

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 18, 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; Katie Halligan; Gary Atherton, Assistant to Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; Steve Nelson, Sheriff; Kalista Wagner, Assessor; Dereck Hebert, IT Director.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes from March 11, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to go into drainage meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to Engineer/Drainage Clerk requested Appointment of Commissioners for DD41 Br 1 & DD51. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith to appoint Mike Behrendsen and Jerry Hammen and Jeff Ives as alternate if one of the appointed are not able to fulfill. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to come out of drainage meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer presented Alliant Energy's permit application. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Seehusen to approve Alliant ROW utility permit and approve underground construction across organized drainage districts. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling also presented the Fonda city bridge project new funding agreement with an increase of funding to 1.5 million dollars. If exceeds extra would come from federal county highway fund and not cost the county or city. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith to approve and sign the new funding agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to go into drainage meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

10:15 am joined in on a conference call with Calhoun County regarding Appointment of Commissioner for JT DD9-13. Calhoun County was lead county and keeping minutes. After discussion and most land was in Pocahontas, Stauffer motioned to appoint Mike Behrendsen and Jerry Hammen, seconded by Scott Jacobs. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to come out of drainage meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling presented the DOT final plan for the Fonda Bridge. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith to approve & sign the DOT Final plan. Ayes all, motion carried

10:30 am joined a conference call with Palo Alto County regarding a private tile project. Present from Palo Alto were supervisors Keith Wirtz, Ron Graettinger, Roger Faulstick, Craig Merrill and Linus Solberg; Carmen Moser, auditor; Jordan Morey, drainage clerk; Collin Klingbeil, Engineer of Jacobson-Westergard; Duane Myer, landowner.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Merrill to go into public meeting for drainage district. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Wirtz to appoint Siepker as chair and Hinrickson as secretary. Ayes all, motion carried.

Klingbeil discussed the report of voluntary annexation of lands in JT DD63. The lands are currently located in JT DD36. A public hearing needs to be set regarding the proposal. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Graettinger to set the hearing for 10:00 a.m. on April 22, 2025 in Palo Alto County. Ayes all, motion carried. Pocahontas County will join telephonically. Palo Alto will do the publication and mailing.

There being no further drainage business, motion by Solberg, seconded by Aden to adjourn. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling reviewed the two quotes received for dump truck body and accessories. Henderson Products, Inc was for \$162,631.00. TBEI was for \$156,978.00 after deduction for a fixed angle underbody. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve TBEI's quote. Ayes all, motion carried

Schmeling advised that dust control should be added to next week's agenda. He also advised that April 7, secondary roads will move to ten-hour day shifts. Regarding the crooked bridge road, the Army Corp advised due to loss of stream with realignment of road there is a \$69,000.00 credit that needs to be purchased for stream mitigation.

Dereck Hebert, IT Director presented the Solutions final quote in the amount of \$47,335.34 for the new IBM server. This purchase was in the FY25 budget. Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to accept the Solutions new IBM server quote. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor advised the board that the budget for mental health has been updated and presented the board with a copy of the budget hearing notice that will be going into the paper.

Parker Aden from Pocahontas Chamber emailed and asked if the courthouse property would be available again for inflatables and petting zoo on July 19, 2025 from 1-4pm. There have not been any issues in the past and we will continue to let them use the grounds.

Levy hearing notices were sent out and the office has gotten a few calls with questions on the mailing.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to acknowledge Public Health's hire of Alyssa Hamre as full-time Home Health Aide/Homemaker. Hamre will begin March 24, 2025 at \$21.12/hr. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to acknowledge that Blake Wiley will reach 24-months of employment as of March 21st with the Sheriff's Department. His new rate of pay will be \$36.52/hr. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve Resolution 2025-03-#16 Canceling Outstanding Warrants.

Disbursement #276598, Audit #247410, issued 2/14/2023, \$45.00 to Ashleah Hudek

Disbursement #279344, Audit #249021, issued 6/23/2023, \$70.70 to AFLAC-CAI

Disbursement #266327, Audit #241078, issued 10/15/2021, \$23.09 to Robert G Swartzendruber

Disbursement #277831, Audit #248182, issued 4/11/2023, \$898.10 to Laurens Municipal Power

Roll call vote: Ayes: Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays: None. Motion carried. Full Resolution can be requested at the Auditors Office.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- CFR; Stauter- none; Siepker-Conservation, Linking Families; Smith- Safety & Jail and Aden- none. All supervisors except Aden attended Assessors meeting.

Siepker advised that the Mental Health grant has been accepted into the next round which will be April 9.

Seehusen reminded that Kraayenbrink and Sexton will be in Pomeroy, Saturday, March 22 at 11:00 am for a town hall meeting.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor