

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 5, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Brent Aden; Supervisors, Jeff Ives, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes from November 28, 2023 with changes. Ayes all, motion carried.

The agenda was approved as posted on motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, advised that Rick Woodley, on behalf of WA Investments, requested assignment of Tax Sale Certificate 2009-98, parcel #01-27-163-002. After discussion, a motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to assign the Tax Sale Certificate 2009-98 to WA Investments for \$1,247.50 plus registration and assignment fees. Ayes all, motion carried.

On behalf of the Department Heads, Treasurer Amy Johnson and Recorder, Cathy Frerk, requested that the County be closed on Tuesday, December 26th as a holiday. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to deny the request, leaving the holidays as is and discuss it at budget time. Ayes- Stauter, Aden, Siepker, Smith; Nays-Ives. Motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the hire of Troy Stockwell as a temporary part-time employee for Secondary Roads to assist with snow removal. Ayes all, motion carried. Stockwell will be available to work in the 2023/2024 winter season at a rate of \$23.05 per hour.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a utility permit allowing Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC to do underground construction across organized drainage district lands. Ayes all, motion carried. Location of work: NE corner of 1st St. & 570th St. near Varina. They will plow east on the northside of the highway, about 1,800 feet, to a location in front of 11342 570th St.

Steve Nelson, County Sheriff, presented a quote from New Way Ford for two new police vehicles. A 2024 Ford Explorer for \$44,467.00 and a 2024 Ford F-150 for \$51,621.00. Nelson would be trading in a 2014 Ford F-150 with 140,000 miles and a 2017 Ford Explorer with 136,000 miles. Trade in value on F-150 is \$7,500.00 and \$3,000.00 for the Explorer. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the purchase of the 2024 Ford F-150 for \$51,621.00 and the 2024 Ford Explorer for \$44,467.00 minus trade ins. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge Elizabeth Leu's resignation as full-time Dispatcher but will stay on as a part-time Jailer. Ayes all, motion carried. Leu's last day as a full-time Dispatcher was November 27, 2023.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to approve the hire of Christina K. Poncin as a full-time Jailer/Dispatcher. Ayes all motion carried. Poncin will start employment on December 11, 2023 at \$19.68 per hour.

Two quotes for Temperature Controls for Courthouse were presented. FM Controls, Inc. from Fort Dodge, IA quoted \$82,355.00 and G & R Controls, from Sioux Falls, SD quoted \$157,805.00. The Board discussed if the controls were even needed and what the ongoing annual maintenance cost would be. A motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to table discussion until next week. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the claim from Jerry Hammen for Classification services on Jt. DD 63 MOD, in the amount of \$126.33. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge receipt of the Sheriff's Union's proposal. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Stockwell Troy – ID# 58715 located in the NW SW, Sec. 8 Swan Lake Township with Troy Stockwell as owner & contact person; (2) Martin Finisher Farm – ID# 61740 located in the SW NW, Sec. 19 Des Moines Township with Crown Farm Partners IV, Inc. as owner & Keith Kratchmer contact person; (3) Hawkeye Six– ID# 60821 located in the SW SW, Sec. 1 Marshall Township with AMVC Hawkeye Six, LLC as owner & Dave Wittry as contact person; and (4) Scott Pitstick – ID# 61660 located in the NW SW, Sec. 19 Butler Township, Calhoun County with Scott Pitstick as owners & Tucker Consulting contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Work Force Development concerns; Stauter-District 3 Supervisors' meeting; Aden-IDDA; Siepker-IDDA and Upper Des Moines; and Smith-Department Head meeting.

At 11:27 a.m. a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to go into an exempt session, pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss union negotiations. Ayes all, motion carried. At 12:17 p.m. the Board voted to come out of exempt session with no action taken.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor