

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
November 9, 2021

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

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated October 26, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Collin Klingbeil, Bolton & Menk, presented the Engineer's Report for DD74 and briefly explained that the improvement is for 7 of the 14 laterals and recommended adding a lateral. Approximately 3600 of the 5500 acres in the district are recommended for this improvement project. Cost estimate for the improvement is \$3,985,000.00 or \$1,100 per acre on average. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to tentatively approve the DD 74 Engineer's Report and Pre-Classification and set a formal hearing on said report for Tuesday, December 21, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. at the Expo Center in Pocahontas. Ayes all, motion carried.

Don Cirks, Roads Superintendent, turned in his letter of resignation, effective December 9, 2021. Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to accept Cirks' letter of resignation and thank him for his years of service. Ayes all, motion carried.

Due to limited supply, Secondary Roads is looking into locking in an order for two new snow plow trucks. Kelvin Aljets, Maintenance Supervisor, presented 2 quotes for the new trucks. Rees Truck & Trailer, Inc. from Fort Dodge, IA quoted two 2022 MACK GRF trucks for \$244,150.52 and Truck Center Companies from Altoona, IA, quoted two 2022 Western Star 4700 for \$242,700.00. These trucks would be ordered now but not received or paid for until next fiscal year. Aljets also presents a quote for outfitting the trucks from Henderson Products, Inc. from Manchester, IA. Cost is \$108,264.00 per truck. Secondary Roads will also sell two of their dump trucks, a 2003 and a 2004 at the Sale Barn once they receive the new ones. Motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve the purchase of two 2022 MACK GRF trucks for \$244,150.52 from the FY23 budget. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the utility permit for Alliant Energy to do underground construction across organized drainage district and roads. Ayes all, motion carried. Alliant Energy is running utilities from Laurens to Rolfe.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed N-28. The lines need to be repainted and there are cracks forming on the South end. Moellering will look into it.

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

ELECTRONIC SERVICES SYSTEM 28E AGREEMENT AMENDMENT
Resolution #2021-11-#30

WHEREAS, Electronic Service System (ESS) was establish in 2005 by the Iowa Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the legislation required contracts for the system to be administered by the Iowa County Recorders Association; and

WHEREAS, due to the growth in the program, the Iowa County Recorders Association sought permission from the General Assembly to make a change to the 28E Agreement to allow all contracts to be managed through the 28E organization itself instead of through the Iowa County Recorders Association; and

WHEREAS, the legislation was approved unanimously; and

WHEREAS, on May 20, 2021, it was signed by Governor, Kim Reynolds; and

WHEREAS, on October 4, 2021 the Iowa County Recorders Association Executive Board and the ESS Coordinating Committee approved proposed amendment to the Electronic Services System 28E agreement; and

WHEREAS, Sheri Jones, Jones County Recorder, and newly elected President of the Iowa County Recorders Association, requested it be approved as an amendment to the 28E agreement for the "Electronic Services System", also known as the Iowa Land Records; and

WHEREAS, the proposed amendment to the Electronic Services System 28E agreement, as approved by the Iowa County Recorders Association Executive Board and by the ESS Coordinating Committee on October 4, 2021, and as executed by Deb Kupka, Tama County Recorder and Chair of the ESS Coordinating Committee on October 11, 2021, is hereby approved by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisor approve the proposed amendment to the Electronic Services System 28E agreement.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, advised that the City of Pocahontas requested a tax abatement for 602 5th Ave. NW. Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to approve a tax abatement on parcel 07-31-301-007 for the City of Pocahontas, in the amount of \$337.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve allowances, disallowances, and deletions as recommended by the County Assessor for Homestead, Military, and Disabled Veterans Homestead tax credit applications for the 2021 valuation year pursuant to Iowa Code 425.3, 425.15, and 426A.14 and authorize the Chairman to sign a letter for the disallowance of one Homestead Credit. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve Change Order #1 for Reaves Buildings for the EMA Building with no changes to cost. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, 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:

**Temporary County Redistricting Commission
Resolution #2021-11-#31**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce conducts the United States Census every ten years; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County, being a plan "three" supervisor representation, established a Temporary County Redistricting Commission on May 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, on November 3, 2021, a member of the Temporary County Redistricting Committee resigned; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.210A(1)(d), the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors shall fill the vacant position by the initial selecting authority within fifteen days after the vacancy; and

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors consists of equal representation of political parties; and

WHEREAS, upon recommendation from the County Attorney, The Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors agreed to allow each Supervisor to select one member to the Temporary County Redistricting Commission; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Brent Aden appointment resigned; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that Supervisor Brent Aden appoints Rita Helmers to the Temporary County Redistricting Commission of Pocahontas County.

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

**Temporary County Redistricting Commission Compensation
Resolution #2021-11-#32**

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Commerce conducts the United States Census every ten years; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with Iowa Code Section 331.210A(1)(e), the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors shall pay a per diem, travel expenses and reimbursement for other necessary expenses incurred in performing their duties; so

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors agrees to compensate each member of the redistricting commission \$50.00/hour per meeting in addition to \$0.56 per mile to travel to and from meetings.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve and authorize the Chairman to initial the change to the Amendment to 28E Agreement between Pocahontas County DD 168 and IDALS. Ayes all, motion carried. Change was to the amount allowed for increase construction cost from IDALS from \$1,492,386.00 to \$1,493,135.72.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter to IDALS for pay request #3 in the amount of \$157,534.24. Ayes all, motion carried.

After discussion, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the pay estimate from Schoon Tree Service for the removal of 5 trees at the Courthouse, at a cost of \$2,925.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge the County Farm's Annual Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 9-13 Br. 3 claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for repairs in the SE Quarter of Section 28, Colfax Township, for \$1,443.82. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Witzke Finisher Farm-ID# 61741 located in the NW NW, Sec 12, Coon Township, Buena Vista County with Crown Farm Partners III, Inc. as owners and Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (2) Rod Wells Finisher Farm – ID# 62483 located in the SE NE, Sec. 25 Newell Township, Buena Vista County with Timberline Farms, LLC as owners & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (3) Brandon Kay – ID# 61829 located in the SW SW, Sec. 24 Poland Township, Buena Vista County with Brandon Kay as owner & contact person; and (4) Staiert Finisher – ID# 64121 located in the SW NW, Sec. 5 Colfax Township and Kelsey & Terry Staiert as owner & Twin Lakes Envir. Services, LLC as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, 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	34.75	1
Henry Adkins	Ballots	7298.46	1
Henry Adkins	Equip	788.20	1
Lisa Aljets	Election	182.40	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	36.72	1
Alpha Wireless	Supplies	1246.25	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	2073.50	10
AP Air Inc	Parts	882.00	1
C Archer	Con Board Mil/Emp Ex	92.46	1
Arnold Motor	Parts	855.76	1
Bennett Recycling	Garbage	300.00	1
Blink Marketing, Inc	Ads	440.76	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	531.27	1
B.V Co Sheriff	Service	75.00	1
Calhoun County Auditor	Supplies	30.50	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.66	1
CDW Government	Equip	3196.56	1
CID	Supplies	1227.70	3
Century Link	Service	378.03	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	3577.80	5
Collision Center of West Bend	Repair	6237.14	1
Counsel	Lease	172.29	4
Po Co Sec Rd	Rent	721.00	1
B Dahl	Mileage	28.62	1
Dell Marketing L P c/o Dell US	Renewal	262.96	1
Dollar Gen	Supplies	22.25	1
Angela Duitsman	Expenses	277.18	1
Laura S Erickson	Expenses	160.36	2
Judy K Essing	Postage	13.70	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	316.65	2
Fastlane Motor Parts	Hand Soap/Disp - Misc Sho	40.00	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	128.81	1
Foundation Analytical Lab	Water Tests	532.40	1
Patrick Frank	Well Plug	300.00	1
D Gordon	PEO	230.58	1
T Grau	Expenses	1301.14	1
Great American Financial Serv	Lease	300.76	1
Gloria Gunderson	Election	187.37	1
Elaine Harriman	Election	181.29	1
Mark Harvey	Well Plug	500.00	1
Nancy Jean Heathman	Election	161.92	1
Dereck A Hebert	Expenses	107.52	1
Dereck A Hebert	Phone	25.00	1
Dereck A Hebert	Software	20.00	1
Rita Helmers	Election	179.00	1
Barbra J Hinners	Postage	10.81	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	19.04	1
Holiday Inn	Lodging	199.36	1
Humboldt Newspapers	Ads	1068.00	1
IDDA	Training	180.00	2
Iowa Office of the Medical Exa	Autopsy	4120.00	2
IA Workforce	Unemployment	2572.00	1
IACCVSO	Training	120.00	1
IDALS	Training	15.00	1
IDNR Water Supply	Well Permits	325.00	1
ILEA	Training	500.00	1
IMWCA	Worker Comp	9363.00	1
Insight Public Sector, Inc.	Renewals	2861.10	1
IA Lakes Elec	Rent	58.00	1
iPrint Technologies	Supplies	458.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Equip	1080.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Renewals	4494.58	1
ITsavvy LLC	Supplies	953.70	3
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	463.98	1
K Jepsen	Expenses	964.80	1
R Jergens	Expenses	1039.34	3
R Jergens	Mileage	250.00	1
R Jergens	Supplies	38.39	1
Amy M Johnson	Expenses	103.04	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	81.27	1
Juicebox Interactive	Web Host	230.00	1
Klatt Repair	Labor	21195.00	1
M Klocke	Mileage	193.95	2
Brooke A Krips	Mileage	229.88	1
J La Velle	PEO	200.86	1
Lancaster County Sheriff's Off	Service	35.00	1
House of Print	Supplies	412.00	1
Laurens Municipal	Line Chg	643.26	1
Laurens Municipal	Utilities - Laurens	179.68	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	759.58	1
M Lenz	PEO	139.45	1
RELX INC DBA LexisNexis	Service	220.00	2
Loffler	Lease	90.05	1
Harlan D Lund	PEO	198.12	1
E Lund	PEO	199.56	1
M & S Service	60W LED Bulbs-Misc Shop	67.00	1
Judy L Maschino	PEO	138.29	1
Mail Servcs	Service	218.01	1
Martin Marietta	Granular	47516.12	1
R McGriff	PEO	196.38	1
Maralyn McLaughlin	Election	232.56	1
Mediacom	Internet	236.90	1
Menards	Equip	373.79	1
Merryman Bridge Construction	#2 Supp Abuts 2021 (\$1401	45303.66	1
K Metzger	Mileage	401.80	1
Meyer Electric	Repair	1976.08	1
MidAmeri Energy	Elec - Gilmore City Shed	18.55	1
MidAmeri Energy	Elec - Varina Shed	64.38	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electricity	101.38	1
MidAmeri Energy	Int Lhts-Rural Manson	27.79	1

Midwest Wheel	Supplies	353.64	1
M Montag	Equip	31.97	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	149.35	1
Myron Corp	Ads	347.74	1
Kayla M Nedved	Mileage	88.54	1
Kayla M Nedved	Phone	25.00	1
S Nelson	Phone	172.50	1
Netsmart Technologies	Service	12.12	1
NW Comm	Line Chg	300.00	1
NW Comm	Service	27.95	1
NW IA Youth Emerg	Shelter Ser	5250.00	1
Office Elements	Equip	230.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	2363.46	4
Page County Sheriff's Office	Service	30.00	1
City-Palmer	Water/Sewer-Palmer Shed	96.19	1
Wendy Panbecker	Expenses	261.85	1
Philips Lifeline	Lifeline	370.80	1
Pitney Bowes	Lease	170.43	1
Po Co Aud	Supplies	15.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	4343.50	2
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	Eng Office Phone-Long Dis	37.02	1
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	Phone Internet	142.73	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	1646.41	3
Poca Ford	Lamp Assemb - #66	16.23	1
Positive Promo Inc	Supplies	219.45	1
PRI Management Group	Training	149.00	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	176.77	1
RAM Systems	Service	565.00	1
Reaves Buildings Component Mfg	Building	40097.40	1
Record Dem	Ads	2455.25	1
Record Dem	Minutes	759.27	1
Record Dem	Notice	179.84	1
Republic Companies	Dbl Head Rivet-#100	105.20	1
Richardson's Serv	Service	64.74	1
Rubel/Gonnerman Const	Concrete	69180.00	1
Linda Saunders	PEO	181.29	1
Connie Schachtner	PEO	181.28	1
Seiler App	Maint	95.00	1
J Shimon	PEO	122.62	1
Solutions Inc	Service	512.90	1
St Louis University Forensic C	Training	200.00	1
Stratford Gravel, Inc	Materials-Sand 2281T@\$6/t	13686.06	1
Streicher's	Supplies	497.90	1
Shelley Stumpf	Training	450.00	1
Surplus Center	Supplies	26.59	1
K Swanson	PEO	189.00	1
Ten Pt Const	Services	270401.70	1
T Reuters-West	Service	149.90	1
Donald P Trexel	Mileage	163.80	2
Kathleen M Veit	PEO	148.42	1
Tom Veit	PEO	183.52	1
Nathanial J Vento	Mileage	461.44	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	685.66	2
Verizon	Phone	623.24	1
R Vosberg	Postage	58.00	1
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Lease	89.00	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Dust Control	1600.00	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	LP Gas	1224.00	1
Western Ins	Insurance	1349.00	1
Emily A Williams	Expenses	111.01	1
Sherry Williams	PEO	186.68	1
Windstream	Line Chg	264.26	2
Woods	Supplies	34.20	1
Ziegler	Supplies	2.79	1
Zuetlau Seeding	Service	900.00	1
Grand Total		614017.82	

Weekly meetings: Ives – Solid Waste meeting. Economic Development budget meeting and Solid Waste concerns; Aden – Solid Waste meeting and Economic Development budget meeting; Siepker – Upper Des Moines, Pocahontas County Housing Committee concerns, and EMS concerns; and Stauter– Solid Waste concerns and farm driveway concerns.

The Board canvassed and filed with the Commissioner of Elections the Abstract of Votes for the 2021 City/School Election for races only in Pocahontas County, declaring the following duly elected. The votes were as follows:

FONDA

Mayor Donald Wolf-65
Scattering-7
Winner: Donald Wolf
Council (2) Logan Duane Nehman-10
Janelle Block-25
Brian Larsen-75
Cory Walker-60
Scattering-0
Winners: Brian Larsen, Cory Walker

HAVELOCK

Mayor Duane Stearns-13
Scattering-6
Winner: Duane Stearns
Council (3) Tina Jehle-13
Joseph Smith-17

HAVELOCK-continued

Write-in Judy Krips-7
Scattering-9
Winners: Tina Jehle, Joseph Smith, Judy Krips
Council-Vacancy (1) Alan Hubbell-18
Scattering-1
Winner: Alan Hubbell

LAURENS

Council (2) Elsa Jean Swanson-93
John Jamison-108
Scattering-8
Winners: Elsa Jean Swanson, John Jamison
Council-Vacancy (1) Loren Booth-107
Scattering-2
Winner: Loren Booth

PALMER

Mayor Robert Rosenboom-22
Scattering-0

Winner: Robert Rosenboom

Council (3) Bette Warnke-21
Melinda Habben-22
Marvin G. Alig-22
Scattering-1

Winners: Bette Warnke, Melinda Habben, Marvin G. Alig

PLOVER

Mayor Kirk Hubbell-8
Scattering-0

Winner: Kirk Hubbell

Council (2) Jacob Point-8
Randall Lauderback-8
Scattering-0

Winner: Jacob Point, Randall Lauderback

POCAHONTAS

Mayor Jada Hallberg-258
Scattering-5

Winner: Jada Hallberg

Council (3) Dean Zuetlau-211
Jonathan Rittgers-223
Tom Ries-221
Heather Hull-127
Scattering-2

Winners: Dean Zuetlau, Jonathan Rittgers, Tom Ries

POCAHONTAS**(Cont.)**

Hospital (2) Jody L. Lyon-261
Gregg White-206
Scattering-3

Winners: Jody L. Lyon, Gregg White

ROLFE

Mayor Jim Pentico-77
Alan Kuchenreuther-58
Scattering-2

Winner: Jim Pentico

Council (3) Dave Sandvig-55
Rob Jackson-30
Diana Sandvig-52
Dan V. Allen-63
Joshua Robertson-58
Allan L. Minkler-65
Write-in Connie Dewey-63
Scattering-6

Winners: Dan V. Allen, Allan L. Minkler, Connie Dewey

VARINA

Mayor Richard Farrell-9
Scattering-0

Winner: Richard Farrell-9

Council (3) Rodney Falline-9
Chris Archer-8
Richard Kollbaum-9
Scattering-0

Winners: Rodney Falline, Chris Archer, Richard Kollbaum

Next, 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

Mayor Landon Bailey-32
Bruce D. Torkelson-12
Scattering-0

Council (2) Tom Cavanaugh-32
Lavonne Hoover-29
Irina Jacobs-22
Scattering-0

ALBERT CITY/TRUESDALE

At Large (3) Kayla McCarthy-1
Jennifer Holt-1
Kyle Swenson-1
Scattering-0

GILMORE CITY/BRADGATE

At Large (2) Marsha Habben-45
Mitch Nielsen-39
Scattering-0

At Large-Vacancy (1) Logan Peters-45
Scattering-0

LAURENS/MARATHON

At Large(2) Laura Todd-65
Benjamin Zylstra-83
Charles J. Harrold-83
Scattering-1

At Large-Vacancy (1) Write-in Benjamin Zylstra-9
Scattering-19

MANSON/NW WEBSTER

At Large (1) Dan Oswald-17
Scattering-0

District 1 (1) James V. Stubbs-18
Scattering-0

District 2 (1) Jan Nelson-15
Patrick J. Fitzgerald-4
Scattering-0

NEWELL/FONDA

District 1 (1) John Sievers-89
Scattering-1

District 2 (1) Chris A. Mercer-97
Scattering-0

POCAHONTAS AREA

At Large (1) Chris Janssen-264
Randy Barnhardt-213
Troy Lenz-105
Scattering-1

District 1 (1) Nick Lenz-348
Dustin Thompson-207
Scattering-1

District 2 (1) Sherre Johnson-229
Michael Crosgrove-337
Scattering-3

WEST BEND/MALLARD

At Large (3) Chris Montag-2
Lisa Traub-2
David Bruellman-2
Scattering-0

Iowa Central Community College

District #2 (1) Brandon Michael
Wessels-662
Scattering-5

Iowa Lakes Community College

District #6 (1) Pat Kibbie-2
Scattering-0

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor