 39 units installed with wall repair. Midwestern Mechanical's bid was significantly less because it was missing five units including the two mini-splits. After discussing the quality of work by the contractors, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to accept Midstate Plumbing & Heating, Inc. bid for \$248,334.00. Ayes all, motion carried. Smith will inform Midstate and Jepsen will contact Meyer Electric to coordinate services. Jepsen will also contact G&R Controls for a bid for the system's controls.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Jt. DD 181 claim from Buena Vista, Calhoun & Sac Drainage Department for professional services in the amount of \$900.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve claim from Abel Drainage & Excavating, Inc. for repair broken tile in Jt. DD 63. Lat. 10 in the amount of \$212.16. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the Recorder's Quarterly Report and Report of Fees Collected for the month of September. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to appoint Abi Klumpp to the 2023 Eminent Domain Commission-Real Estate Salesperson or Broker group. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge the Manure Management Plan: (1) Feather Creek – ID# 58627 located in the SE SW, Sec. 3 Fairfield Township, Buena Vista County with Dan Ehlers as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jepsen advised that Pocahontas County will be receiving an award for Best Performing County for our size. Five counties were selected for operating as efficiently as possible. Jepsen submits information to the State every year advising of the steps the County takes to run the County as efficiently as possible. State Auditor Sand will be here on Tuesday, October 24th to present the award and a pie.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Assisted Sheriff with Eminent Domain questions; Siepker-Linking Families; and Smith-Safety Committee, Building Committee, pipeline concerns and drainage concerns.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor