

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 10, 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; Jack Fischer: Katie Halligan: Peter Seehusen; Gary Klaassen; Julie Edwards; Stephanie Henrichs; Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Dereck Hebert, IT Director; Steven Nelson, Sheriff.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from December 3, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve the agenda with moving Julie Edwards up after the call with Calhoun County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Fischer addressed the Board regarding the mound of dirt that still needs to be leveled off in his field. It is by the west side of Section 77, Bellville Township. Work was completed a couple of months ago but the mound is still there. Gary Atherton will contact John Runneberg to have the crew go take care of that right away.

A drainage call with Calhoun County regarding JT DD 9-13 invoice, and two invoices for JDD 1 Cal 54 Poc with Calhoun County being the lead.

Julie Edwards, Upper Des Moines Executive Director, met with the Board to give an annual report. 4,026 individuals in 1,537 households in Pocahontas County were served between October 1, 2023-September 30, 2024, at a total cost of \$476,353.67. FY26 budget request is \$18,000.00.

Old Business – ARPA funds. Peter Seehusen talked to the Board about using the funds for two more cells on the second floor of the new Law Enforcement Center. Seehusen said after talking with John Hansen that the cost would be about \$250,000.00 for 12 more beds with the potential of generating approximately \$200,000.00 in revenue and in turn paying off the bond earlier saving the tax payers money. ARPA funds plus interest income could be used. Kyle Smith advised that he talked with Russ Jergens and E911 money will pay for the generator and radio equipment instead of the project, which could be put towards the expansion. Board members thanked Peter for the information but felt the money should be spent elsewhere.

Dereck Hebert, IT presented the Board with the Lynx Systems final quote and was his recommendation to go with option 1 for \$12,790.00 MSRP. Dereck said our discount has not been applied to this amount so the total cost will be less. Motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Aden to approve using ARPA funds for Lynx Systems of no more than \$12,790.00 for the panic and fire alarm system. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed using ARPA funds to pay for the Secondary Roads invoice for the work they did for the Law Enforcement Center. Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives to approve using ARPA funds to pay the invoice for \$85,809.28. Ayes: Ives, Stauter, Siepker & Aden. Nay: Smith. Motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor, advised the Board that Adkins Election Services presented a demo on new election equipment last week. Parts are no longer available for our current election equipment, if we were to have any issues. The new machines are a lot faster and easier to read both on the screen and the print outs. The cost of the election equipment is \$76,960.00 after discount. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives to use ARPA funds to pay for the Adkins election equipment of \$76,960.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nita advised the remainder of ARPA funds will be need to be allocated at the December 17th meeting so reporting can be completed. Nita will reach out to Roger Sommerlot regarding painting the old Zeman garage.

Siepker stated that he would like to see the remainder of the ARPA funds go to Conservation for a dock and playground equipment. The Board decided to wait until the next meeting to determine the amount of funds are remaining.

Nita asked the Board if the all employee meeting can be held in January, potentially in place of the April/May meeting so that employees can hear about the new RIC investment option from Corebridge. Board members said that would not be an issue.

Nita also advised that there are expiring board/commission positions this year. A notice will be put in next week's paper.

The new heating/cooling systems are not working properly. The contractor stated they have hired a third party to verify the electrical, air flow and measure the decibels on the units. Final payment to the contractor has been held until we hear back with these results.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Recorder's November report of fees collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

All new applications for Homestead, Homestead 65+, Military, and Disabled Veterans Homestead tax credit and exemption for the 2023 valuation year were reviewed and pursuant to Iowa Code 425.3, 425.15, 426A.14, and House File 718, Divisions 5 & 6, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve all allowances, disallowances, and deletions as recommended by the County Assessor and authorize the Chairman to sign letters to be mailed to the disallowed applicants. Ayes all, motion carried.

JT DD 1 Cal, 54 Poc – Strutzenberg Farm Invoice- \$7,460.27 was approved at the JT DD call with Calhoun County.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the drainage claim for JT DD 9-13 Calhoun County Engineer time of \$100.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the following drainage ditch claims for DD114 Br 6 tile invoice from Jim Leith for \$320.00 to fix fence; DD51 MOD Jacobson-Westergard services for \$1,129.30; DD 51 – Record Democrat notice for \$121.62. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden to approve the following joint drainage ditch claims for JT DD 63 Secondary Roads invoice of \$455.39; JT DD 77 Secondary Roads invoice of \$1,0003.20; JT 77 Br 10 Secondary Roads invoice of \$319.58. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve Manure Management Plans (1) Hawkeye Six– ID# 60821 SW SW, Sec. 1 Marshall Township AMVC Hawkeye Six, LLC as owner & Dave Wittry as contact person (2) Martin Finisher Farm – ID# 61740 SW NW, Sec. 19 Des Moines Township Crown Farm Partners IV, Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer contact person (3) S&B Pork LC #1 – ID# 58414 NW SW, Sec. 6 Marshall Township Mick Sundblad as owner & contact person (4) Feather Creek – ID# 58627 SE SW, Sec. 3 Fairfield Township, BV Co. Dan Ehlers as owner & contact person (5) Steve Wheatley-ID #57923 SE NE, Sec. 22 Lincoln Township Steve Wheatley as Owner & Brent Wheatley as Contact person (6) DeYoung Finisher– ID# 61831 SE SE, Section 17, Sherman Township Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Steve Licht as contact person . Ayes all, motion carried.

Stephanie Henrichs, Executive Director, Center Against Abuse & Sexual Assault (CAASA), met with the Board to give an update and request funding for FY26. CAASA served 20 Pocahontas County residents. CAASA’s funding request for FY26 is \$5,000.00.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve all claims as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

A & M Laundry	Supplies	40.55	1
Adv. Drainage	Materials	21069.91	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	49.00	1
Amazon	Supplies	1336.68	4
Arnold Motor	Parts	27.25	1
Aureon	Service	18.00	1
Baker Electric	Service	57588.05	1
W Beneke	Expenses	133.79	1
Bennett Recycling	Garbage	400.00	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	82.14	1
Bomgaars	Uniform	179.99	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Calhoun-Burns	Engineering Services	14930.50	1
CID	Supplies	1168.00	3
Century Link	Line Chg	68.45	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	2891.66	5
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	47865.21	1
B Cressler	Service	150.00	1
O Cressler	Expenses	200.42	1
Doolittle Oil	Materials	337.10	1
DPT Mech	Building Improvements	2071.88	1
Expo Center	Rent	300.00	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	209.98	3
D Feistner	Expenses	634.40	3
FM Controls	Service	20588.75	1
GFC Leasing	Lease	1124.82	1
B Hinners	Postage	78.60	1
N Hinrickson	Lodging	311.36	1
J Hodgell	Mileage	19.89	1
Hotsy Equip Co	Parts	35.00	1
IADPS	Service	300.00	1
IA Prison Ind	Sign Materials	6377.20	1
ICAA	Dues	370.00	1
Inland Truck	Parts	2560.71	1
INTRANS ISU	Education	1875.00	1
ISAC	Training	225.00	1
ISSDA	Training	450.00	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	6463.95	1
R Jergens	Expenses	647.10	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	521.52	1
Juicebox	Hosting	289.00	2
M Klocke	Mileage	22.23	1
Koenig	Service	140.00	1
B Krips	Expenses	316.95	1
Language Link	Service	20.01	2
House of Print	Supplies	1096.58	2
LMPC	Utilities	164.37	1
Liberty Tire	Services	1926.87	1
Mail Services	Service	537.03	1
Martin Marietta	Materials	44624.87	1
Menards	Supplies	70.60	1
K Metzger	Expenses	319.64	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	48.62	1
Midwest Const Cons	Service	12104.59	1
MW Technology	Security Sys	64980.25	1
Midwest Wheel	Parts	131.39	1
Mid Mech Inc	Service	4180.00	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	1477.94	1
Comm First	Parts	400.41	1
Comm First	Service	86.21	1
New Vic	Lodgeing	192.00	1
New Way Ford	Service	1221.63	1
Noah Const	Service	90133.15	1
Northern Safety	Safety Supplies	294.08	1
NW Comm	Line Chg	158.99	1
Po Co Sheriff	Service	15.85	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	11556.48	2

Po Co Pub Health	Services	100.00	1
PO CO IT Dept	Phone Fiber	55.14	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Safety Services	91.75	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Service	2533.44	1
Poky Equip	Parts	51.42	1
Poky Fiber	Service	951.14	4
Prinsco Inc	Supplies	132.98	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	34446.88	3
Provider Insights	Training	300.00	1
Rees Truck	Parts	70.19	1
Riley Armstrong	Service	23628.40	1
A Salsberry	Expenses	328.48	1
Sande Const	Services	723996.08	1
Schneider Corp	Engineering Services	16230.00	1
SCI Comm	Service	441.17	1
Sector	Equip	46940.97	2
Andrea A Simental	Rtn Ach	600.00	1
T-Mobile	Service	101.31	1
D Trexel	Expenses	12.87	1
UnityPoint Occ Health	Safety Services	50.00	1
Veenstra & Kimm	Engineering	485.50	1
Verizon	Phones	1371.52	2
Wex Bank	Fuel	1122.92	1
Windstream	Line Chg	264.26	2
Woods	Supplies	288.86	3
Ziegler	Parts	195.74	1
Grand Total		1285013.12	

Weekly meetings: Ives- none; Stauter- road concerns, tile blowouts & solar meeting; Smith- low cost housing; Siepker- solar meeting, Rolling Hills & IDDA and Aden- IDDA and solar meeting in Manson.

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

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor