

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 2, 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 Stauter, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Mike Shiflett, Lead Mechanic; Tate Schmeling, Engineer;

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve the minutes from November 25, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Tate Schmeling, Engineer & Mike Shiflett, Lead Mechanic reviewed the quote from Bendpak on a new hoist. After discussion, motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve new hoist quote in the amount of \$46,107.79. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling then went over the Ditch Cleaning Policy. Schmeling advised that they have been doing what is in the policy, but they didn't have anything formal or the application. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve ditch cleaning policy and application. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor advised the board that we are still working with the insurance company on the generator auto transfer switch claim.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to acknowledge Christina Webster's 24 months of employment as a full-time jailer. As of December 11, 2025 her new rate of pay will be \$23.20 plus shift differential. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to acknowledge receipt of the Road Easement Contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve appointment of Heather Schachtner Kramer to the Planning and Zoning Commission to finish out 6-30-2027 term of George Schachtner. Ayes all, motion carried.

Stauter stated he talked with the JT DD 181 interim board and they approved the Secondary Roads invoice for \$2,392.00. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve payment of the invoice. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by to Manure Management Plans: (1) Steve Wheatley-ID #57923 SE NE, Sec. 22 Lincoln Township Steve Wheatley as Owner & Brent Wheatley as Contact person (2) S&B Pork LC #1 – ID# 58414 NW SW, Sec. 6 Marshall Township Mick Sundblad as owner & contact person (3) Martin Finisher Farm – ID# 61740 SW NW, Sec. 19 Des Moines Township Crown Farm Partners IV, Inc. as owner & Sean Moore contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Insurance Mtg; Stauter- none; Siepker- UDMO, Linking Family, Dept Head; Smith- Dept Head, Drainage & Road Concerns; Aden- Drainage, Solid Waste.

Seehusen thanked the supervisors for all their help and guidance this first year of being elected.

Hinrickson reminded the supervisors of the annual IDDA meeting this Friday, December 5 in Fort Dodge.

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

At 11:00 am, the supervisors acting as drainage ditch trustees held a public hearing for DD 49 Main #2. After discussion, motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to continue hearing until Dec. 11 after the board meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to adjourn hearing until Dec. 11. Ayes all, motion carried.

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor