

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
March 4, 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; Tate Schmeling, Engineer.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve the minutes from February 25, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Tate Schmeling, Engineer discussed the base stabilization project. The project would mix the current gravel with a chemical from substrata called Permazyme then relayed making the gravel hard. Looking at doing a 2-mile trial section. Schmeling advised that he talked with a county that had used this process. We could do it ourselves. A 5-gallon bucket is approx. \$2600. 1 mile of road, 6 inches deep would take 15 gallons. Stauter asked Schmeling to talk to Buena Vista and see who they used by Albert City and any issues. Schmeling said that it is about 80% dust controlled and they would put a little rock on top so it wouldn't be slippery. Schmeling also stated that he would work with the business on the gravel road on when the best time to do the project.

Schmeling also said that Cory has been out surveying. Stauter told Schmeling that he has gotten a lot of compliments on the tree removal.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor told the board that in their insurance meeting the insurance company was concerned with the prior policy cancellation for the E911 board. The insurance company stated that a 28E agreement would have the board fall under the county policy. After discussion with Russ Jergens, EMA director, no emergency response is done by him or the E911 board that is only for equipment purchases. There is already a 28E agreement with EMA and he would be covered under that. The information was forwarded on to the insurance company.

Midstate Plumbing is still waiting for an update on new motors.

Hinrickson sent updated final budgets for Supervisors to review prior to meeting and there was no further discussion. Further guidance on Mental Health was received this morning and will be reviewed. Counties will get reimbursed for the End of Fiscal Year pay. Siepker said Rolling Hills next meeting will be March 19 at 2:30 pm and asked Hinrickson to also attend.

Hinrickson stated the GASB96 Policy was requested by the State Auditor and should have been in place earlier. There is only one Agreement that we currently would have that falls into the policy. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve and sign GASB 96 Subscription-Based Information Technology Agreements Policy. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Manure Management Plans. (1) Kies North Farm – ID#63529 NW SW, Section 6, Cedar Township FMP, LLP as owner & Nathan Kenkel as contact person (2) PI-257 – ID#65156 NE NW, Section 6, Grant Township Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner and Prestage Farms as contact (3) PI-328 – ID#65793 NW NE, Section 20, Bellville Township Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Prestage Farms as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Stauter brought up about the potential blizzard on Wednesday. The board determined that the courthouse would remain open and it would be the decision of department heads if they wanted to close their office with employees taking vacation or comp time. Stauter asked Hinrickson to send an email to Dept Heads advising them of the decision.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- CFR: Stauter- none; Siepker-Dept Head, Mental Health; Smith- Dept Head, Jail and Aden- Midas.

Those attending the bid opening also included: Schmeling: Gary Atherton, Assistant to Engineer; Cory Bailey; Steve Nelson; Mark Vosika and Jeff Haggea from Metal Culverts.

Vosika asked before bid opening if the road discussion in February was for State roads and the board advised it was MIDAS's 20 year plan.

At 11:00 am, Atherton opened the only bid for pavement markings. Iowa Plains Signing bid was in the amount of \$92,340.00. Schmeling said that was comparable to previous years. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to accept the bid of \$92,340.00 from Iowa Plains Signing. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:05 am, Atherton opened three bids for pavement patching. First bid from Midwest Contractors was \$289,950.00. Second bid from 10 Point was \$336,580.00. Third bid from Cedar Falls Construction was \$284,670.00. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to accept the bid from Cedar Falls Construction in the amount of \$284,670.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 11:10 am, Atherton opened two bids for pipe pricing. First bid from Contech was \$363,828.85. Second bid from Metal Culverts was \$342,452.80. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to accept the bid from Metal Culverts in the amount of \$342,452.80. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor