

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
October 3, 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 Deputy Auditor, Laura Erickson. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes from September 26, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to approve the agenda with the removal of Opioid Funds Proposal. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, presented the Sno-Pak Right of Way Permit. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign said permit. Ayes all, motion carried. Moellering also talked about the Lake 30-31 bridge being almost done. They are waiting for subcontractors to come and pour the concrete approaches to the bridge.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, talked to the Board about DD 50 Main Tile No. 2. Main Tile No. 2 is on the same classification schedule as Main Tile 1 and 3. Gary said that Bruce Wheatley wanted to install a bigger and deeper tile. The Board agreed that those who benefit from the tile should pay for it, so if Wheatley petitions for an improvement they will reclassify the district. Wheatley may install a concrete tile on his own and the Drainage District 50 would take it over but if he installs a plastic tile, they will not.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pay increase for Ashley Aschenbrenner, FT Dispatcher, as she has reached 1 year of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. On October 3, 2023, Aschenbrenner's rate of pay will change to \$20.26/hr., per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve a pay increase for Elizabeth Leu, FT Jailer, as she has reached 6-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. On October 10, 2023, Leu's rate of pay will change to \$19.97/hr., per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to authorize the Chairman to sign the CAASA Agreement for FY24. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Final Pay Estimate from Rognes Bros. Excavating, Inc. for DD 56 Main 2 Tile Improvements in the amount of \$51,069.84. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge receipt of the following MMP's: (1) Shimon Finisher Farm – ID# 65489 located in the NE NE, Sec. 9 Roosevelt Township with Crestview Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (2) Cummins Finisher Farm – ID# 64965 located in the SW NW, Sec. 34 Rush Lake Township, Palo Alto County with M Holdings, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (3) TJ 1 – ID# 65456 located in the SW NW, Sec. 27 Roosevelt Township with Tim & Josh Flaherty as owners & contact persons; (4) Mefferd Site– ID# 58466 located in the SW SE, Sec. 5 Lake Township with Tim Flaherty as owner & contact person; (5) PI275 Finisher – ID# 65459 located in the NE NW, Sec. 20 Sherman Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-constituent concerns; Stauter-CFR; Aden-Midas, Solid Waste Audit; Siepker-Upper Des Moines, October Fest at Olsen Park put on by Linking Families & Communities; and Smith-Jail, drainage and pipeline concerns and Department Head meeting.

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

Brent Aden, Chairman

Laura Erickson, Deputy Auditor