

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 13, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Somers.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes dated December 6, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the agenda was approved striking exempt session. Ayes all, motion carried.

Steve Nelson, County Sheriff, advised that they have received a grant to place a camera in their new vehicle and asked permission to purchase the camera. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the purchase of the camera for \$5,190.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, and Angela Duitsman, Fonda City Clerk, met with the Board to discuss the City of Fonda's request for an abatement of \$1,215.04 for the drainage assessment on parcel #13-27-408-015. The Board reminded Duitsman that the city agreed to pay the drainage owed on said parcel when they were given assignment of the County held certificate #1980-80006. Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to deny said request. Ayes all, motion carried. Drainage districts are owned by the landowners, so the County cannot abate drainage assessments.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk, advised that a petition was filed by Kirk Welander for drainage relief in DD 57 MOD. After discussion, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Smith, to accept the petition and appoint Jack Moellering, County Engineer, to investigate. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton and the Board discussed temporary driveways for the carbon pipeline project. The project has not been approved by the Iowa Utilities Board but the County wants to be proactive. Laney Feight from Heartland Greenway was present to answer questions.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, had no new information to share with the Board.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Utilities' values for 2022, payable in FY24. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to tentatively accept the Appraisers Report for Right-of-Way on Jt. DD 63 and set a hearing on said report for Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 1:30 p.m. in the Assembly Room, Pocahontas County Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the Supplemental Agreement with Union Pacific Railroad Company on DD 56 Main #2. Ayes all, motion carried. Union Pacific will receive an extra \$1,000.00 for the change to the permit for work to be performed in DD 56 Main #2. Bolton & Menk will reimburse the cost.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to approve Jt. DD 36 claim for \$336.96, from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for repairs. Ayes all, motion carried. Location: NE Quarter of Cummins Township

On behalf of the Jt. DD 181 interim Board, a motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claim from Greg Cundiff for Beaver Trapping, \$80.00. Ayes all, motion carried. Location: Section 7, Dover Township

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve Appraiser Fees of \$112.88 for Allen Stangl on Jt. DD 63. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve Appraiser Fees of \$129.25 for Jerry Hammen on Jt. DD 63. Ayes all, motion carried.

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; and (2) Scott Pitstick – ID# 61660 located in the NW SW, Sec. 19 Butler Township, Calhoun County with Scott Pitstick as owner & contact persons. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to approve the claims as reviewed by the Board. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	231.88	1
Access Systems	Lease	150.59	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	510.25	1
Amazon	Supplies	1257.94	5
Dossier Systems	Service	500.85	1
Anderson Drainage & Excavation	Services	750.00	1

Arnold Motor	Parts	145.24	1
Cory D Bailey	Safety	150.00	1
Baum Hydraulics	Parts	1213.00	1
Westin E Beneke	Mileage	305.31	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	1043.98	3
Stephanie L Burdick	Mileage	8.78	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Calhoun-Burns	Service	13415.90	1
Campbell Supply	Parts	247.06	1
Anne Carroll	Labor	800.00	1
CID	Supplies	325.00	1
Century Link	Line Chg	117.49	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	3715.45	6
Coffmans Lock	Service	260.47	1
Comm Lumber	Supplies	341.93	1
Crestline Spec	Supplies	1062.67	1
Christopher P Crotty	Safety	144.40	1
Dutchland	Well Plug	500.00	1
Laura S Erickson	Postage	57.60	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	264.93	3
City-Fonda	Utilities	181.52	1
Foundation An	Service	1012.50	1
Gordon Flesch	Copier	11046.30	3
GreatAmerican	Lease	302.09	1
Brian J Gronewold	Safety	149.79	1
Grow's Garbage	Service	200.00	1
Haley Equipment Inc.	Parts	309.00	1
Healthcare First	Service	104.74	1
Dallas J Heuton	Expenses	18.55	1
HiWay Truck	Equip	442.00	1
Holiday Inn	Lodging	640.87	2
Hopkins & Huebner	Service	200.00	1
J Hubbell	Supplies	303.22	1
Nicole D Huegerich	Expense	388.51	1
Humboldt Co Sheriff	Service	2470.27	1
IA Freedom of Information	Handbooks	241.00	1
IEMA	Dues	150.00	1
ILEA	Service	525.00	2
IMWCA	Worker Comp	9895.00	1
Interstate Bat	Batteries	23.40	1
ITsavvy LLC	Renewals	5721.96	1
J Ives	Expenses	647.61	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	115.94	1
K Jepsen	Expenses	894.03	2
Jergens Repair	Service	156.96	1
R Jergens	Cistern Plug	300.00	1
R Jergens	Expenses	872.92	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	469.36	1
Juicebox	Hosting	381.25	1
Anthony J Krips	Safety	150.00	1
LMPC	Utilities	181.23	1
Lawson Products	Supplies	45.82	1
Philips Lifeline	Lifeline	711.00	1
Joan Linnan	Real Estate Rent	2884.00	1
Mary J Litwiller	Expenses	574.74	1
Loffler	Lease	116.40	2
Machine Shop	Supplies	2378.25	2
Mail Services	Service	493.30	1
Martin Marietta	Rock	188194.51	1
Mediacom	Line Chg	252.57	2
K Metzger	Mileage	262.26	1
MidAm Energy	Electric	118.33	2
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	143.98	1
Robin K Moore	Safety	70.50	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	74.53	1
Myron Corp	Supplies	865.01	2
Napa	Supplies	6.17	1
Kayla M Nedved	Mileage	31.56	1
S Nelson	Phone	178.48	1
Netsmart	Service	1682.00	1
New Way Ford	Service	72.20	1
Norsolv	Services	261.95	1
NW Comm	Line Chg	158.99	1
NW IA YES	Service	6691.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	576.04	5
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
City-Palmer	Utilities	107.23	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	7487.50	1
Po Co Recorder	Record Deed	389.40	2
Poca Co Treas	Taxes	1303.18	1
PO CO IT Dept	Copier Lease	43.98	1
PO CO IT Dept	Phone Fiber	209.31	2
Poca Equip	Parts	4.16	1
Poca Equip	Supplies	26.30	1
Postmaster	Postage	347.40	3
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Safety	34.75	1
Poky Fiber	Service	798.65	3
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	2518.84	2
Ray O'Herron	Ammo	414.50	1
Record Dem	Ads	1016.53	1
B Reis	Expense	16.63	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	378.27	1
J Runneberg	Safety - Phone	230.00	1
Alexandria K Salsberry	Mileage	230.02	1
K Scheidegger	Expenses	14.94	1
Schneider Corp	Beacon Ser	14130.00	1
SCI Comm	Service	425.90	1
IA SOS	Notary	30.00	1
Seiler Appl	Service	90.00	1
Kristi S Seiler	Postage	4.56	1
Standard & Associates, Inc	Test	42.00	1

Streicher's	Supplies	66.97	1
Strutzenberg Farm Drainage & E	Bridges	3080.00	1
M Thomas	Supplies	1686.00	1
Transit Works	Engineering	2398.00	1
UnityPoint Occ Health	Safety	752.00	1
US Cellular	Phone	56.41	1
Nathaniel J Vento	Mileage	444.60	1
Verizon	Phones	1551.99	4
Vermeer	Repair	247.75	1
Counsel	Lease	321.40	3
Counsel	Service	67.11	1
Wells Fargo	Lease	89.00	1
Windstream	Line Chg	394.06	1
Woods	Supplies	67.54	2
Terry Zeman	Property	123696.82	1
Ziegler	Parts	644.47	1
Grand Total		440792.96	

Weekly meetings: Ives–Solid Waste; Aden–Solid Waste, Midas, and Second Judicial; Stauter–Roads and employee concerns; and Siepker–Linking Families.

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor, explained that Valuations were completed and due to the change to the BPTC, the taxable valuations only increased 1.18%. After much discussion, the Board directed Jepsen on how to advise the Department Heads to budget for FY24, what rate to set health insurance at, and a starting point on salaries.

With nothing further to come before the Board, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor