

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
April 1, 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; Mary Jo Litwiller, Economic Dev. Dir.; Steve Nelson, Sheriff; Gary Atherton, Assist. To Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Tate Schmeling, Engineer.

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

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve the minutes from March 25, 2025 Max Tax Levy Hearing as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Gary Atherton, Assistant to Engineer/Drainage Clerk discussed with the board about DD44 ROW purchase. Atherton advised that two landowners agreed on price. Discussion on whether or not a hearing needed to be done with all landowners in the district or not. Seehusen motioned to table until next weeks meeting. Stauffer seconded. Ayes: Seehusen, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith. Nay: Aden. Motion carried.

Atherton brought up tiles draining into road ditches. Stauffer thought we already had something on file regarding this, but nothing could be found. It was discussed on whether to have an Ordinance or Resolution. Tate Schmeling stated that after looking, an Ordinance would be better. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith to table until an Ordinance or Resolution is prepared.

B & W Control Specialists reached out to Atherton about what drainage ditches to spray. Supervisors discussed and determined no contract has been signed and in the past the contractor came in to discuss with the Supervisors. Atherton will let B & W know that they have not decided on which ditches yet.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to change appointment for DD51 Commissioner from Jeff Ives to Troy Stockwell due to a conflict. Ayes all, motion carried.

Seehusen advised that the Dornath family inquired about hunting in DD65. Their lease is up and feel it should be decided by the board whether to allow or not. This is land in the CREP program. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to not allow hunting and to put up no hunting signs with the drainage ditch paying the cost. Secondary Roads or Conservation will post the signs when received. Ayes all, motion carried.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer presented two Resolutions from last weeks discussion on vacating roads.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Resolution 2025-4-#17 Road Vacation Public Hearing on May 6 at 10:00 am for the section of 285th Ave., all lying in Section 31, T91N, R31W of Pocahontas County, Iowa. The intention is to vacate the south portion of the road of a length of 200' leaving 1,728 feet in service that commences at the 1/4 corner of section 30-31 in Lake TWP and thence running in a southerly direction towards the center of said section 31. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauffer to approve Resolution 2025-4-#18 Road Vacation Public Hearing on May 6 at 10:30 am for the section of 465th St., all lying in Section 1, T92N, R31W of Pocahontas County, Iowa. The intention is to vacate the portion of the road east of Pilot Creek road intersection (Labeled as NW corner NE 1/4 SE 1/4 in survey recorded in book 249 page 302) for a length of 1,330 feet ending at the west ROW line of 340th Ave.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to acknowledge Elizabeth Leu's, 24 months of employment as a jailer with the Sheriff's Office as of April 10, 2025. Leu's new rate of pay will be \$21.68/hr., plus shift differential. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the union contract with Communications Workers of America for the Sheriff's Office for FY26. Ayes all, motion carried.

With April being Keep Iowa Beautiful Month, Chairman Siepker requested the adoption for proclamation, Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful Month. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Seehusen to adopt said Proclamation. The Chairman called for a voice vote: Ayes – Seehusen, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays – none. Where by the Chairman declared the proclamation duly adopted to-wit:

PROCLAMATION
Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful Month

Whereas, the rolling landscapes and the natural forested beauty of its river valleys, define Iowa as "The Beautiful Land"; and

Whereas, Iowans have a high regard for the natural beauty of the state along with a strong sense of stewardship and want to encourage all residents and visitors to help keep Iowa beautiful for future generations; and

Whereas, Pocahontas County has caring residents and citizens who want to build the pride and respect that we have toward both our natural lands and the environment, knowing that these are essential to the cultural and economic health and vitality of our county; and

Whereas, enhancing and supporting our communities through programs like Keep Iowa Beautiful and Pocahontas County's Hometown Pride Program are important to Pocahontas County's quality of life.

Now, Therefore, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors, in Pocahontas County, Iowa encourage all residents to embrace the Hometown Pride Program and undertake personal efforts that will enhance the cleanliness, health and beauty of our county. We do hereby proclaim April 2025 as Keep Pocahontas County Beautiful Month.

APPROVED THIS 1st DAY OF April 2025

By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Clarence Siepker, Chairman, /s/ Peter Seehusen, /s/ Louis Stauter, /s/ Kyle Smith, /s/ Brent Aden

Attest: /s/ Nita Hinrickson, Auditor

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve Manure Management Plans: (1) B & B Hog Farms Inc. – ID# 59153 SE SW, Section 3, Des Moines Township Brad Banwart as owner & contact person (2) Bellcock Turkey Farm – ID# 66193 SE SW, Sec. 17 Douglas Township, Sac Co. Josh & Justin Bellcock as owner & Josh Bellcock as contact person (3) Bellcock Turkey Farm North – ID# 65240 SW SW, Section 3, Douglas Township, Sac Co. Josh & Justin Bellcock as owner & Josh Bellcock as contact person (4) PI-258-ID# 65208 NE, NE, NW, Section 19, Grant Township Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & contact person (5) Hardcastle Finisher Farm – ID# 71093 NE SW, Section 19, Cummins Township Clerk Farms LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (6) Forest Finisher Farm – ID# 71071 SW NW, Section 10, Cummins Township Alpha Farms LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (7) Cedar Finisher Farm – ID# 68464 SW SW, Section 21, Cedar Township Keno Farm III, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (8) Powhatan Finisher Farm –ID# 64484 SW SE, Section 20, Powhatan Township N Holding, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (9) Plover East Finisher Farm –ID# 64485 NE NW, Section 14, Powhatan Township N Holding, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- CFR and City Concerns; Stauter- none; Siepker-UDMO & Behavioral Health; Smith- Jail & Drainage Concerns; Aden-Midas

Seehusen is going to a Planning & Zoning workshop.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor