

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
October 21, 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; Gary Atherton, Assist. to Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; Kalista Wagner, Assessor; Sarah Munson, Stephanie Webbink, Collin Lind.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from October 14, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Old Business: Midas. Russ Jergens advised the map was submitted and one additional property was added. Jergens also had sent the board updated information regarding the Mitigation Plan and an updated draft of the Comprehensive Plan for review.

Gary Atherton, Assist. to Engineer/Drainage Clerk discussed DD 56 Main #2 tile fix request and findings. After review, nothing was in the minutes or correspondence with landowners that abandoned tile repairs are up to the landowner. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to have the county fix the broken tile and to create a Resolution for any future abandoned tile repairs be at the cost of the landowner. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton requested a public hearing be set to discuss DD 49 Main #2 Tile Repair. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to set the DD 49 Main #2 public hearing for Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 11:00am in the supervisor's room. Ayes all, motion carried.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer provided the final plans from DOT on three road projects. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve DOT plans FM-CO76(81), FM-CO76(82), and FM-CO76(83). Ayes all, motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor asked the board, after further review, what HR Consulting firm they would like to go with. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to accept Ahlers Cooney hourly proposal for HR consulting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson advised the board of a power outage, October 13. The generator auto transfer switch is no longer working. Derek Essing is working with Cummins. In the event of a power outage, the generator will need to be manually switched on.

We are still waiting to hear back on when the city will replace the main water shutoff. The abstract for the sold land has been taken to the abstractor and they are waiting to hear from the attorney for instructions.

Economic Development had a separate insurance policy that could be covered under EMC. The commission will vote on the change and let the Auditor know how to proceed.

Hinrickson also advised that we have received a donation request for FY27 from Family Crisis Center in the amount of \$3,000.00. An increase of \$500.00. FCC will be giving their presentation next week at the board meeting.

Hinrickson stated that the board had received a formal request for a change of Agent on Record after sending out letters for insurance quotes. As the board is aware, an agent has brought information to this board for consideration regarding insurance quotes. According to that agent, in order to provide a completed quote to the county it would be necessary for the county to change the county's Agent of Record to that agent.

Seehusen advised that the county provided all insurance agents with the same information in order for them to prepare and submit an insurance quote.

There being no further discussion, motion by Seehusen, seconded by Stauter to not proceed with any consideration of the request to change the County's insurance agent of record for the reason stated here today. Ayes: Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Aden. Nays: None. Abstained: Smith. Motion carried.

Hinrickson confirmed that the board still wanted to proceed with the October 31, 2025 deadline to receive all insurance quotes to the county.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve JDD 25 Poc 39 Cal tile estimate from Mauer Tiling in the amount of \$800.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Stauter advised that he had talked with the interim board regarding this bill and received approval to pay. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve JDD 181 Big Cedar tile outlet repair estimate from Mauer Tiling in the amount of \$2,250.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

All new applications for Homestead, Homestead 65+, Military, and Disabled Veterans Homestead tax credit and exemption for the 2024 valuation year were reviewed and pursuant to Iowa Code 425.3, 425.15, 426A.14, and House File 718, Divisions 5 & 6, a motion was made by Seehusen, seconded by Smith, to approve all allowances, disallowances, and deletions as recommended by the County Assessor and authorize the Chairman to sign letters to be mailed to the disallowed applicants. Ayes all, motion carried

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- CFR, Insurance Mtg; Stauter- YES, Fonda Ribbon Cutting, Drainage; Siepker- Road Concern, Visioning; Smith- Jail, Tree & Drainage Concerns, Safety Mtg; Aden- Visioning, DD 49 mtg with Gary, Solid Waste.

Seehusen stated that Sarah Munson had reached out to him regarding purchasing flowers for the southside of the Courthouse with the Garden Club no longer doing it. It was decided to still have Munson get the flowers. Erin Sommers advised she will put something in the paper asking if any groups want to plant and take care of the flowers going forward. Hinrickson will reach out to the school also.

Motion by Stauter to adjourn, seconded by Seehusen. Ayes all, motion carried.

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor