

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 17, 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; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Steven Nelson, Sheriff; Amy & Peter Seehusen; Katie Halligan; Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; John Runneberg, Roads Superintendent; Dereck Hebert, IT.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter to approve the minutes from December 10, 2024 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Magistrate Judge, Ben Meyer, administered the Oath of Office to the elected officials: Steven Nelson, County Sheriff; Nita Hinrickson, County Auditor; Peter Seehusen, District 1 Board of Supervisor; Kyle Smith, District 3 Board of Supervisor; and Louis Stauter, District 5 Board of Supervisor.

A drainage call with Calhoun County regarding JT DD 9-13 Br 2 & 6 with Calhoun County being the lead.

Old Business – ARPA funds. Hebert provided the Board with updated quotes from ITsavvy with a discount. Wired quote is \$11,500.00 and wireless quote is \$12,040.00. With the quote only being \$500.00 more instead of \$3,000.00, Hebert recommended going with the wireless option instead. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives to approve going with the wireless option for \$12,040.00 and have the Chairperson sign. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson advised the Board that she received the quote by Renaissance Restorations, Inc. to paint the rotunda in the amount of \$300,840.00.

We received quotes for the garage door, windows, doors and painting the building and roof of building on new LEC property. Jeff's Home Improvement quote was \$28,475.29. Torres Construction was \$12,618.00. Sommerlot Painting for painting only was \$3,600.00 for building and \$2,400.00 for roof. Hinrickson will reach out to Torres to make sure the walk in and garage doors are quoted as insulated and to see on a quote for painting roof. The Board will decide later at the continued meeting this evening.

Hinrickson also advised that the cost of the water fountain on the 3rd floor would be \$2,150.00. That ARPA funds could be used for. The Board will decide later at the continued meeting this evening.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor, advised the Board that the 3rd party vendor, Precision was here yesterday to check the output on the new heating/cooling units. We are waiting for the report.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to acknowledge Sheriff's Office part-time hire of Samantha Trenary beginning December 9, 2024 at \$20.45/hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives to acknowledge Conservation's hire of Adam Mann as Naturalist beginning December 16, 2024 @ \$ 23.95/hr. Ayes all, motion carried

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives to acknowledge the 2024 County Farm Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to approve the Safety Action Plan Pledge. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker to approve and have the Chairperson sign the Medical Examiner Agreement with Jennifer Boevers, DO for a two-year term. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives to approve JT DD 63 Claim from Palo Alto for Jacobson-Westergard in the amount of \$350.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives to approve Manure Management Plans (1) Double H Hogs LLC– ID# 58581 NE SE, Sec. 34 Colfax Township, Double H Hogs LLC as owner & Twin Lakes Env. Services, LLC as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives- nothing; Stauter- District III Mtg; Smith- Jail Meeting & Dept Head and Siepker- District III mtg, Dept Head, Conservation, Linking Families Exec & Regular & Operation Christmas Meal.

Stauter & Siepker reported to the Board that the District III meeting was very good. Primary concerns were road conditions and getting rock/limestone. About half of the counties reinstated the Comp Board and discussed COLA rate.

Stauter stated that he talked with Buena Vista, Carroll & Palo Alto regarding their jails and that it was a good thing that we are not putting on the second level because they do not have their jails full. Siepker added that BV's federal prisoners are going to Sioux City now. Stauter also advised that Palo Alto's cost per meal is \$4.00 and Carroll's is \$1.00. Carroll has 1 ½ employees that cook the meals. The Board is invited to Carroll to tour the jail.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to recess the meeting until this evening. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 5:30 pm, Kyle Smith called the Drainage Ditch 51 meeting to order with the following members present: Louis Stauter, Jeff Ives, Clarence Siepker, Nita Hinrickson, Collin Klingbeil, Ryan Buske, Bryan Rahn, Gary Atherton, Roger Allen, Dan & Mary Allen, Peter Seehusen, Wendy & Terry Panbecker, and Janice Christenen.

Smith introduced Ryan Buske as attorney in training for drainage.

Klingbeil recapped the project summary stating the purpose of the meeting was to vote on removing trees within 50 feet of Main Tile 1, annexation and reclassification in the approximate amount of \$85,000.00. Klingbeil read 2 written objections from Barb Zeman and Dean McCartan. Klingbeil reminded the landowners that, per code, repairs are required to be done. In researching there has only been one schedule for Main 1 and Main 2.

Stauter asked if we should reach out to Iowa State forestry to come and look at the trees and see which ones are deep rooted and mark them accordingly for landowners to know which ones will need to be removed. Seehusen stated that the golf course will check to see where the tile is actually located. There is an intake that they will put a probe in to check.

Stauter asked landowners present if they approved the removal of trees after they have been identified, annexation and reclassification. All present agreed. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker to approve. Ayes all with Ives abstaining from the vote. Motion carried.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Stauter to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

Following the drainage meeting, Stauter motioned to reconvene regular Board meeting, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson received an additional quote from Torres Construction of \$3,500.00 to power wash and paint the roof of the building east of the new law enforcement center.

Stauter motioned to approve both quotes from Torres Construction for replacing windows, walk-in doors, garage door, painting outside building and power washing & painting roof for \$12,618.00 & \$3,500.00 for a total of \$16,118.00 with ARPA funds and to purchase the water fountain from Seiler Appliance for \$2,000.00, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried. This allocates all of the ARPA funding.

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

Kyle Smith, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor