

Supervisors Room, Courthouse

Pocahontas, Iowa

October 7, 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 (telephonic), Louis Stauffer, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Katie Halligan; Bryan Rahn, Real Estate Deputy; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; John Runneberg, Roads Superintendent; Mary Jo Litwiller, Economic Development.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from September 30, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Supervisors acting as trustees for JT Drainage Ditch 9-13 Br 6 met telephonically with Calhoun County. Minutes are available at the Auditor's office.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer, along with John Runneberg, Roads Superintendent, advised they are moving one of the mechanics to lead mechanic and after further checking would like to hire a third mechanic for the shop that would also be a floater. Supervisors agreed to their recommendations.

Schmeling advised there is farm rock in ditches that they have been stock piling. They are looking at purchasing erosion bags and trying that for erosion prevention.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor reminded the supervisors of two invitations, one Oct. 15 for the Fonda School Park Playground Equipment Ribbon Cutting and Oct. 23 for the Mid-Iowa Growth: Connecting Growth & Giving. We also received a quote for \$30,000 from John C. Kaiser to repair the decorative plaster.

Garden Club advised they will no longer be able to do the flowers. Hinrickson reached out to Conservation and will also reach out to the Extension Office.

Hinrickson also reminded the supervisors that they, along with the Sheriff, need to start discussing FY27 Law Enforcement agreements with Fonda and Rolfe.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to approve the Auditor's quarterly report of fees collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the Sheriff's quarterly report of fees collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauffer to approve the Recorder's monthly and quarterly report of fees collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith to acknowledge Polly Zaugg's resignation from the Board of Health effective December 31, 2025. The board thanks her for her service. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauffer to approve Manure Management Plans: (1) Cummins Finisher Farm – ID# 64965 SW NW, Sec. 34 Rush Lake Township, Palo Alto County M Holdings, LLC as owner & Sean Moore as contact person (2) Shimon Finisher Farm – ID# 65489 NE NE, Sec. 9 Roosevelt Township Crestview Farms, LLC as owner & Sean Moore as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Drainage; Stauffer- None; Siepker- Laurens City Council & Dept Head; Smith- Jail & Solar Concerns; Aden- None.

Aden advised that Frank Salvatore is doing a good job.

The chairman recessed the meeting until 11:00 a.m.

At 11:00 a.m. a public hearing for the proposed land purchase by Laurens Municipal Power and Communications was held. Proof of publication was available to view, no objections were received. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the sale of land to Laurens Municipal Power and Communications by Resolution 2025-09-#40. Voice vote: Ayes – Seehusen, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith, Aden; Nays – none, motion carried. Full Resolution can be requested at the Auditor's office.

With no further business, motion by Aden seconded by Smith to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor