

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
November 19, 2024**

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Kyle Smith; Supervisors, Jeff Ives, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers; Jacey Braunschweig, job shadowing Erin; Derek Hebert, IT and Peter Seehusen.

Motion by Clarence Siepker, seconded by Brent Aden, to approve the minutes from November 13, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Jeff Ives, seconded by Louis Stauter, to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

Palmer Mayor, Robert Rosenboom addressed the Board on the liquor license that was approved by the Board to the Palmer Volunteer Firefighters, Inc/Palmer Community Boosters. The City denied the request because not all the proper paperwork was filed. The State is who sends the license requests to the proper authorizing authority and that is how the County received it. When the County contacted the Iowa ABD regarding how they received the request they were told it was how the paperwork was filed. The County will reach out to Dan Feistner and see if there is any guidance needed.

Robert also requested the filling in of holes on the shoulder of the road near Palmer.

Derek Hebert brought the quote to the Board for inclusion of the Annex for door access and cameras. With removing the third-floor court room door access Clarence Siepker motioned, seconded by Brent Aden to use ARPA funds for door access control and cameras with Midwest Technology. Aye all, motion carried.

Discussion on how to use the rest of the ARPA funds. We will reach out to Roofing Companies to look at Courthouse & Annex roofs.

Motion by Louis Stauter, seconded by Jeff Ives, to approve watchman services invoice from Calhoun County for Jt. DD1 CAL 54 POC in the amount of \$400.00. Ayes all, motioned carried.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer informed the Board that the Sherman culverts are completed and ground is seeded. They made an offer for the Laurens Patrol Operator and the job was accepted. Tate has also requested design quotes for the Marshall Bridge repair/replacement and will bring the quote to the next Board meeting. Brent Aden asked Tate to have John look at the Palmer road shoulder and fill as needed.

Tate also advised that the City of Laurens reached out and they agreed to swap leased ground east of Laurens. A new lease agreement will be drawn up.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor, reminded the Board of the DD51 meeting this evening and that interviews are done for the Maintenance/Custodian position and an offer was made. We are still waiting to hear back if the applicant accepts.

Motion by Louis Stauter, seconded by Jeff Ives, to approve renewal of Board of Health Members, Connie Schachtner and Donna Stall. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Brent Aden, seconded by Clarence Siepker, to approve 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, motioned carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives- IA Communications Alliance; Stauter- EMS & YES Center; Smith- Interviews, State Auditor and Jail Issues; Siepker- Interviews and Aden- Solid Waste Audit.

Jeff reported that he attended the IA Communications Alliance that also had legislators there. The entities are having issues with One Call response time. They also discussed the enhanced 911 that is in the works and that the companies are not getting any funding to help with the costs of any upgrades needed. Legislators talked about the property tax issues and other items.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Brent Aden, seconded by Louis Stauter, to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

1:00 p.m. Chairman Smith called the meeting to order. Members present: Chairman, Kyle Smith; Supervisors, Jeff Ives, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers; Steve Nelson, Sheriff; Jim Pentico, Dan Allen, Peter Seehusen, Allan Minkler, Brian Larson.

Mayor Pentico advised the Board that their new city clerk resigned due to health issues and will be starting the process to hire again.

The 28E agreement between Rolfe and the Sheriff's Office will be expiring in June of 2025. With budgets getting tight, Pentico asked if the Board could look if there was any way to reduce the yearly fee. Some options Pentico presented were charging all cities per capita or reducing the number of patrol hours.

Reducing patrol hours really wouldn't have an impact on the dollar amount. An additional deputy was hired when the County went to 28E agreements with Rolfe and Fonda.

Chairman Smith advised that the Board will have a discussion with Sheriff Nelson and asked Nelson to put together numbers and they would get back to the Mayor.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Louis Stauter, seconded by Brent Aden, to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor