

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
December 21, 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 Stauffer, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Telephonically: Reporter, Erin Somers.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from December 14, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Ives, to approve the tentative agenda with striking signing agreement with Rolling Hills and changing the Recorder's report to November. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jamey Whitney, Upper Des Moines Executive Director, met with the Board to give their annual update. 2,792 individuals in 937 households in Pocahontas County were served between October 1, 2020-September 30, 2021, at a total cost of \$326,480.36. FY 23 budget request was \$15,834.00.

Gary Atherton, Drainage Clerk/Assistant to the Engineer, gave an update of Secondary Roads. He advised that the position in Laurens has been filled and they are still taking applications for the position in Pocahontas. Sherman 235, located in Section 24 & 25 of Sherman Township, has been closed and Des Moines 74A, located in Section 35 of Des Moines Township, should be complete this week. They are still working on paperwork for the N-28 project.

Atherton also presented a resolution to replace Resolution 2021-10-#29, Construction of a pipeline, electric transmission line, communication line, underground service line, or other similar installations over, across, or beneath county drainage districts and/or tiles. Atherton will make changes as discussed and present at a later meeting.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, advised that the City of Rolfe requested a tax abatement on seven parcels: 08-05-254-015, located at 601 Elm St.; 08-05-262-017, located at 320 Garfield Ave.; 08-05-427-007, located at 200 Broad St.; 08-05-181-018, located at 801 Elm St.; 08-05-429-003, located at Lot 8 First Add Blk 4.; 08-05-254-002, located at 702 Oak St.; and 08-05-254-003, located at 700 Oak St. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve a tax abatement on said parcels for the City of Rolfe in the amount of \$1,096.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith, to approve adding additional language to the Employee Handbook regarding reimbursement for lodging, in accordance to Iowa Code 80.45A and Donated Vacation Time. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen gave an update on a time clock system.

Weekly meetings: Aden—Pipeline meeting in Albert City; Siepker—drainage concerns; Stauffer—YES Center, Pipeline meeting in Albert City; and Smith – Meeting with HCA Director and Safety meeting. All Supervisors attended the Heartland Greenway pipeline meeting in Rolfe.

At 11:30 a.m., the Board met telephonically with Paul Greufe, County HR/Union Representative, to discuss union negotiations, which was exempt from open meeting requirements, per Iowa Code 20.17(3).

Following the exempt session, with no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Clarence Siepker, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor