

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
October 24, 2023

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

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes from October 17, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the posted agenda with the addition of Approve Contractor's Pay Request under Conference Call with Palo Alto County, Jt. DD 63. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m., the Board had a conference call with Palo Alto County to discuss Jt. DD 63. The full minutes are available for review in the Auditor's office.

Mike Bourland from Iowa Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship (IDALS) discussed the proposed plans for a nutrient removal wetland in Section 30 of Lizard Township. One concern expressed was the stability of the embankment as it is adjacent to a DD 22 Main Open Ditch. Bourland performed a Stability Analysis on the area which confirmed that there was an area on the bank that was at risk of sloughing. He proposed adding gravel and riprap to the area which would strengthen the west side by DD 22 MOD. After discussion, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to authorize IDALS to construct the wetlands providing they present the final plans to the Board for approval and they do not build on the drainage ditch's ROW. Ayes all, motion carried. Any future problems associated with the wetlands, IDALS will aid in the repair.

Haley Keihn, Palo Alto County Health Systems and Alison Hauser, Coordinator of Disability Services were unable to present the Opioid funds proposal. It will be added to next week's agenda.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, informed the Board that 560th St. between 210th Ave. and 220th Ave. will be closed until further notice and that the guard rails are being installed on the new bridge in Section 30-31 Lake Township, and will be opened Wednesday, the 25th for traffic.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pay increase for Joann Huegerich, PT Dispatcher, as she has reached 18-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. On November 1, 2023, Huegerich's rate of pay will change to \$20.57/hr., plus shift differential, as per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the quote for \$5,000.00 from Meyer Electric for the electrical power work to be done on the courtroom technology project the State is doing in the Courtrooms. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded votes: Ayes: Ives, Stauter, Aden, Siepker, Smith. Nays: none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION 2023-10-#34

TRANSFER OF FUNDS TO SECONDARY ROADS FOR FY24

WHEREAS, it is desired to authorize the County Auditor to periodically transfer sum from the Rural Services Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund during the fiscal budget year, and,

WHEREAS, said transfers must be in accordance with Section 331.432 of the Code of Iowa,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa as follows:

Section 1. The total maximum transfer from the Rural Services Basic Fund to the Secondary Road Fund for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2023 shall not exceed \$1,669,119 from the Rural Services Basic Fund.

Section 2. Within ten (10) days of being notified of the apportionment of current property taxes, state replacement against property taxes, delinquent property taxes, and mobile home taxes, the Auditor may order a transfer from said funds to the Secondary Road Fund.

Section 3. The amount of the transfer required by Section 2 shall be equal to the apportionment made under Section 2 respectively, multiplied by the ratio of said fund's total maximum transfer to the appropriate funds by the sum of said fund's total current property tax levy.

Section 4 Notwithstanding the provision of Section 2 and 3, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed available fund balances in the transferring fund.

Section 5. Notwithstanding the provisions of Sections 2 and 3, the amount of any transfer shall not exceed the amounts specified in Section 1.

Section 6. The Auditor is directed to adjust the books when said operating transfers are made and to notify the Treasurer and the County Engineer of the amount of said transfers.

Approved this 24th day of October 2023

By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors

/s/Brent Aden, Chairman, /s/Jeffrey K. Ives, /s/Louis Stauter, /s/Clarence Siepker, /s/Kyle Smith

ATTEST: /s/Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to accept the Weed Commissioner's 2023 Report and thank him for doing a great job. Ayes all, motion carried.

All new applications for Homestead, Homestead 65+, Military, and Disabled Veterans Homestead tax credit and exemption for the 2023 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 Siepker, seconded by Stauter, 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.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the claims as reviewed by the Board. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	79.10	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	189.13	1
Amazon	Supplies	882.93	8
Arnold Motor	Parts	190.30	1
Automotivetools.com	Supplies	912.55	1
Client	Mileage	59.67	1
N Birkey	Mileage	438.75	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	42.39	1
Blackstrap	Materials	2119.75	1
Bomgaars	Supplies	129.98	2
BV Co Journal	Minutes	405.42	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.48	1
Campbell Supply	Parts	95.68	1
Charm-Tex	Supplies	17.26	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	29.71	1
J Conlin	Mileage	167.55	2
O Cressler	Expenses	710.06	2
Crestline Spec	Supplies	451.24	1
Electronic Special	Supplies	1572.20	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	232.94	3
Gordon Flesch	Lease	386.60	1
Govt Forms	Supplies	28.65	1
D Harson	Expense	16.02	1
Healthcare First	Service	104.74	1
Dereck A Hebert	Renewal	96.00	1
S Henderson	Expenses	73.68	1
Dallas J Heuton	Expenses	58.05	1
Hilton Des Moines	Lodging	669.08	2
Hilton	Lodging	248.64	1
B Hinners	Postage	10.40	1
B Hetrick	Mileage	174.33	1
Melissa E Hoyt	Expenses	321.46	1
IDDA	Training Fees	70.00	1
IA Workforce	Unemployment	757.73	1
IDALS	Training	15.00	1
Insight	Renewal	5099.60	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	1430.00	3
ISU Ext	Training	45.00	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	37.99	1
K Jepsen	Expenses	282.49	1
R Jergens	Expenses	372.96	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	409.60	1
Juicebox	Hosting	145.00	1
M Klocke	Mileage	22.23	1
L&G Products Inc	Supplies	1798.80	1
House of Print	Supplies	33.95	1
LMPC	Service	643.26	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	693.60	1
Lentz Funeral Home	Service	950.00	1
Philips Lifeline	Lifeline	1039.33	1
Machine Shop	Supplies	1117.02	2
Martin Marietta	Rock	19222.73	1
McKesson	Supplies	387.78	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	72.81	1
J Moellering	Safety	150.00	1
Robin K Moore	Reimbursement	210.87	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	131.08	1
Murphys Flooring	Flooring	3930.80	1
NACCHO	Renewal	270.00	1
Comm First	Parts	28.39	2
New Way Ford	Service	768.14	1
Office Elements	Supplies	724.40	3
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
Pam Doran Clay Co Engineer's O	Mileage	60.84	1
Penguin Mgt	Telecom	1470.00	1
Pilot Rock Signs	Uniform	517.10	2
Pitney Bowes	Lease	91.29	1
PJ Greufe	Service	1500.00	1
City-Plover	Utilities	100.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	5299.50	3
PO CO IT Dept	GIS	3000.00	1
PO CO IT Dept	Phone Fiber	75.44	2
Postmaster	Postage	90.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Meals	1554.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Safety	30.00	1
Poky Equip	Supplies	1239.99	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	2322.95	3
RB Lumber	Supplies	15.95	1
Record Dem	Ads	1206.36	4
B Reis	Expenses	1286.84	3
Richardson's Serv	Service	92.82	1
Road Mach	Parts	95.09	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	222.89	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	32.61	1
K Scheidegger	Expenses	65.86	1
Schoon Excavating	Equipment	9175.00	1
Will A Schultz	Safety	150.00	1
Select Parts	Parts	385.91	1
Sports Rehab	Service	498.30	1
A Stern-Domek	Mileage	145.08	1
Donald P Trexel	Mileage	12.87	1
UKG	Service	3.78	1

US Cellular	Phone	56.44	1
K Vadar	Mileage	231.66	1
Verizon	Phones	850.09	3
R Vosberg	Postage	67.83	1
Webster County Engineer	Bridge Project	85417.02	1
Jonathon Williams	Training	895.00	1
Windstream	Line Chg	264.26	1
Woods	Supplies	27.13	2
Grand Total		170500.16	

Weekly meetings: Stauter-YES Center; Siepker-North Raccoon Watershed meeting and Linking Families; and Smith-Pipeline concerns.

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

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor