

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
March 25, 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; Kalista Wagner, Assessor; Gary Atherton, Assistant to Engineer; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; Katie Halligan, Don Trexel, Daryl Anderson, Wessels Oil; Jim Kakacek, Pro Coop; Ryan Klaassen.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve the minutes from March 18, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Smith advised that he took pictures of Palo Alto courthouse and they only had 46 windows. The windows appeared to be residential style and were only 4x6 or 4x5. Supervisors will remove the windows from old business and will table looking at alternative options.

JT DD 9-13 conference call with Calhoun County to change appointment of drainage commissioners to Jerry Hammen and Jeff Ives. Calhoun County was lead and minutes are held in the Auditor’s office.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer asked if the board was interested in subsidizing landowners for dust control again this year. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to authorize an \$80.00 subsidy for dust control to landowners, \$40.00 per application, up to two applications. Customer can choose Wessels Oil or Pro Coop. Seehusen asked what the benefit was, Schmeling advised the biggest benefit is environmental. Ayes: Stauter, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nay: Seehusen motion carried.

Schmeling discussed road vacancy request by landowner on 200-300 feet of road on 285<sup>th</sup> Ave in Section 31 in Lake Township by acreage. Discussion on if more than the 300’ should be vacated. The amount of vacating can be discussed at the public hearing. Schmeling will present a Resolution at next weeks supervisor meeting to set a public hearing date.

Schmeling also discussed vacating the rest of 465<sup>th</sup> St. due to the bridge removal. Trexel asked if Conservation may be able to use and make a parking area for fishermen. Schmeling will present a Resolution at next weeks supervisor meeting to set a public hearing date.

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 427.1(22), a motion was made by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve the 2024 wetland applications (Natural Conservation and Wildlife Acres property tax exemption). Wagner advised these were reviewed in 2024. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve the allowances, disallowances, and deletions for Family Farm and Ag Land tax credits for the 2024 valuation year, pursuant to Iowa Code 425A.4 and authorize the Chairman to sign letter to landowners who no longer qualify. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve JT DD 1-54 Secondary Roads invoice for \$1,558.64 tile blowout. Atherton stated that the work order was done previously by Jack Moellering and that it took two days to finish it due to Secondary Roads needing to put in a “T” they didn’t have one on hand and had to purchase one. Ayes all, motion carried.

Atherton was asked about the tile that was broken when pattern tiling was done by Luft. Luft has not fixed yet due to weather.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Manure Management Plans: (1) Rittgers Home Place – ID# 58467 NW NW, Section 7, Des Moines Township David Rittgers as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

B Aden	Expense	28.31	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	347.31	1
Amazon	Supplies	590.91	3
C Archer	Expenses	40.48	1
L Bailey	Expenses	13.92	1
L Bailey	Expenses	63.18	1
N Birkey	Expenses	296.60	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	3837.59	3
Bomgaars Algona	Maintenance Tools	919.96	1
Bomgaars	Maintenance	689.97	1
Bomgaars	Maintenance	229.99	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	644.33	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
L Campbell	Expenses	669.04	1
CID	Supplies	288.00	1
J Conlin	Expenses	111.48	1
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	152.43	1
M Crosgrove	Safety	144.44	1
Electronic Special	Radios	1929.52	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	181.72	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	265.25	1
Gordon Flesch	Lease	339.04	1
Jason Gustafson	Expenses	18.60	1
Heartland Tire	Service	810.56	1
M Hingson	Expenses	338.72	1
B Hinners	Postage	83.85	1
N Hinrickson	Expenses	434.64	2
HUB International Silverstone	Service	2600.00	1

IA Audio Video	Equip	455.00	1
Interstate Bat	Batteries	147.90	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	280.00	2
iPrint Technologies	Service	62.00	1
ISAC	Training	250.00	1
I & S Group	Engineering Services	4800.00	1
ISSDA	Training	125.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Licenses	3165.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Software	1545.00	1
J Jamison	Board	36.97	1
S Johnson	Expenses	8.19	1
A Johnson	Expenses	595.74	1
Language Link	Service	9.41	1
House of Print	Supplies	41.45	1
Laurens Plumbing	Parts	11.96	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	965.71	2
Lawson Products	Supplies	302.89	1
Machine Shop	Supplies	333.44	1
Martin Marietta	Granular	1021.02	1
Menards	Supplies	503.80	1
Chris Mercer	Mileage	22.23	1
Metal Culverts	Materials	89933.40	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	165.77	1
MIDAS	Comp Plan	3125.00	1
MGB	Service	120.00	1
Comm First	Parts	297.66	1
New Way Ford	Service	2967.04	2
O'Brien Co Assessor	Training	375.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	458.33	2
Morgan K Olson	Mileage	1.76	1
Parssler	Service	3023.46	1
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
Jim Pentico	Mileage	29.95	1
Peterson Contr	Construction	18891.47	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	11543.48	1
PO CO IT Dept	Service	192.92	3
J Point	Expenses	29.25	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Service	7125.14	3
Poky Equip	Supplies	2275.31	1
Poky Fiber	Service	94.95	1
Prinsco Inc	Supplies	110.31	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	1665.47	1
Record Dem	Minutes	857.66	1
B Reis	Expenses	30.00	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	435.83	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	8075.53	2
R Rosenboom	Mileage	28.31	1
T Schmeling	Lodging	128.80	1
Schwig Outdoors	Docks	9687.26	1
SEAT	Dues	200.00	1
IA SOS	Notary	60.00	2
Peter K Seehusen	Expenses	21.41	1
Shannon Services LLC	Services	160.00	1
C Siepker	Expenses	56.16	1
Small Town RV	Parts	8.89	1
L Stauter	Expenses	72.66	1
A Stern-Domek	Mileage	204.17	1
Streicher's	Service	399.79	1
S Stumpf	Expenses	42.12	2
Substrata	Materials	24745.09	1
UnityPoint Occ Health	Education	105.00	1
US Cellular	Phone	114.62	1
USPS	Envelopes	451.75	1
Vanguard	Service	990.00	1
Verizon	Communication	240.06	1
K Wagner	Expenses	808.96	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Materials	753.25	1
Windstream	Line Chg	96.10	1
D Wolf	Board	69.50	1
Woods	Supplies	5.94	1
Grand Total		222202.54	

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Town Hall Mtg, Econ Dev, Solid Waste; Stauter- Yes, City Concerns; Siepker-Rolling Hills, Linking Families; Smith- Jail, Drainage Concerns; Aden-Solid Waste & Econ Dev.

Smith advised they are moving along on the jail. Inside concrete walls should be completed this week. Steel studs will be getting put in next week. Cement pads for the transformer and generator are getting completed.

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