

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
March 22, 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, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Also present: Reporter, Erin Somers.

The Board proceeded to the bid letting for the DD 74 improvement project. On March 1, 2022, a bid letting for DD 74 improvement project was held where all bids were rejected and Bolton & Menk was authorized to rebid with extending completion date till Spring 2024. Jon Rosengren, Engineer with Bolton & Menk, advised that only one bid was received. Reutzel Excavating, Inc. from Burt, IA bid \$4,477,395.06, approximately \$100,000 over their bid they submitted at the first bid letting. With the bid coming in at about 20% above the Engineer's estimate and with the Engineer's Report being good for 10 years, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to go forward with the reclassification and annexation of the lands. Ayes all, motion carried. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to reject the bid and table the improvement until they receive another petition. Ayes all, motion carried. The Auditor's Office will send letters to landowners advising them of the Board's decisions. Present for bid letting: Gary Atherton and Kalista Herr, Drainage Clerks; Rita Huegerich; Jan Schwanz; Mark Schwanz; Del Reutzel, Reutzel Excavating; TH Hoefing; Ron Pudenz; Beth Hotovec; Darrel Hotovec; Raymond Seehusen; Peter Seehusen; Bill Fulcher; Colin Hogrefe for James Kordik; Brandon Strutzenberg; Jeff Johnson; Norm Kinkade; Dennis Nielsen; Adam Allen; and Carolyn Wheatley.

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

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes, dated March 15, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Gary Atherton, Assistant to the County Engineer/Drainage Clerk, presented a map depicting DD 33, DD 124 and DD 114 Br. 7 and 8. Atherton was advised that pattern tiling is going on over the top of DD 33 Main Tile #1. After speaking to the landowner, the landowner requested that the drainage district abandon everything on the West side of Br. 1 of Main Tile #1. Since the only tile it is draining is the landowner's land, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Smith, to abandon everything on the West side of Br. 1 of Main Tile #1 and the landowner will take responsibility for the abandoned tile. Ayes all, motion carried. Landowner, Tim Flaherty, was agreeable to taking the responsibility of the abandoned tile. Atherton recommended that an inspection be done to ensure the capping of the tile is done properly and that the private tile goes underneath the Main, at the landowner's expense. Flaherty advised that he would pay for the inspection. This will take 800 acres off the system, providing very good drainage for the remaining landowner's using the system. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to authorize Atherton to do the inspection at the landowner's expense. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton also explained that the pictures he presented were taken in the NW corner of Section 25, Swan Lake Township, showing blowouts and Alliant Energy's flags. One picture depicted a working tile that would be destroyed by the pattern tile being installed. Atherton advised that Flaherty agreed to run a 6-inch tile from their 15-inch line up to it, so drainage from the district will be impeded. The other picture has an intake at the top of a hill. Atherton advised that after they do a little clean out on the road ditch, they would remove the intake and repair the tile so it flows East. After everything is done, Atherton recommended DD 33 be reclassified and DD 114 Br. 7 should become part of DD 33 Main #1 and DD 114 Br. 8 should become part of DD 33 Main #2.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, advised that Kirk Welander from Havelock requested the assignment of nine County held certificates: 2017-202 on parcel #235228007, 2017-203 on parcel #235228008, 2017-204 on parcel #235228009, 2017-205 on parcel #235228010, 2017-206 on parcel #235228011, 2017-207 on parcel #235228012, 2017-208 on parcel #23522901, 2017-209 on parcel #23522902, and 2017-210 on parcel #235232012. After discussion on County held certificates, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Ives, to assign the nine County held tax certificates to Kirk Welander for the redemption and assignment amount of \$1,722 plus all subsequent taxes. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:35 a.m., the Board proceeded to a bid letting for restocking corrugated pipe for Secondary Roads. Four bids were received, with three bids accepted: Metal Culverts, Inc. from Albert Lee, MN for \$159,175.48; IIowa Culvert and Supply Co. from Low Moor, IA for \$200,807.00; and Contech Construction Products, Inc from Ankeny, IA for \$213,338.99. Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to accept Metal Culverts, Inc. bid for \$159,175.48. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve a utility permit allowing MidAmerican Energy to do underground construction across organized drainage district lands. Ayes all, motion carried. MidAmerican will be placing fiber lines running from their Windfarm control station on 230th Ave., heading North for a half mile, then East on 630th St. for seven miles, then South onto 300th Ave. into Calhoun County.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to authorize Secondary Roads to sell the following items by auction at The Sale Barn: small intakes, pair of Firestone 18.4x34 tires, Goodyear 18.4x34 tire, large planks, metal I-beams, long metal beams, misc. tools, 2 saws, pallets, packer, section of lockers, 18 small post. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed using Magnesium Chloride for dust control, purchasing a mini to mid-size excavator, the open Assistant Engineer position, and the roads closed due to the Bird Flu. The Board

will act next week on the dust control, do research on the excavator, and 170<sup>th</sup> Ave., between 540<sup>th</sup> St. & 550<sup>th</sup> St., has been reopened but the remainder of the roads will remain closed until further notice.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve a pay increase for Chad Beschorner, PT Jailer, as he has been with the Sheriff's Office for 6 months. Ayes all, motion carried. As of March 25, 2022, Beschorner's new rate of pay will be \$17.58/hr., as per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Service Agreement for COBRA Administration with Midwest Group Benefits, Inc. Ayes all, motion carried. This is a free service offered by our ISAC Health Insurance.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the cancelation of outstanding checks by resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes- Ives, Aden, Stauter, Siepker, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the resolution is duly adopted to-wit:

**Resolution-2022-3-#12**  
**Cancelling Outstanding Checks**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331.554(6) provides that if a check is outstanding for more than one year, it shall be canceled, removed from the list of outstanding checks, deposited to the account on which the check was written, and credited as unclaimed fees and trusts. The treasurer shall maintain a list of the checks for one year after cancellation. A person may claim the amount of the canceled treasurer's checks for a period of one year after cancellation upon proper proof of ownership by filing a claim with the county auditor.

The following checks from the Rural Service Fund have been outstanding for more than one year:

Disbursement #256085, Audit #233766, issued 07/28/2020, \$5.75 to David A Kraft

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors that the checks mentioned above should be canceled and the original fund credited.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to accept the Compensation Board's minutes as amended and to adopt, by resolution, the Compensation Board's recommendation for the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors' salary for FY23. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes- Ives, Aden, Stauter, Siepker, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the resolution is duly adopted to-wit:

**RESOLUTION – 2022- 03 #13**  
**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>
Supervisor Chairman	\$ 32,643.00	\$1,000	\$ 33,643.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2022.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to authorize the Chairman to sign the DD 56 Main 2 Tile Improvement project contract with Rognes Bros. Excavating, Inc. from Lake Mills, IA for \$499,520.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve Jt. DD 63 FEMA claim from Bolton & Menk for Engineering Services, for \$67.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 146 South Main claim from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for repairs, in the amount of \$613.43. Ayes all, motion carried. Work was performed in the NE quarter of Section 18, Marshall Township.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (1) Seehusen Finisher –ID# 61832 located in the SE SW, Section 30, Sherman Township with Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Maschhoff Environmental Inc. as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the claims as reviewed by the Board, with the exception of Claim #2140 and 2141. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	34.75	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	314.73	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	443.96	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	875.33	3
Arnold Motor	Parts	321.60	1
AT&T	Line Chg	45.38	1
N Betten	Mileage	499.59	1
Brown Supply Co.	Misc Shop Tools	60.00	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	813.56	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Campbell Supply	Parts	52.98	1
Canon Financial Services, Inc	Lease	378.73	1
Carquest Rolfe	Supplies	338.25	1
CID	Supplies	599.00	2
Century Link	Line Chg	318.46	1
CenturyLink	Line Chg	27.40	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	315.32	2
Collision Center	Supplies/Repairs	100.00	1

J Conlin	Mileage	169.07	1
James P Conway	Feed	56.50	1
Corn Belt Power	Tower Rental	714.00	1
Counsel	Lease	223.09	1
Po Co Sec Rd	Repair	166.27	2
Creative Stitches	Uniform	60.00	1
O Cressler	Supplies	17.72	1
Crestline Spec	Supplies	2110.11	2
Dale Bosse Taxidermy	Mount	225.00	1
Dell Marketing L P c/o Dell US	Software	32.87	1
Electronic Special	Radio	2068.04	1
Laura S Erickson	Supplies	6.96	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	713.32	4
Fast Lane Motor Parts	Misc Shop Supplies - Soap	57.62	2
Daniel L Feistner	Training Ex	270.00	1
Force America	Parts	51.72	1
Gilmore City	Utilities	224.12	1
T Grau	Expenses	452.50	1
Healthcare First c/o Wells Far	Service	104.74	1
Kalista M Herr	Training	391.24	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	19.89	1
Humboldt Co Sheriff	Service	500.00	1
HyVee AR	Jail Meds	77.86	1
IA Division of Labor	Permit Fee	175.00	1
Iowa Office of the Medical Exa	Autopsy	2028.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	91.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Rent	38.00	1
Iowa State University Institut	Registration Curbs-JM	25.00	1
ISSDA	Training	250.00	1
Amy M Johnson	Meeting Exp	574.65	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	85.28	1
KAYL Community First Broadcast	Ad	52.50	1
M Klocke	Mileage	22.23	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	977.75	1
Lawson Products	Supplies	129.84	1
RELX INC DBA LexisNexis	Service	110.00	1
M & S Service	40W 4' LED Lights	408.00	1
Machine Shop	Labor	624.81	5
Mail Services	Service	247.58	1
Martin Marietta	!" RS 177.28T HSP	11021.96	8
McKesson Medical	Supplies	1.11	1
Mediacom	Equip Chg	14.15	1
Menards	Tile Supplies	203.43	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electric Palmer Shed	62.68	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electric-Varina Shed	49.14	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	295.45	1
J Moellering	Reimb Stamped Envelopes	352.50	1
M Montag	Training	126.89	1
Robin K Moore	Mileage-ICEOO Mtg	153.69	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	52.80	1
NACVSO	Meeting	350.00	1
Napa	Filters	72.53	2
National Pen Company	Supplies	118.02	1
Kayla M Nedved	Postage	88.15	2
NW IA Youth Emerg	Shelter Ser	4900.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	4667.00	5
Palmer Mutual Tel	Phone	164.96	1
Philips Lifeline	Lifeline	339.90	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	10241.00	4
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	10753.44	1
PO CO IT Dept	Phone Fiber	43.98	1
Poca Postmaster	Postage	348.00	1
Poky Sales & Serv	Repairs	237.36	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poky Ford	Service	1579.02	1
Poky Ford	Tahoe	14000.00	1
Poky Ford	Vehicle	6911.00	1
Precision Machine	Supplies	6831.00	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	2788.95	2
RB Lumber	Supplies	201.69	1
Ray O'Herron	Uniform	53.30	1
Reagan Outdoor of Rochester	Billboard	2060.00	2
Record Dem	Ad	1390.37	3
Rees Truck	Parts	47.81	1
Richardson's Serv	Service	90.50	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	540.91	1
IA SOS	Notary	30.00	1
Seiler App	Service	216.50	4
Solutions Inc	Prepaid Labor	260.00	1
Amy D Stern-Domek	Mileage	200.66	1
Swing23 LLC DBA Tavern 119	Grant	6000.00	1
T Reuters-West	Service	154.40	1
IA ST Treasurer	Renewal	160.00	1
Donald P Trexel	Mileage	12.87	1
Tritech Forensics	Supplies	112.30	1
ULine Attn: Accounts Receivable	Supplies	1612.17	1
US Cellular	Phone	56.29	1
K Vadar	Mileage	241.61	1
W Van Donge	Training	63.13	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	640.84	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	240.42	1
Emily A Williams	Expenses	402.62	1
Jonathon Williams	Reimb simHERO plan	39.99	1
Windstream	Line Chg	225.90	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	26970.25	6
Woods	Supplies	17.07	2
Grand Total		140811.53	

The Board and Auditor Jepsen discussed RAGBRAI, FY22 budget amendment, and ARPA funds.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Toured Carroll County's Jail and Solid Waste concerns; Stauter-EMS, Yes Center, Toured Carroll County's Jail, and Solid Waste concerns; Siepker-Upper Des Moines Finance meeting, Linking Families, and drainage concerns; and Smith-EMS, Public Health meeting, Secondary Roads and Public Health concerns.

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