

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
November 16, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Clarence Siepker; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Louis Stauter, and Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Present telephonically: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated November 9, 2021, as corrected. Ayes all, motion carried.

The tentative agenda was approved as posted on motion by Smith, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

RESOLUTION – 2021-11-#33

A RESOLUTION ADOPTING DOCUMENTS PERTAINING TO POCAHONTAS COUNTY’S COMPLIANCE WITH TITLE VI PROVISIONS OF THE CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964.

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County has been a recipient of federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, in receiving such financial assistance Pocahontas County is mandated to comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa Department of Transportation has directed Pocahontas County to adopt certain documents and put certain programs into place in order to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964;and

WHEREAS, in order to continue receiving federal financial assistance from the U.S. Department of Transportation the adoption of certain documents and establishment of certain programs is necessary.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County that:

1. The Pocahontas County Engineer is hereby designated the Title VI Coordinator for Pocahontas County.
2. The Pocahontas County Title VI Non-Discrimination Agreement is hereby adopted and that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors and Title VI Coordinator are authorized to sign said plan where required.
3. The Pocahontas County Title VI Non-discrimination Policy Statement is hereby adopted, and that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign said document where required.
4. The Standard DOT Title VI Assurances are hereby adopted, and that the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors is authorized to sign said document where required.
5. The Title VI Notice to the Public is hereby adopted and shall be posted where other public notices are displayed in the Pocahontas County Courthouse. Furthermore, said notice shall be placed on the County's official website.
6. The Title VI Coordinator is authorized to take any other actions necessary and/or recommended by the Iowa Department of Transportation, U.S. Department of Transportation, or other designated authority to comply with the provisions of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed possible projects if the County would receive funding through the Infrastructure bill and projects Moellering needs to complete.

Stacia Timmer, Director of Operation with Elderbridge Agency on Aging, thanked the Board for their financial support during the past fiscal year. In FY21 Pocahontas County contributed \$6,189.00 to Elderbridge and in return our residents received \$188,411.00 in services. Services received included: congregate meals, home delivered meals, health promotion & disease prevention, Homemaker services, legal assistance, personal care, transportation, and a new program called Iowa Cafe. Timmer also requested a matching fund contribution of \$6,533.00 for FY23. The Board thanks Timmer and will consider her request during budget time.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to accept the initial union contract proposal from Communications Workers of America for the Sheriff’s Department. Aye all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve and authorize the Chairman to sign the Administration Services Proposal from Benefits, Inc., for the 2022 calendar year. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to appoint Morgan Olson and Shelley Stumpf as Pocahontas County Medical Examiner- Investigators, as they have successfully completed the Medicolegal Death Investigator Training Course. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge the resignation of Laura Williams, Assessor’s Clerk. Williams’ last day will be November 29, 2021. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to table a pay increase for Chief Deputy, Wes Van Donge, until more discussion can take place. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the deletions of Family Farm and Ag Land credits, pursuant to Iowa Code 425A. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the allowance and disallowance of applications for Family Farm tax credit for the 2021 valuation year, pursuant to Iowa Code 425A.4 and as recommended by the County Assessor. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Plantz Turkey Facility– ID# 66930 located in the SE NE, Sec. 18 Grant Township with Jordan Plantz as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives – toured new jail in Carroll; Siepker – Linking Families meeting and Linking Families Executive Board meeting; Stauter– Fair board, toured new jail in Carroll, and tile concerns; and Smith–Public Health, Housing Committee, Safety, Building & Grounds meeting, and HCA concerns.

The Board canvassed the results for the second tier City/School election. The Abstract of Votes from other counties for races where Pocahontas County is the control county were reviewed and confirmed, declaring the following duly elected. The votes were as follows:

POCAHONTAS AREA

At Large (1) Chris Janssen-286
Randy Barnhardt-226
Troy Lenz-255
Scattering-2
Winners: Chris Janssen
District 1 (1) Nick Lenz-363
Dustin Thompson-382
Scattering-1
Winners: Dustin Thompson
District 2 (1) Sherre Johnson-323
Michael Crosgrove-384
Scattering-5
Winners: Michael Crosgrove

LAURENS/MARATHON

At Large(2) Laura Todd-84
Benjamin Zylstra-101
Charles J. Harrold-99
Scattering-1
Winners: Benjamin Zylstra & Charles J. Harrold
At Large-Vacancy (1) Write-in Benjamin Zylstra-10
Scattering-19
Scattering-0
Winners: Benjamin Zylstra

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor