

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
March 1, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment in the Assembly Room, Courthouse. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Also present: Reporter, Erin Somers. Supervisor Clarence Siepker was absent.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated February 22, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve the tentative agenda with striking, "Approve Resolution to Approve ISAC Group Benefits 28E Agreement". Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board proceeded to the bid letting for the DD 74 improvement project. Jon Rosengren, Engineer with Bolton & Menk, advised that there were two addendums to the bid and that there were three bids received. The bid estimate was \$3,500,000.00. Bids considered: Rognes Bros. Excavating, Inc. from Lake Mills, IA for \$5,373,899.45; Reutzel Excavating, Inc. from Burt, IA for \$4,468,989.41; and Progressive Structures, LLC from Elkader, IA, for \$5,689,765.00. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to extend the bid letting until next Tuesday, at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room. Ayes all, motion carried. After discussion, motion was rescinded on motion by Smith, seconded by Aden. Ayes all, motion carried. Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to reject all bids, authorize Bolton & Menk to rebid with extending completion date till Spring 2024, and set bid letting for Tuesday, March 22, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse. Auditor's Office will send letters to landowners advising of Board's decisions. Present for bid letting: Gary Atherton and Kalista Herr, Drainage Clerks; Dennis Nielsen; Rita Huegerich; TH Hoefing; Brad Hoeffing; Jeremy Rogness, Rognes Bros.; Beth Hotovec; Darrel Hotovec; Ron Pudenz; Brandon Strutzenberg; Glenn Nielsen; Del Reutzel, Reutzel Excavating; Raymond Seehusen; Peter Seehusen; Janet Schwanz; Mark Schwanz; and Colin Hogrefe for James Kordik.

After the bid letting, the Board moved to the Supervisors Room.

At 11:05 a.m., the Board proceeded with the Public Hearing on the maximum property tax dollars for the FY23 budget. Jepsen presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve the maximum property tax dollars for the FY23 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**Resolution- 2022-03-#10**

**Approval of FY 22/23 Maximum Property Tax Dollars**

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors have considered the proposed FY 22/23 county maximum property tax dollars for both General County Services and Rural County Services, and

WHEREAS, a notice concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was published as required and posted on the county web site and social media accounts.

WHEREAS, a public hearing concerning the proposed county maximum property tax dollars was held on March 1, 2022.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County that the maximum property tax dollars for General County Services and Rural County Services for FY 22/23 shall not exceed the following:

General County Services: \$4,677,250; an increase of 3.29% from the prior year

Rural County Services: \$2,394,000; an increase of 2.0% from the prior year

The Maximum Property Tax dollars requested in either General County Services or Rural County Services for FY 22/23 represents an increase greater than 102% of the Maximum Property Tax dollars requested for FY 21/22.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to set the public hearing for FY23 Budget for Tuesday, March 22, 2022, at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Iowa State Association of Counties Group Benefits Program 28E Agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve Jt. DD 181 claim from Buena Vista, Calhoun and Sac County Drainage Department for Engineering Services, for \$250.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen advised on the status of a time keeping program for the County. The Auditor's Office has reviewed nine different programs and after checking references, recommend Ultimate Kronos Group (UKG). The program will be discussed more with the Department Administrator in a meeting later in the day.

The Board considered the increased salary recommendations of the County Compensation Board for the elected officials. Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to adopt, by resolution, setting the wage increase equal to the Compensation Board's recommendation. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**RESOLUTION – 2022– 03 #11**  
**COUNTY COMPENSATION BOARD SALARY RECOMMENDATION**

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Compensation Board met on December 13, 2021 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed % Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$ 63,000	7.70%	\$ 67,850.37
County Attorney	\$ 88,000	12.00%	\$ 98,560.00
Recorder	\$ 62,000	9.43%	\$ 67,846.60
Sheriff	\$ 86,000	10.00%	\$ 94,600.00
Supervisors	\$ 31,000	5.30%	\$ 32,643.00
Treasurer	\$ 62,000	9.43%	\$ 67,846.60

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors adopts the salary recommendations for elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022, as recommended by the Pocahontas County Compensation Board.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) K&M Turkey Farm– ID# 68050 located in the SW SE, Section 34, Coon Township, Buena Vista County with Matt McCarthy as owner & contact person; (2) A & W Site – ID# 67013 located in the NW SE, Section 1, Cummins Township with Hawkeye Ag LLP as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person; (3) Roger Bjork – ID# 58289 located in the NE SE, Section 34, Poland Township, BV County with Roger Bjork as owner & contact person; (4) PI-257 – ID# 65156 located in the NE NW, Section 6, Grant Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person; (5) Brian Kinkade – ID# 65166 located in the NE NE, Section 32, Marshall Township with Brian Kinkade as owner & contact person; (6) Kies North Farm – ID# 63529 located in the NW SW, Section 6, Cedar Township with FMP, LLP as owner & Rusty Kosky as contact person; and (7) PI-328 – ID# 65793 located in the NW NE, Section 20, Bellville Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, and Robert Guerttmann met with the Board to discuss the assignment of the County held certificate on parcel #08-05-426-008, located at 101 Grant Ave in Rolfe. Johnson advised that the assessed value of said property is \$4,500, with a taxable value is \$2,500. As of last month, \$6,940.00 was due in outstanding taxes. After discussion, a motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to sell the tax certificate to Guerttmann for \$415.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed hiring an Assistant County Engineer/Drainage Clerk instead of outsourcing Engineering design work. Moellering will work with HR on a job description, posting the position and hiring outside consultants to design the bridges in Sections 23-24 Sherman, 24-25 Sherman, and 4-9 Garfield was put on hold.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreements with the Iowa DOT for Detour of Primary Highways onto Local Roads for the Rail Road crossing replacement project. Ayes all, motion carried. Location that will be temporarily closed: Highway 15 from N65/290<sup>th</sup> Ave. to C26/460<sup>th</sup> Street, and Highway 15 from Highway 3 to N65. Work will take sometime between April 4th and November 30th.

Weekly meetings: Ives- RAGBRAI, Region V and Hazmat; Aden- Midas and DD 74 concerns; Stauter– UKG presentation, CFR and DD 74 concerns and met with landowner; and Smith – RAGBRAI, UKG presentation, DD 74 concerns, and Public Health concerns.

Paul Greufe, Human Resources Representative, and the Board discussed recruitment for an Assistant County Engineer, the topics for discussion at the Department Head meeting, and the meeting with Secondary Roads.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.

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Louis Stauter, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor