

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
November 14, 2023

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

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes from October 31, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the agenda with the addition of the Resolution for Canvassing the Public Measure RN. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign the utility permit allowing Iowa Lakes Electric Cooperative to do underground construction across organized drainage district lands. Ayes all, motion carried. They will be crossing C-49 by N-41.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed mailboxes in the Right-of-Way and Supplemental Abutments on bridges.

Motion by Smith, to table approving the Administration Services Proposal from Benefits, Inc. until more bids are received. Motion dies for lack of a second. After discussion, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Administration Services Proposal from Benefits, Inc., for the 2024 calendar year. Ayes all, motion carried.

Since the original bid did not include the Courthouse walkway or going over the caps on the garage, a motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to accept Four Way Contracting from Alton, IA for \$8,400 to reroof the walkway at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried. The caps will not be covered but Four Way Contracting will add an addendum to the warranty to state that if the roof leaks where sealed under the cap, they will come back and repair. Four Way's bid with the additional cost for the walkway was still below the other bids by \$6,510.00.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for the month of October. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve Jt. DD 9-13 MOD claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for repair work in the amount of \$654.42. Ayes all, motion carried. Work completed: Remove tree and repair side of drainage ditch located in the SW Quarter of Section 26, Colfax Township, Pocahontas County. Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer and Drainage Clerk was present for discussion.

Atherton and the Board also discussed Brush & Weed Control Specialist, Inc. services since the owner passed away. The Board requested to have the new owner come to a Board meeting to discuss their concerns. Atherton will contact the owner.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to table the claim from Mauer Tiling, Inc. for \$1,724.50 until more information is available. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge the Manure Management Plans: (1) Plantz Turkey Facility– ID# 66930 located in the SE NE, Sec. 18 Grant Township with Jordan Plantz as owner & contact person; (2) Steve Wheatley- ID #57923 located in the SE NE, Sec. 22 Lincoln Township with Steve Wheatley as Owner & Brent Wheatley as Contact person; (3) Feather Creek – ID# 58627 located in the SE SW, Sec. 3 Fairfield Township, BV County with Dan Ehlers as owner & contact person; (4) P 380 – ID# 67537 located in the NW NE, Sec. 12 Des Moines Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person; (5) Witzke Finisher Farm-ID# 61741 located in the NW NW, Sec 12, Coon Township, Buena Vista County with Crow Farm Partners III, Inc. as owners and Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (6) Rod Wells Finisher Farm – ID# 62483 located in the SE NE, Sec. 25 Newell Township, BV County with Timberline Farms, LLC as owners & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (7) Gruntorad Finisher Farm – ID# 62482 located in the NE NW, Sec. 34 Dover Township with C Holdings LLC as owners & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, 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	40.55	1
Henry Adkins	Election	8395.71	1
Adv. Drainage	Materials	4994.34	1
L Aljets	Election	243.40	1
K Aljets	Postage	11.00	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	246.42	1
Amazon	Supplies	750.59	5
AP Truck Parts-AG Parts, LTD M	Parts	23.25	1
Arnold Motor	Parts	388.84	1
B&W Control Spec.	Spraying	49757.48	1
Westin E Beneke	Mileage	182.93	1
M Bierl	Mileage	32.76	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	161.46	3
Keane W Brown	Mileage	620.10	1
BV Co Journal	Election	258.72	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	276.47	1
Calhoun Co PH	Services	275.00	2
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Calhoun-Burns	Professional Services	18418.30	1

Campbell Supply	Parts	29.38	1
CID	Supplies	670.00	2
Century Link	Line Chg	63.48	1
Charm-Tex	Supplies	64.18	1
L Christoffers	Election	286.38	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	3409.56	5
J Conlin	Mileage	125.00	1
Po Co Sec Rd	Safety	42.83	1
Creative Stitches	Uniform	120.00	1
O Cressler	Expenses	160.41	1
Crestline Spec	Supplies	1962.53	3
Croghan + Russell, CPA, PC	Cost Report	3425.00	1
Cummins Inc.	Maint	1135.21	1
Cunningham-Reis	Services	64319.86	1
Dakota Supply	Materials	385.20	1
C Devine	Service	100.00	1
D Dolan	Election	274.10	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	66.87	1
Frank Dunn Co	Supplies	1898.00	1
Electronic Special	Communications	170.00	2
Farm & Home	Supplies	772.70	5
A Fischer	Election	230.53	1
Tim Flaherty	Well Plug	500.00	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	155.15	1
Force America	Parts	232.95	1
Foundation An	Service	1600.75	1
Steven M Frerk	Safety Reimbursement	150.00	1
GFC Leasing	Lease	1124.82	1
D Gordon	Election	323.37	1
G Gunderson	Election	267.42	1
T Hart	Well Plug	500.00	1
R Helmers	Election	397.80	1
S Henderson	Postage	4.75	1
B Hinners	Supplies	15.52	1
M Hoyt	Election	289.44	1
IA Hosp Assoc.	Dues	525.00	1
IA Med Ex	Autopsy	2042.00	1
IDALS	Training	30.00	1
IDNR Water	Well Permits	150.00	1
IHCA	Training	280.00	1
ILEA	Service	375.00	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	85.94	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	480.32	1
R Jergens	Expenses	791.07	1
Jim Hawk Truck	Parts	13.26	1
John C Kaiser Co	Painting	18476.00	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	564.36	1
Juicebox	Hosting	289.00	1
M Klocke	Mileage	22.23	1
David A Kraft	Mileage	7.61	1
Anthony J Krips	Safety Reimbursement	150.00	1
Brooke A Krips	Mileage	257.40	1
House of Print	Supplies	34.50	1
LMPC	Utilities	192.68	1
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	10.48	1
Laurens Sun	Election	376.72	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	408.68	1
Elizabeth H Leu	Expenses	303.49	1
E Lund	Election	293.46	1
H Lund	Election	247.21	1
Mail Services	Service	257.95	1
Martin Marietta	Materials	91197.05	1
McKesson	Supplies	23.37	1
M McLaughlin	Election	296.49	1
D Mefferd	Election	221.76	1
Menards	Supplies	63.92	1
K Metzger	Mileage	434.25	1
Microtel	Lodging	540.96	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	256.82	2
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	142.80	1
Robin K Moore	Misc Reimbursement	77.20	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	359.99	1
Myron Corp	Supplies	496.84	1
Comm First	Service	167.61	1
Kayla M Nedved	Mileage	48.85	1
Netsmart	Service	1733.48	1
New Way Ford	Service	86.99	2
Norsolv	Materials	261.95	1
Northern Safety Co Inc	Safety	424.75	1
NW Comm	Line Chg	214.29	2
Office Elements	Supplies	135.86	1
David Otto	Well Plug	500.00	1
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
City-Palmer	Utilities	219.82	1
P Phillips	Election	221.17	1
Pilot Rock Signs	Signs	150.00	1
Pitney Bowes	Lease	261.72	2
PJ Greufe	Service	2125.00	1
Po Co EMA	Allocation	93000.00	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural	11385.26	2
PO CO IT Dept	Phone Fiber	264.24	2
Postmaster	Postage	115.80	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
A Point	Election	221.76	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Safety	34.75	1
Poky Equip	Supplies	238.08	1
Poky Fiber	Service	982.38	4
Presto-X Co	Pest Control	170.00	2
Prinsco Inc	Materials	1445.65	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	32349.29	3
Record Dem	Ads	1252.28	4
Record Dem	Election	376.72	1
M Reed	Well Assessment	438.93	1

Rees Truck	Parts	567.63	1
Reg V HAZMAT	Contribution	2654.25	1
J Reinders	Well Plug	500.00	1
T Richison	Election	237.78	1
Alexandria K Salsberry	Expenses	876.13	1
C Schachtner	Election	254.40	1
SCI Comm	Service	485.83	2
Secure Shred	Service	148.00	1
Kristi S Seiler	Mileage	66.41	4
Sheraton Sioux Falls	Lodging	397.62	1
J Shimon	Election	180.59	1
D Shold	Well Plug	500.00	1
Solutions	Service	1521.00	1
Sports Rehab	Service	344.85	1
T Reuters	Service	830.00	1
L Todd	Election	238.72	1
ISPD	Juv Ct Ex	1375.00	1
Donald P Trexel	Mileage	12.87	1
UnityPoint Occ Health	Safety	100.00	1
UDMO	Allocation	4250.00	1
USPS	Supplies	405.65	1
K Veit	Election	247.80	1
T Veit	Election	275.29	1
Verizon	Communications	127.91	1
Verizon	Phones	1362.69	2
S Welander	Election	243.99	1
S Wenell	Election	246.55	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Dust Control	2360.00	1
Western Ins	Ins/Bond Ser	1365.00	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	925.49	1
S Williams	Election	234.12	1
Windstream	Line Chg	264.26	2
Stacie L Winegarden	Mileage	46.80	1
Woods	Supplies	23.63	1
Grand Total		464198.67	

Weekly meetings: Ives-Drainage concerns and Rolfe City Council meeting; Stauter-Fair Board and tile concerns; Siepker-Linking Families and Conservation; and Smith-Drainage and jail concerns. All Supervisors worked as Election Runners for the 2023 City/School Election.

The Board proceeded to canvass the results of the votes for the County's Public Measure RN cast during the City/School Election on November 7, 2023, and now embodies its findings and conclusions in the resolution hereinafter set out, on motion by Smith, who moved its adoption, seconded by Siepker. 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 2023-11-#35

Canvass of Special Election for County Bond Referendum RN

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, State of Iowa, heretofore did legally call a special election held on November 7, 2023, and submitted thereat to the registered voters of the County, the following special measure proposition:

SHALL THE COUNTY OF POCAHONTAS, STATE OF IOWA, ISSUES ITS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS OR GENERAL OBLIGATION CAPITAL LOAN NOTES IN AN AMOUNT NOT EXCEEDING THE AMOUNT OF \$8,500,000 FOR THE PURPOSE OF DESIGNING, CONSTRUCTING, EQUIPPING AND FURNISHING A NEW POCAHONTAS COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT CENTER INCLUDING ALL RELATED SITE IMPROVEMENTS?

WHEREAS, legal, sufficient and timely notice of the submission of the proposition at the election and of the date and hours of the election, and of the voting precinct or precincts thereof, with their corresponding polling place or places, was duly published and a correct and complete copy of such proposition was posted at each polling place or places during the day of election throughout the hours thereof, all in strict compliance with the orders of the Board of Supervisors.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

Section 1. That it is hereby found, determined and declared:

1. That said election was held and conducted in each of the voting precincts or precinct of the County at the respective polling place or places, pursuant to due notice, and in strict compliance with law, and that the proposition and the vote thereon complies with law.
2. That at said election, on the proposition above set out, there were 1,616 ballots cast, of which 1,131 votes were cast "YES" and 485 votes were cast "NO" and 33 ballots were cast blank or defectively marked, the vote by precinct or precincts being as set forth and abstracted in the official tally list a copy of which is attached hereto.
3. That the total number of persons voting in all precincts at the election on the date, as is shown by the election registers and poll tally lists, was 1,649.
4. Neither the above proposition nor any proposal incorporating any portion thereof, was submitted to the registered voters of such County within the six months preceding the date of the election canvassed hereby

Section 2. That the proposition and the results of the vote thereon, shall be entered at large in the minutes book, all in conformity with Chapter 50, and in particular Section 50.24 of the Code of Iowa.

Section 3. That a copy of this Resolution, the Abstract of Votes and the original tally lists, are hereby delivered to the Commissioner of Elections for filing as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 14th day of November, 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

Next, the Board canvassed and filed with the Commissioner of Elections the Abstract of Votes for the remaining 2023 City/School Election for races only in Pocahontas County, declaring the following duly elected. The votes were as follows:

FONDA		PLOVER CONT. Council (3)	J.M. Winger-8
Mayor	Donald Wolf-90		Write-in Kirk Hubbell-15
	Scattering-9		Write-in Dirk Lindgren-13
Winner:	Donald Wolf		Write-in Joe Minkler-10
Council (3)	Greg Stauter-86		Scattering-9
	Write-in Tim Hess-47	Winner:	Kirk Hubbell, Dirk Lindgren, Joe Minkler
	Write-in John Wells-30	POCAHONTAS	
	Write-in Stewart Anderson-25	Mayor	Westin Beneke-421
	Scattering-17		Scattering-20
Winners:	Greg Stauter, Tim Hess, John Wells	Winner:	Westin Beneke
Public Measure RO	Yes-51	Council (2)	Dan Murphy-212
	No-53		Cody DeWall-394
HAVELOCK			Brian Stover-271
Mayor	Amanda Tripp-16		Scattering-5
	Write-in Jay Murray-22	Winners:	Cody DeWall, Brian Stover
	Scattering-1	Hospital (3)	Kim Wood-441
Winner:	Jay Murray		Rick Winegarden-390
Council (2)	Alan S Hubbell-37		Patrick J. Sullivan-329
	Patrick Tripp-24		Scattering-5
	Scattering-6	Winners:	Kim Wood, Rick Winegarden, Patrick J. Sullivan
Winners:	Alan S Hubbell, Patrick Tripp	ROLFE	
LAURENS		Mayor	Jim Pentico-110
Mayor	Kelly Pabst-88		Write-in Al Minkler-20
	Rodney Johnson-140		Write-in Casey Leeper-11
	Scattering-11	Winner:	Jim Pentico
Winner:	Rodney Johnson	Council (2)	Lana Pratt-72
Council (3)	Michael Hayek-117		Jeremy Sauter-53
	Loren Booth-178		Joshua "Bear" Robertson-56
	Hannah Zylstra-175		Rob Jackson-71
	Aaron Christenson-182		Write-in Charity Orwig-44
	Wayne Peaslee-49		Scattering-4
	Scattering-2	Winners:	Lana Pratt, Rob Johnson
Winners:	Loren Booth, Hannah Zylstra, Aaron Christenson	VARINA	
PALMER		Mayor	Richard Farrell-11
Council (2)	Beth Habben-29		Scattering-2
	Jackie Conklin-30	Winner:	Richard Farrell
	Scattering-0	Council (2)	Dennis Lindgren-8
Winners:	Beth Habben, Jackie Conklin		Kent Bodholdt-12
PLOVER			Scattering-2
Mayor	Write-in Jacob Point-15	Winners:	Dennis Lindgren, Kent Bodholdt
	Scattering-3		
Winner:	Jacob Point		

Continuing on, the Board canvassed and filed with the Commissioner of Elections the Abstract of Votes for races that were in more than one county. The vote totals were forwarded on to the Control Counties to be used in the Second Tier Canvass. The votes were as follows:

GILMORE CITY		GILMORE CITY CONT.	Scattering-0
Mayor	Landon Bailey-45	GILMORE CITY/BRADGATE	
	Scattering-1	At Large (2)	Abbi Telford-41
Council (3)	Mary Torkelson-36		April Smith-36
	Jacob Peterson-39		Angie Jergens-36
	Paul Kipfer-41		Scattering-0
	Scattering-6	At Large-Vacancy (1)	Devin Ellrich-52
Council-Vacancy (1)	Irina Jacobs-42		Scattering-6

**ALBERT
CITY/TRUESDALE**

At Large (2) Jake Heuton-11
Luke Peterson-12
Scattering-0

LAURENS/MARATHON

At Large (3) Collin L. Lind-213
Jason Gustafson-248
Matthew Hertz-245
Dylan Leuer-113
Scattering-0

**MANSON/NW
WEBSTER**

At Large (1) Josh Sturgis-5
Scattering-0
District 1 (1) Mark Siems-5
Scattering-0
District 2 (2) Michael Jepson-3
Brad R. Moine-6
Scattering-0

NEWELL/FONDA

District 1 (2) Gary Morenz-99
Robyn Hogrefe-95

NEWELL/FONDA CONT. Pat Brabec-61

Scattering-2
District 2 (1) Cory Walker-140
Scattering-1

POCAHONTAS AREA

At Large (2) Jeff Kerns-763
Tony Halligan-844
Scattering-11
District 2 (1) Sherre Johnson-841
Scattering-9

District 3 (1) Sara Boysen-554

Nick Kerns-449
Scattering-1

WEST BEND/MALLARD

At Large (4) Dawn Schmidt-2
Jillian Hansen-2
Nicole Myer-2
John Zaugg-2
Scattering-0

Iowa Central Community College

District 5 (1) Andrea Oswald-55
Scattering-1

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

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor