

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 27, 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 Siepker, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes dated December 13, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Magistrate Judge, Ben Meyer, administered the Oath of Office to the elected officials: Amy Johnson, County Treasurer; Cathy Frerk, County Recorder; Dan Feistner, County Attorney; Clarence Siepker, District 2 Board of Supervisor; and Brent Aden, District 4 Board of Supervisor.

Jill Conlin, HCA Director/Interim Public Health Director, advised that with her added responsibilities that she does not have time to for Family Foundations and requested to hire another full-time employee for Family Foundations. Family Foundations is a program offered free to anyone in the County who is pregnant or has children 5 years and younger. The program focuses on prenatal care, child development, child health, parenting skills, and other aspects of family functioning. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to authorize Conlin to hire a full-time employee for Family Foundations. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge the resignation of Betsy Dahl, Public Health Nurse, and thank her for her service to Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried. Dahl's last day was October 3, 2022.

Conlin also advised that Home Health Care Agency and Public Health will be merging July 1, 2023, so the Board of Health will be increasing from a 5-member board to a 7-member board.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer/Drainage Clerk explained that the County is losing money on installing driveways. After reviewing numbers, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the new rates for driveways. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve a pay increase for Tyler Behrendsen, FT Deputy Sheriff, as he has reached 18-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. On January 5, 2023, Behrendsen's rate of pay will change to \$31.66/hr., as per union contract.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve a pay increase for Jeremy Watson, FT Deputy Sheriff, as he has reached 24-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. On January 4, 2023, Watson's rate of pay will change to \$32.48/hr., as per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge the resignation from Brittany Howland, PT Dispatcher for the Sheriff's Department and thank her for her service. Ayes all, motion carried. Howland's last day with the Sheriff's Department was December 15, 2022.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve the claims from Calhoun Co. Drainage Department for Watchman Services, Jt. DD 54-1 for \$800.00 and Jt. DD 67-173 for \$200.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve DD 60 MOD Pay Request #3 for \$39,207.90 & Pay Request #4 for \$93,210.00 from Strutzenberg Farm Drainage & Excavating, but only paying a total of \$102,417.90, holding \$30,000 back for retainage. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve Jt. DD 63 MOD claim from Bolton & Menk for professional services for \$4,882.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 63 MOD claim from the Pocahontas Co. Auditor for postage for ROW Notices for \$5.91. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to give the Union the County's initial proposal. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Marton/Pedersen, Finisher Farm – ID# 57922 located in the NW NW, Section 13, Garfield Township with Marton Pork Production, Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (2) A-1, Finisher Farm– ID# 69903 located in the SW NW, Section 11, Dover Township with Spud Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer; (3) Laurens 3 – ID# 69850 located in the NE NW, Section 3, Dover Township with Spud Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (4) Poky 240– ID# 69900 located in the SW SW, Section 27, Sherman Township with JGB Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve the claims as reviewed by the Board except \$30,000 from claim #305315. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	40.28	1
Access Systems	Lease	150.59	1
Henry Adkins	Service	7290.00	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	259.73	1
Amazon	Supplies	450.54	6
Arnold Motor	Supplies	281.91	1
AT&T	Line Chg	44.91	1
G Atherton	Reimb Phone-Mileage	279.40	1
N Birkey	Mileage	470.34	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	3669.50	4
BV Co Journal	Minutes	604.79	1
Campbell Supply	Parts	117.35	1
Canon	Lease	378.73	1
CDW Government	Battery	464.33	1
Coffmans Lock	Service	257.50	1
Comm First	Service	265.58	2
J Conlin	Mileage	282.09	1

Po Co Sec Rd	Service	350.85	1
O Cressler	Mileage	159.70	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	806.19	1
Little Falls Machine, Inc.	Parts	1240.08	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	154.88	5
Fast Lane	Supplies	43.30	1
Daniel L Feistner	Monthly Ex	679.34	3
Force America	Parts	100.29	1
C Frerk	Mileage	59.67	1
Galls	Uniform	171.87	1
GSK Financial	Supplies	464.49	1
Gordon Flesch	Office Machines	4827.78	1
Dayton M Harson	Supplies	29.11	1
B Hinners	Postage	8.87	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	19.89	1
B Hetrick	Mileage	245.11	1
HyVee AR	Jail Meds	31.36	1
IState Truck	Supplies	96.53	1
IADPS	Service	1731.00	2
ILEA	Service	50.00	1
Iowa Dept of Transportation Ca	Parts	11334.30	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	383.00	2
ITSavvy LLC	Renewal	5329.00	1
K Jepsen	Supplies	86.37	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	424.53	1
Juicebox	Hosting	230.00	1
Carol Karr	Reimb	65.00	1
KC Nielsen	Parts	81.89	1
KIAQ-FM	Publishing	1098.00	1
M Klocke	Mileage	22.23	1
House of Print	Supplies	212.50	1
Laurens Sun	Publishing	876.92	1
Lawson Products	Supplies	547.43	1
LexisNexis	Service	220.00	2
LifeSecure	Equip	438.32	1
Mary J Litwiller	Expenses	91.26	1
Loffler	Lease	60.74	1
Lundy Law	Service	880.00	1
McKesson	Supplies	78.93	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	137.62	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	41.50	1
Robin K Moore	Reimbursement	125.00	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	1980.65	1
Netsmart	Service	1682.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	743.15	5
Rick Pedersen	Well Plug	492.63	1
Plut Horizontal Boring LLC	Tile Crossing	18000.00	1
Po Co Aud	GIS	24000.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	6418.50	2
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural	10748.36	1
Poca COC	Dues	175.00	1
PO CO IT Dept	Lease	43.98	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Meals	3333.00	2
A & D Poppen	Well Plug	500.00	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	28534.96	1
Prof Dev	Dues	365.00	1
Record Dem	Ads	747.13	3
Richardson's Serv	Service	102.14	1
Rinker Materials Forterra Pipe	SUPPLIES	1980.00	1
Road Mach	Parts	108.78	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	418.86	1
Rust's Western	Boots	158.85	1
C Schachtner	Mileage	22.23	1
Schumacker Elev.	Maint	3252.80	1
Secure Shred	Service	326.00	2
Solutions	Service	1848.75	1
Sports Rehab	Service	2144.50	2
K Stearns	Well Plug	425.00	1
A Stern-Domek	Mileage	102.96	1
Stitch Above the Rest	Uniform	230.00	1
St Lake Times	Ads	86.68	1
T Reuters	Service	319.61	2
Donald P Trexel	Mileage	12.87	1
K Vadar	Mileage	262.66	1
City-Varina	Clean-Up	571.87	1
Verizon	Phones	348.49	3
Counsel	Lease	135.34	2
P Zaugg	Mileage	9.36	1
Ziegler	Parts	111.20	1
Grand Total		160085.73	

Weekly meetings: Ives–Solid Waste, Compensation Board, and Secondary Roads interviews; Aden–Solid Waste, wellness breakfast, and Secondary Roads interviews; Stauter–Wellness breakfast and pipeline meeting; Siepker–Rolling Hills, pipeline meeting, wellness breakfast, and Upper Des Moines; and Smith–Compensation Board, Public Health, Safety, Building & Grounds, and Insurance meeting.

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

Louis Stauter, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor