

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 29, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Deputy Auditor, Kalista Herr. Also present: Reporter, Erin Somers.

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

The tentative agenda was approved as posted, with one change to the Public Hearing from FY 22 to FY 23 on motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dereck Hebert, IT Director, and Anne Thompson, Public Health Director, advised the Board of a \$95,438.00 grant Public Health received for IT upgrades. The plan is to use the grant to bring fiber lines from the Courthouse to the Annex, replace 8 laptops with docking stations, purchase 16 24" monitors, add audio visual equipment in the back-conference room, replace 8 iPhones, put funds toward the new server, purchase another copier and a mobile printer/copier. Thompson also advised that she purchased a white noise system for Public Health for approximately \$4,000.00 that would not be covered by the grant.

Two Board of Health members resigned, Joe Kramer, Chairman, and Dr. Shane Kirkegaard. Thompson advised that without having Dr. Kirkegaard on the Board, she was required to cancel any immunization and vaccinations to be given, until a new appointment of a licensed physician, physician assistant, advanced registered nurse practitioner, or an advanced practice registered nurse is made.

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer, advised that Cory Walker requested the assignment of a County held certificate: 2020-500 on parcel # 13-27-281-004. After discussion on County held certificates, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Smith to assign the County held tax certificate to Cory Walker for the redemption and assignment amount of \$29.85 plus all subsequent taxes. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to set a public hearing for the FY22 Budget Amendment for Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. in the Supervisors Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

After discussion was held on two DD 41 bills from Bolton & Menk, a motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve payment to Bolton & Menk for these two claims totaling \$3,960.50 and \$1,840.00 for Annexation & Reclassification Services. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed dust control. Darryl Anderson from Wessels Oil, Rod Stouli from Pro Coop, and John Runneberg, Roads Superintendent were present for the discussion. A motion was made by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the use of Magnesium Chloride for dust control and authorize an \$80 subsidy to landowners for the service. Ayes all, motion carried. Both Magnesium Chloride and Lignin will be used for dust control.

Moellering met with three vendors about the heating system for the Roads Shop in Pocahontas. Since two of the vendors advised of extra fees to remove the current system, Moellering only received a bid from one vendor, DataPower Technology Group, for \$20,815.00. Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to accept the bid from DataPower Technology Group to repair the Roberts Gordon CoRayVac System. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to set a bid letting for pavement markings for Tuesday, April 19th at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign the three utility permits for underground construction across organized drainage district lands for MidAmerican Energy. Ayes all, motion carried. MidAmerican will be placing fiber lines starting in Newell, running East to 130th Ave, thence South two miles around the City of Fonda, then back East a half mile on the South side of Fonda, the line will continue on through the wind farm control site and onto Pomeroy.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker to accept the retirement letter from Marvin Dirks Jr, full-time Truck Driver, and thank him for his many years of service to Pocahontas County and approve his request for continuance of health insurance under the Continuation of Health Coverage policy. Ayes all, motion carried. Dirks' last day will be April 8, 2022.

Moellering and Runneberg shared that they would like to develop an Earth Removal Policy for removal of dirt in the road ditch by members of the public. They will reach out to another county to see if someone already has this policy in place.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to set the DD 74 Hearings for Tuesday, May 10, 2022 in the Assembly Room, Annexation at 1:30 p.m. and Reclassification at 1:45 p.m. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) PI-258 - ID# 65208, located in the NE, NE, & NW, Section 19, Grant Township, with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person; (2) Ward Site – ID# 65248, located in the SW NW, Section 26 Sherman Township, with Summit Pork III LLP as owner & Scott Jacobsen as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board proceeded with the Public Hearing for the FY2023 Budget. Herr presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the FY23 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**RESOLUTION – 2022-03- #14
FY 2023 COUNTY BUDGET**

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on March 29, 2022 for the 2022/2023 Fiscal Year County Budget, and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section 331,434 authorizes the Board of each county to certify property taxes annually at its April session,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, on March 29, 2022, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approved the County Budget in the amount of \$15,612,874 with \$1,736,605 in transfers for a total of \$17,349,479; with the following approved levies and tax asking:

Levies per \$1,000 of valuation:

General Basic \$ 3.50
General Supplemental \$ 1.58832
Rural Basic \$ 3.11075
Total \$ 8.19907

Tax Askings:

General Basic \$ 3,217,230
General Supplemental \$ 1,460,000
Rural Basic \$ 2,394,000
Total \$ 7,071,230

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors adopts the Fiscal Year 22/23 County budget beginning July 1, 2022.

Weekly meetings: Ives – Iowa State/Iowa Corn Water Quality Meeting, Workforce Development, and Solid Waste; Aden – Solid Waste, Iowa State/Iowa Corn Water Quality Meeting, and MIDAS; Stauffer – Iowa State/Iowa Corn Water Quality Meeting; Siepker – Upper Des Moines and Rolling Hills; Smith – Two RAGBRAI Meetings, Homemakers, and Board of Health.

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

Louis Stauffer, Chairman

Kalista Herr, Deputy Auditor