

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
February 11, 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. Steve Nelson, Sheriff; Tate Schmeling, Engineer.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Stauter to approve the minutes from February 4, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Tate Schmeling, Engineer received the RR Preliminary Engineering Contract. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith, to approve RR Preliminary Engineering Contract and to authorize Tate Schmeling to sign.

Schmeling discussed preliminary maintenance projects with the Board. Estimated amounts for pavement markings is \$126,700.00 and pavement patching is \$265,250.00. Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to set March 4, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. for bid letting for pavement markings and 11:05 a.m. for pavement patching. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling also would like to set a bid letting for pricing on pipe to stock for the year. Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter to set March 4, 2025 at 11:10 for bid letting for pipe. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor asked to set the hearing dates for levy and budgets. Motion by Aden, seconded Seehusen to set the Max Levy hearing for March 25 at 11:00 a.m. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to set budget hearing date for April 8, 2025 at 11:00 a.m. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson reported that the county insurance for 2025 is \$202,189.00. Property insurance had the biggest increase. Seehusen also noted that the Law Enforcement Center is not on this statement yet.

Hinrickson will check with maintenance to work on setting up a wire maintenance plan.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve County Recorder's January report of fees collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter to acknowledge Brittany Howland's resignation as Home Care Aide with Public Health. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve DD51 Jacobson-Westergard Invoice of \$1,376.30 Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve JT DD146 watchman service paid by Buena Vista Auditor for \$150. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Manure Management Plan(1) Fonda Finisher Farm – ID# 58396 NW NW, Section 5, Williams Township, Calhoun County Iowa Select Farms, LLP as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (2) Benelli Finisher Farm– ID# 71429 SW SW, Section 10, Cedar Township Prime Farms LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (3) Plover Finisher Farm – ID# 58387 NW SW, Section 32, Powhatan Township Marton Pork Productions Inc. as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (4) Farm 123 (T. Lampe)-ID#61614 NE NW, Section 9, Cummins Township New Fashion Pork as owners & Sarah Withers as contact person (5) Farm 235-Reed – ID# 67051 SE NE, Section 26, Dover Township New Fashion Pork as owner & Sarah Withers as contact person (6) Rittgers Home Place – ID# 58467 NW NW, Section 7, Des Moines Township David Rittgers as owner & contact person Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve claims as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

A & M Laundry	Supplies	81.10	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	431.93	1
Amazon	Supplies	2876.11	7
Dossier Systems	Services	4135.14	1
AP Air Inc	Parts	169.05	1
Arnold Motor	Parts	21.25	1
Axon	Service	446.00	1
W Beneke	Expenses	351.70	1
L Braby	Grand Jury	31.00	1
B Heilman	Grand Jury	50.00	1
Calhoun Co PH	Services	187.68	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Calhoun-Burns	Engineering Services	12394.50	1
Campbell Supply	Parts	48.77	1
CDW	Renewal	4288.96	1
CID	Supplies	590.00	3
Charm-Tex	Supplies	1127.34	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	5461.86	6
Clarion Distib	Supplies	108.00	1
Coffmans Lock	Service	43.50	1
Comm Lumber	Supplies	29.97	1
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	4571.59	1
J Crowe	Grand Jury	30.50	1

H Davis	Grand Jury	50.00	1
IA Dept of Inspection	Inspection	40.00	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	427.45	1
F Ekstam	Grand Jury	45.00	1
Judy K Essing	Postage	19.05	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	822.97	4
James Frerk	Trapping	200.00	1
S Froisland	Grand Jury	45.00	1
GFC Leasing	Lease	1124.82	1
Gord Upholstery	Services	300.00	1
D Heuton	Expenses	76.68	1
L Hudson	Grand Jury	47.00	1
IA Prison Ind	Materials	5241.80	1
ISAC	Training	210.00	1
R Jergens	Expenses	643.85	1
JL Time Co	Supplies	56.50	1
Juicebox	Hosting	230.00	1
KC Nielsen	Parts	137.70	1
K Kerns	Grand Jury	48.00	1
Alicia A Kopriva	Expenses	749.10	2
Doug Krause	Grand Jury	40.00	1
B Krips	Expenses	229.26	1
House of Print	Supplies	34.59	1
LMPC	Utilities	206.76	1
LexisNexis	Service	137.00	1
Machine Shop	Parts	130.35	1
Mail Services	Service	262.42	1
Adam T Mann	Expenses	31.79	1
Martin Marietta	Rock	1241.05	1
Matt's Tire Ser	Materials	253.00	1
Menards	Supplies	721.35	2
K Metzger	Expenses	37.21	1
Mid Co Machinery	Parts	261.95	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	131.60	2
Midwest Wheel	Parts/Materials	1593.58	1
Motorola	Service	243.75	1
Harbor Freight	Supplies	712.58	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	796.15	1
Comm First	Parts	77.18	1
Comm First	Service	575.85	2
S Nelson	Expense	302.03	2
Netsmart	Service	1758.12	1
New Way Ford	Service	4020.51	1
Norsolv	Services/Materials	277.95	1
Office Elements	Supplies	14.64	1
Po Co Consv	Equipment	5000.00	1
Poca Dental	Services	253.00	1
Postmaster	Postage	101.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Service	91.75	1
Poky Equip	Equipment	1090.40	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	597.79	1
Pro Co-Op	Materials	21896.27	1
RA Rentals	Equipment Rental	5475.99	1
Bryan C Rahn	Postage	20.20	1
Rees Truck	Materials	169.60	1
A Salsberry	Expenses	327.60	1
K Scheidegger	Expenses	126.00	1
T Schmeling	Expenses	160.00	1
Will A Schultz	Certification Reimb	20.00	1
Secure Shred	Service	184.00	1
Peter K Seehusen	Expenses	219.96	1
B Shelgren	Services	300.00	1
Solutions	Service	526.35	1
M Stall	Expenses	93.56	1
T-Mobile	Service	101.31	1
M Thomas	Supplies	1175.28	1
UnityPoint Occ Health	Service	50.00	1
US Cellular	Eng Communications	1216.93	1
Verizon	Phone	907.98	1
Verizon	Supplies	749.08	1
C Vigdal	Grand Jury	43.00	1
Vircom	Renewal	3570.00	1
Von Bokern Assoc	Services	4900.00	2
WAPITI	Services	3150.00	2
Wessels Oil Co Inc	LP	1033.50	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Propane	1529.50	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	1201.45	1
Windstream	Line Chg	230.56	1
Woods	Services	47.55	1
Grand Total		118651.65	

Weekly meetings: All supervisors attended the Assessors Budget Hearing. Seehusen- Insurance and County Conference Board; Stauter- Fair Board; Siepker- Visioning, Insurance, N Raccoon Watershed, Linking Families: Smith- Jail and Aden- Visioning, IDDA

Siepker advised he will be gone February 14th to March 2.

With no further business, motion by Aden seconded by Seehusen to declare the meeting adjourned. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:45 a.m., the Board went into an exempt session, pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss a strategic plan for union negotiations. At 11:25 a.m., exempt session ended with no action taken.

At 11:30 a.m. the Board of Supervisors went into a FY26 budget workshop.

Hinrickson reviewed the levy rates with the reduction for Pioneer Cemetery.

The Board asked Tate Schmeling, Engineer, John Runneberg, Roads Superintendent and Kyle Scheidegger, Operations Manager to discuss the Weed Eradication Budget. \$60,0000 is contracted to B & W Weed Control. Tree removal was initially done by Secondary Roads. In 1999 Conservation was asked to take it over by the Engineer at the time. They hired summer youth to assist with the removals, then the state changed rules and they would need pesticide certification. After that change, tree removal wasn't kept up on.

Seehusen verified with IA Pesticides that when commercial pesticide spraying all need certifications, not just one.

Scheidegger advised that the employees under weed eradication do more than just weed control, they help out in other areas including hydro seeding.

All chemicals are also included in this budget.

The Board may want to reach out to B & W, see how they do the process and if all of their employees are licensed.

Scheidegger will talk to Brian Reis about having a deadline in the contract with B & W.

Hinrickson discussed two funds that haven't been used for quite a while. County Property fund could be transferred to General Basic. County Security fund was a special fund and best way is to spend it down. There were two security claims that were just getting paid that can come out of that fund.

The Board discussed the Economic Development budget and Hinrickson will reach out to Mary Jo and Hilary to meet and go over it together.

There being no further items, at 12:35 p.m. the budget work session ended.

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor