

**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 Stauffer, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter. Steve Nelson, Sheriff; Tate Schmeling, Engineer.

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

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauffer 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.

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| 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 |

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| 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 Cons            | 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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. \$60,000 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.

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Clarence Siepker, Chairman

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Nita Hinrickson, Auditor