

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
December 23, 2025**

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Clarence Siepker; Supervisors, Peter Seehusen, Louis Stauter, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Derek Essing, Maintenance; Mike Shiflett, Lead Mechanic; Tate Schmeling, Engineer.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from December 16, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

The Planning and Zoning Commission meeting got postponed until December 29, 2025.

Derek Essing, Maintenance and Mike Shiflett, Lead Mechanic discussed with the supervisor’s options for snow removal. After reviewing different proposals, the board asked them to check with the school to see if they can test their brush/broom attachment for the skid loader. Essing and Shiflett will also look at other options for a snow pusher. No decision on selling the snow blower was done at this time. Essing and Shiflett will report back to the board.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer stated that the board needed to sign the federal funding agreement approved prior. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to authorize signing of the federal funds funding agreement for the crooked bridge project. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling discussed the proposal from IDOT regarding paving returns during the Iowa 4 project. Schmeling advised there is a safety advantage and will also make for easier cleaning. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve having IDOT do 9 paved returns at approximately \$20,000.00 per return when doing the Iowa 4 project in FY27 if secondary roads has the money to pay for it. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor advised the Drainage Attorney Ryan Buske has been researching proper procedure for abandoning tile for DD 41 Br 38 and will report to the board on Jan. 6, 2026.

Hinrickson advised the board that Kristi Seiler and herself sat through two demos regarding digitalizing auditor’s records. She will discuss more at budget time but she is also looking at doing a grant to help defer some of the cost.

Union negotiations will be starting in January. The board requested Tuesday afternoon on the January 20 or 27 or any other time the week of the January 19.

The board is still waiting on gathering information regarding Atherton’s current projects. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to table Atherton’s request to be part-time as needed until January 13, 2026. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve the quote from Frank Salvatore to spray trees in DD65 per IDDA’s request at \$75/hr plus \$22.05 a gallon for stump spray. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to table BV County Auditor invoice for JT DD watchman services for October and November in the amount of \$1,440.00 until January 6, 2026. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to Manure Management Plans: (1) Nehman’s – ID# 59264 NE SE, Section 1, Williams Township, Calhoun Co. Nutra Tech, LC as owners and Rusty Kosky, as contact (2) FMP III Wernimont #1 South– ID# 65117 SW SE, Section 18, Cedar Township FMP III, LLP as owners & Nutra Tech as contact (3) Double H Hogs LLC – ID# 58581 NE SE, Sec. 34 Colfax Township Double H Hogs LLC as owners & Twin Lakes Env. Services, LLC as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approved claims with the correction of the amount on claim #1277.

L Adson	Expenses	534.81	1
L Aljets	Election	183.36	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	291.65	1
Amazon	Supplies	565.87	8
Dossier Systems	Software	567.06	1
G Atherton	Expenses	417.26	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	1606.20	2
BV Co Journal	Minutes	556.88	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Carquest Rolfe	Supplies	75.94	1
CID	Supplies	1074.00	2
L Christoffers	Election	225.70	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	314.50	2
Diesel Laptops LLC	Software	2900.00	1
D Dolan	Election	271.17	1
Electronic Special	Equip	70867.39	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	432.02	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	311.23	1
Gordon Flesch	Lease	381.06	1
Govt Forms	Supplies	14.28	1
Dereck A Hebert	Expenses	359.97	1
R Helmers	Election	277.13	1
M Hoyt	Election	267.42	1
IMWCA	Worker Comp	12846.00	1
Interstate Bat	Batteries	230.40	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	359.00	2
ISU	Training	1040.00	2
ISAC	Training	100.00	1

ISCTA	Service	18.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Service	56.55	1
R Ives	Election	259.12	1
John Deere	Supplies	12.14	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	19.98	1
Kakacek Lawn	Service	900.00	1
C Larson	Election	243.55	1
LMPC	Reimb	22.00	1
LMPC	Utilities	188.07	1
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	921.98	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	808.16	1
Lifeline	Lifeline	242.00	1
J Linnan	Rent	2970.00	1
J Lyon	Election	33.51	1
Machine Shop	Parts	14.78	1
Machine Shop	Supplies	1057.92	2
Manson Lumber	Materials	3297.48	1
Manson Lumber	Supplies	564.72	1
Martin Marietta	Materials	74127.74	1
Martin Marietta	Rock	929.83	1
D Mefferd	Election	227.34	1
MidAm Energy	Utilities	191.52	1
MGB	Service	125.00	1
Midwest Wheel	Parts	538.84	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	1737.38	1
Comm First	Parts/Materials	333.05	1
Netsmart	Service	1827.86	1
New Way Ford	Service	12420.81	2
NW IA YES	Service	350.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	1435.53	3
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
Phelps Uniform Specialists	Supplies	40.55	1
P Phillips	Election	32.34	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	4300.00	2
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	11559.48	2
PO CO IT Dept	Service	281.97	3
Poca Comm Hospital	Service	5668.89	2
Poky Equip	Supplies	7.26	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	1935.33	2
Provider Insights	Training	300.00	1
Bryan C Rahn	Expenses	43.29	1
Record Dem	Minutes	1763.15	4
Record Dem	Notices	96.00	1
Rees Truck	Parts	1234.32	1
John Reese	Trapping	80.00	1
Rehab Visions	Service	2456.76	1
Reserve Acct	Postage	500.00	1
T Richison	Election	242.97	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	385.62	1
J Runneberg	Postage	11.60	1
T Schmeling	Expenses	737.05	1
Schoon Excavating	Rental	1485.00	1
Schumacker Elev.	Maint	3601.18	1
Seiler Appl	Service	40.00	1
Stratford Gravel, Inc	Materials	22931.86	1
Truck Center Companies	Parts	107.20	1
Union Pacific	Maintenance	3884.85	1
US Cellular	Phone	57.35	1
Verizon	Communications	280.10	1
Verizon	Phone	440.42	1
R Vosberg	Postage	11.90	1
K Wagner	Expenses	333.10	1
Wessels Oil	Materials	740.35	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	959.28	1
Jonathon Williams	Safety	130.05	1
Windstream	Line Chg	428.78	2
Woods	Supplies	38.75	1
T Wykoff	Election	41.01	1
Xerox	Service	5549.00	1
Youth Shelter NCI	Shelter Care	279.42	1
Ziegler	Parts	507.86	1
Zoho Corp	Service	4033.00	1
Grand Total		280677.66	

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Insurance, District III meeting, Econ Dev; Stauter- District III meeting; Siepker- District III meeting; Smith- jail; Aden- MIDAS, Econ Dev.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor