

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
October 29, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Kyle Smith; Supervisors, Jeff Ives, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers; John Torbert, Exec. Director IDDA; Dereck Hebert, IT Director; Wes Von Donge, Chief Deputy.

Motion by Clarence Siepker, seconded by Brent Aden, to approve the minutes from October 22, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

John Torbert, Executive Director for Iowa Drainage District Association updated the Board on Iowa Drainage. The Annual Conference is Friday, December 6, 2024. Meetings continue this year for drainage clerks in the summer which was well received. Legislature raised the amount of expenditure to over \$196,000.00 when an engineer's report is required. John asked if there were concerns or issues that the supervisors would like addressed. Louis Stauter requested more than one signature requirement on a petition. Lots of money is being spent on investigating. Another request was a requirement for Solar Farms to have a corridor to get to a tile, if needed.

Old Business – ARPA funds. Dereck provided the Board with three quotes on cameras and door access for the Courthouse. The Board asked Dereck to see if the company that gave a quote for wireless door access could provide a quote for wired services which would be more reliable, Dereck will reach out.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk discussed a drainage petition received for DD41 Br. 1 Tile. There would be about a ½ mile of tile improvement. The improvement would be to replace and make the tile bigger. Clarence Siepker motioned to approve the petition and to appoint the County Engineer as the engineer in charge, seconded by Jeff Ives. Ayes all, motioned carried.

Gary also informed the board of televising of DD84. So far, they have found a 7" rock that they were able to jet out and remove, a broken tile and 1 ½" river rock within the tile. Once televising is complete there will be a meeting on what to do next.

The Sheriff's Office received the signed 28E Agreement with the City of Laurens for law enforcement for 90 days beginning on the 29th of October, 2024 and concluding on January 27, 2025. Wes Van Donge, Chief Deputy was on hand for any questions. Clarence Siepker motioned to approve the 28E Agreement with the City of Laurens, seconded by Louis Stauter. Ayes all, motioned carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor, advised the Board that she posted the maintenance/custodian position on indeed and has had 6 applicants.

A funding request from Family Crisis Center in the amount of \$3,000.00 was received for FY 26. The Board acknowledged the request but will defer request until budgets are determined.

Motion by Louis Stauter, seconded by Brent Aden, to approve reimbursement for assessment mailings for JT DD 1 - \$15.95, DD33- \$.80, DD56 - \$10.85, DD57 - \$.70, JT DD 63 - \$8.99, DD 91 - \$1.70 and hearing mailing for DD51 - \$53.55. Ayes all, motioned carried.

Motion by Clarence Siepker, seconded by Louis Stauter, to approve DD 41 Br 32 Open Ditch Invoice from Luft & Sons, Inc to Rip Rap in the amount of \$6,900.00. Ayes all, motioned carried

Motion by Brent Aden, seconded by Clarence Siepker, to approve Manure Management Plans (1) Mefferd Site– ID# 58466 SW SE, Sec. 5 Lake Township Tim Flaherty as owner & contact person (2) Plantz Turkey Facility– ID# 66930 SE NE, Sec. 18 Grant Township Jordan Plantz as owner & contact person.

Weekly meetings: Ives- CFR; Stauter- YES Center, Drainage & Spraying Concerns; Smith- Drainage and Jail Concerns; Siepker- Upper DSM & Rolling Hills and Aden- Solid Waste.

Kyle Smith advised the Board that precast has been delayed for the Law Enforcement Center and is supposed to be here November 5. If it is delayed again, Sande Construction will be gone a week.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Louis Stauter, seconded by Brent Aden, to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor