

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
December 6, 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 Smith, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes dated November 29, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

At 10:10 a.m., the Board had a conference call with Palo Alto County for a bid letting on Jt. DD 63, Pilot Creek Outlet Relief. The full minutes are available for review in the Auditor's office.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, advised that Keith Albers from Varina has requested the assignment of County held certificate #1993-93096 on parcel #09-31-227-011. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to assign the County held tax certificate to Keith Albers for the redemption cost of \$258.27 plus the assignment fee. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, presented a resolution of revised bridge postings. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve said resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Siepker, Stauter, Smith; Nays – none. Whereby the resolution is duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION -- 2022-12-#35
Revised Bridge Postings

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County receives significant federal funding for bridges and accordingly is required to conduct bridge inspections and where prescribed, to close or to place restrictions as to the weight of vehicles using such bridges, and

WHEREAS, the bridge inspection consultant for the County, a professional engineer, has previously determined bridge load postings according to vehicle type for several bridges in the County, and

WHEREAS, the County desires to maintain the safety of the public and continue receiving federal funding for bridge replacements, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors that the below bridges be posted as recommended by said bridge inspection consultant pursuant to Iowa Code Sections 321.471 and 321.472.

<u>County #</u>	<u>FHwA #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Old Posting</u>	<u>New Posting</u>
Lake 25	278550	14/23 Lake	25-25-35	16-27-27
Grant 132	278921	25/26 Grant	13-22-21	6 tons
Sherman 152	279660	19/30 Sherman	3 tons	Close
Dover 218	279030	7/18 Dover	24-36-36	20-30-30
Garfield 225	279260	8/9 Garfield S	25-40-40	19-31-31
Garfield 226	279271	8/9 Garfield N	25-40-40	19-31-31
Sherman 234	279621	23/24 Sherman	15-25-25	10-17-17

Dated the 6th day of December, 2022.

By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors

/s/Louis Stauter, Chairman, /s/Jeffrey K. Ives, /s/Brent Aden, /s/Clarence Siepker, /s/Kyle Smith

ATTEST: /s/Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to authorize the County Engineer to sign the contract with ISG to design two box culverts to replace the 23/24 Sherman Bridge and the 24/25 Sherman Bridge for \$52,400.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering also advised that Webster County contacted him regarding the bridge located on the county line South of C66. Webster County would like to replace the small bridge with a 12'x12' precast box culvert. Pocahontas County would share in the cost.

Steve Henderson, Sheriff's Union Steward, gave the Board their initial bargaining proposals. Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to accept the initial union contract proposal from Communications Workers of America for the Sheriff's Department. Aye all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar claim from Darren Stearns for Beaver Trapping, \$80.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) 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; (2) 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 (3) Stockwell Troy – ID# 58715 located in the NW SW, Sec. 8 Swan Lake Township with Troy Stockwell as owner & contact persons. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives–Economic Development meeting and Solid Waste concerns; Aden–Economic Development meeting and IDDA; Stauter–CFR, District 3 Supervisors Meeting; Siepker–IDDA, DCAT, Linking Families, and Upper Des Moines; and Smith–IDDA and District 3 Supervisors Meeting.

Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor, presented information on new insurance rates for FY24 and cost of living. The Board will consider all the information discussed and make decisions next week.

At 11:55 a.m., a motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to go into exempt session with Paul Greufe, Union Negotiator, pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3). Ayes – Ives, Aden, Siepker, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Motion carried.

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