

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
December 7, 2021

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

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from November 30, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

The Board held a public hearing on proposed Ordinance #42, An Ordinance Adopting the 2021 Reprecincting Plan. Proof of publication is available in the Auditor's Office. There were no written or oral comments received. Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the second reading of said ordinance, waive the third readings, officially adopt Ordinance No. 42 this date, and authorize the Chairman to sign the County Reprecincting Worksheet. The chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Siepker, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Ordinance is adopted and will be recorded.

Jill Conlin, HCA Director, advised of her staffing shortage and inability to find part-time employees. After discussion, a motion was made by Smith, seconded by Aden, to make the current part-time Aides full-time, 35 hours/week employees as of January 1, 2022, and authorize Conlin to hire one more part-time Aide. Ayes all, motion carried.

Don Etler, Drainage Engineer, and Senator Dennis Guth discussed Senate File 500 that Senator Guth introduced. Etler presented information on problems they saw with Iowa Code Chapter 468 that Senate File 500 addresses. They asked the Board for input on the bill and support. Also present: Jim Hudson, Drainage Attorney.

Russ Jergens, EMA Coordinator, presented two bids for the electrical work for the new EMA building. Meyer Electric from Pomeroy, IA for \$16,320.00 and Vote Electric, LLC, for \$18,150.00. Both bids are to install a 200 amp panel, MC cable, 18 LED lights, 3 door openers, 3 LED outside lights and 24 outlets. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to accept the bid from Meyer Electric for \$16,320.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, introduced the new Roads Superintendent, John Runneberg, and they discussed personnel changes and concerns.

Due to splits in real estate, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the deletions of Family Farm and Ag Land credits, pursuant to Iowa Code 425A, and authorize the Chairman to sign letters to those affected by the change in Ag Land credits. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign a five-year maintenance contract with Schumacher Elevator Company from Fort Dodge for \$3,142.80 annually. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Distributors Participation Agreement, Jansseen Participation Agreement, and the State Counties Allocation MOU as advised by council to settle Pocahontas County's Opioid litigation. Ayes all, motion carried.

As part of the settlement agreement, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to adopt Resolution –2021-11-#35, the Local Government Settlement Resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Siepker, Aden, Ives, Stauter, and Smith; Nays-none. The full resolution is available for review on the County's website, <https://pocahontascounty.iowa.gov> and in the Auditor's Office.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to accept Joann Huegerich's letter of retirement and wish her well. Ayes all, motion carried. Huegerich's last day will be December 31, 2021.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Double H Hogs LLC – ID# 58581 located in the NE SE, Sec. 34 Colfax Township with Double H Hogs LLC as owners & Twin Lakes Env. Services, LLC as contact person; (2) Steve Wheatley-ID #57923 located in the SE NE, Sec. 22 Lincoln Township with Steve Wheatley as owner & contact person; (3) A-1, Finisher Farm– ID# 69903 located in the SW NW, Section 11, Dover Township with Spud Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer; (4) Feather Creek – ID# 58627 located in the SE SW, Sec. 3 Fairfield Township, BV County with Dan Ehlers as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives–Rolfe Lion's Club; Aden–Midas, and IDDA; Siepker–IDDA and drainage concerns; Stauter – District 3 meeting, CFR, union negotiations, and snow fence concerns; and Smith – District 3 meeting, IDDA, Department Head meeting and met with Jill Conlin, HCA Director.

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