

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
November 21, 2023

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

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes from November 14, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Family Crisis Center (FCC) representatives, Tara Raman, Director of Marketing & Development, and Yoseline Padilla, Advocate, met with the Board to give an update and thank them for their continued support. In the past year, FCC has served 14 Pocahontas County residents for domestic violence, 8 homicide & violent crimes, 8 through medical clinic outreach, and 17 crisis line calls. FCC requested a \$1,000 increase in funding for FY25. The Board thanked them for the services they offer to Pocahontas County residents.

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

RESOLUTION – 2023-11-#36
Revised Bridge Postings

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County receives significant federal funding for bridges and accordingly is required to conduct bridge inspections and where prescribed, to close or to place restrictions as to the weight of vehicles using such bridges, and

WHEREAS, the bridge inspection consultant for the County, a professional engineer, has previously determined bridge load postings according to vehicle type for several bridges in the County, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to maintain the safety of the public and continue receiving federal funding for bridge replacements, and

WHEREAS, four of the bridges that have been load posted for the above reasons are now being retrofitted with supplemental abutment supports, which will allow them to carry full legal loads.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors that the postings on the bridges listed below be lifted and the roads be restored to full legal loads. These changes are to become effective once the roads are reopened after construction.

<u>County #</u>	<u>FHwA #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Posting</u>	<u>New Posting</u>
Lake 25	278550	14/23 Lake	12-27-27	Legal
Dover 218	279030	7/18 Dover	20-30-30	Legal
Garfield 225	279260	8/9 Garfield S	19-31-31	Legal
Garfield 226	279271	8/9 Garfield N	19-31-31	Legal

PASSED AND ADOPTED this the 21st day of November, 2023.

By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors

/s/Louis Stauter, Chairman, /s/Brent Aden, /s/Clarence Siepker, /s/Kyle Smith

ATTEST: /s/Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed interviewing a college student originally from Laurens for a summer internship position; a call from the Manson NW Webster School District concerning a complaint received from a resident about cars popping over the hill on 290th Ave., just south of C-66 and trying to quickly stop for the school bus; and patching needed at the intersection of C-56 and N-65.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the FY23 Annual Financial Report-GAAP. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge the Manure Management Plan: (1) Staiert Finisher – ID# 64121 located in the SW NW Quarter of Section 5, Colfax Township with Kelsey & Terry Staiert as owner & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to approve the hire of James M. Malecek as a reserve deputy for the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. Malecek will start employment on November 22, 2023 at a rate of \$18.00/hr.

Weekly meetings: Stauter-Fair Board, YES Center, and EMS Advisory Board; Aden-Library meeting, Economic Development, and Solid Waste business; Siepker-Rolling Hills, and DCAT; and Smith-Public Health and Jail meeting.

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(3) Collin L. Lind-254
Jason Gustafson-278
Matthew Hertz-264
Dylan Leuer-143
Scattering-0
Winners: Collin L. Lind, Jason Gustafson, Matthew Hertz

POCAHONTAS AREA

At Large (2) Jeff Kerns-820
Tony Halligan-927
Scattering-15
Winners: Jeff Kerns, Tony Halligan
District 2 (1) Sherre Johnson-924
Scattering-15
Winner: Sherre Johnson
District 3 (1) Sara Boysen-607
Nick Kerns-480
Scattering-2
Winner: Sara Boysen

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

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor