

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
November 18, 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, Louis Stauffer, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Katie Halligan; Erin Rydgren, Princess City Solar; Jim Pentico, Rolfe Mayor; Gary Atherton, Assist to Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Melissa Loehr, Shawna Kalous, Lacy Utley – Iowa PCA & Service Navigation; Alison Hauser, Liaison; Amy Johnson, Treasurer.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauffer to approve the minutes from November 12, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

MIDAS update: Mitigation Plan first draft has been sent to Iowa Homeland Security & Emergency Management to check for required information before going to FEMA. Russ Jergens is supposed to get an update on the Comprehensive Plan this week.

Potential Solar Ordinance has been given to Russ Jergens.

Jim Pentico, Rolfe Mayor stated that there are two vacant properties in Rolfe that have county held tax certificates. Parcel numbers 0805181010 and 0805181019. Pentico was asking the board to consider assigning the certificates over to the City of Rolfe. Amy Johnson, Treasurer, reviewed history of taxes on these properties.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Stauffer to assign the two county held tax certificates to the City of Rolfe with the City paying any drainage assessments on the properties. Ayes all, motion carried.

Pentico also reminded the board of the 28E with the County for Law Enforcement that needs to be discussed again.

Gary Atherton, Assist. to Engineer/Drainage Clerk advised the board that a landowner had some holes in DD 41 Br 38. When secondary roads went out to fix, they removed the top layer of dirt and the tile collapsed. Atherton asked the board to set up an informational meeting with the drainage ditch landowners to discuss abandoning the tile.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to set the DD 41 Br 38 Information Meeting for Tuesday, December 16, 2025 at 11:00 am in the Supervisors room. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton also stated that they were doing a tile dig out by the Shimon Slough and there isn't much cover, the tile is moving and a gap is forming. There may need to be future discussion about installing possibly 600 feet of flex pipe.

Melissa Loehr, District 2 Leader, Iowa PCA; Shawna Kalous, Lacy Utley introduced themselves and their positions with Iowa PCA. Kalous discussed how Service Navigation can be assessed. Alison Hauser was also in attendance. Loehr advised the board of how everything flows with Iowa PCA. She also stated nothing has changed with billing for the substance abuse, the county still pays. Behavioral Health is paid by IPCA.

The board acting as Trustees went on a conference call with Buena Vista & Sac County to discuss having Memorandum's of Understanding for their tri and joint county drainage districts. Full minutes can be requested at the auditor's office.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor advised that we are checking with the insurance company to see if the replacement of the automatic transfer switch on the generator would be covered under our insurance.

Heater replacement for the defective ones is almost complete.

Derek Essing, Maintenance is getting quotes for lining drain lines.

Hinrickson advised that we received a thank you from Pocahontas Economic Development for their donation.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to approve Resolution 2025-11-#41 MOU Joint DD with Buena Vista County. Roll call vote: ayes- Seehusen, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays-none, motion carried. Full resolution can be requested at the auditor's office.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve Resolution 2025-11-#42 MOU Tri DD with Buena Vista and Sac County. Roll call vote: ayes- Seehusen, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays-none, motion carried. Full resolution can be requested at the auditor's office.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to approve JT Dd 25-39 Mauer Tiling invoice in the amount of \$798.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauffer to Manure Management Plans: (1) Staiert Finisher – ID# 64121 SW NW, Sec. 5 Colfax Township Kelsey & Terry Staiert as owner & Twin Lakes Envir. Services, LLC as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Insurance, Comp Board, Safety; Stauffer- Fair Bd; Siepker- none; Smith- Comp Bd, Safety, Drainage Concerns; Aden- none.

The Board proceeded with the second-tier canvass for the 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:

LAURENS/MARATHON

At Large (2) Mason Reed-239
Amanda J. Martz-267
Scattering-4

POCAHONTAS AREA

At Large (1) Write-In Chris Janssen-27
Scattering-77
District 1 (1) Dustin Thompson-824
Scattering-12
District 2 (1) Deena Hudson-796
Scattering-12

Seehusen advised that the insurance committee met with one agent on Monday and will be meeting with the other agent on Friday to review quotes.

With no further business, motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor