

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
April 13, 2021

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment.

Members present: Chairman, Clarence Sieper; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Louis Stauter, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others Present: Reporter, Erin Somers.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes, dated March 30, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

James Roetman, Gate Operator for DD 8 West, and Gary Atherton, Assistant to the Engineer and Drainage Clerk, met with the Board to discuss DD 8 West. Roetman gave an update on the nitrate levels in the basin. The gate structure was working perfectly. When the gate was closed, the water would back up and run over the gate, filling the back wetland. He recently noticed that when the water gets about 6 inches from the top of the gate, it stops and starts backing up into the neighbors ground and escaping through an intake, completely avoiding the wetlands. He would like DD 8 West to take out about 100 feet of the old DD 8 tile in the neighbor's land and plug it, then the water would remain in the wetlands. The Supervisors advised that the old Main was abandoned and reverted back to the landowners as private tile. Roetman will need to work with the neighbor to fix this problem.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised that he does not have much of anything for this year's construction season. After discussion, motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the Iowa DOT Secondary Roads five year program and budget. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to move to Phase III of the Pocahontas County Re-opening Plan, starting Monday, April 19, 2021. Ayes all, motion carried. The County facilities will be back to normal. The signs will be changed to read that masks are suggested, and Department Heads can use their discretion on the sneeze guards.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to schedule a public hearing on a FY21 budget amendment for May 4, 2021 at 11:00 a.m., in the Supervisors Room of the Courthouse. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to set the all employee meeting for June 8, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. and close all County buildings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign a letter to Representative Feenstra in support of Pathfinder's request for the repairs/remodeling funding. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to accept the FY20 Cost Allocation Plan and authorized the Chairman to sign the Certification of the Plan. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the Treasurer's, Recorder's, Auditor's, and Sheriff's Quarterly Reports and the Recorder's March Report of Fees Collected. Motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the said reports. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the Board of Health's new hire, Nathaniel Vento, as a full-time Environmental Health Specialist. Ayes all, motion carried. Vento started work on April 6, 2021, at \$20.00/hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve a pay increase for Sheriff's Deputies, Wyatt Rahn, as he has completed 6-months of service, and Josh Hammen, as he has reached his 15 year anniversary. Ayes all, motion carried. Effective, April 23, 2021, Rahn's new hourly rate will be \$27.42/hour and on April 10, 2021, Hammen will receive an extra \$0.10/hour for longevity, bringing his new hourly rate to \$30.57/hour, all as per union contract

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to accept a drainage petition for drainage relief in DD 72 Main Tile #1 Open Ditch. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to appoint Troy Stockwell, to replace Mike Behrendsen, to serve as a Commissioner for DD 44. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to tentatively approve the Report of Annexation and Report of Classification Commission for DD 59 and set the hearing on said reports for Tuesday, May 18, 2021 at 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., respectively, in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the proposed quote for woody vegetation spray treatment in Jt. DD 54-1 for \$9,000.00, Jt. DD 54-1 Open Ditch #6 for \$1,000.00, Jt. DD 1 Main Open Ditch for \$4,500.00 and Jt. DD 183 Main Open Ditch for \$2,000.00, and authorize the BV-CAL-SAC County Drainage Department to appoint the contractor to conduct the work. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the following joint drainage claims: Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile to Bill Brown for commissioner services, \$100.00; Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile to Mike Behrendsen for commissioner services, \$133.60; Jt.

DD 63 MOD to Darren Stearns for beaver trapping, \$120.00; Jt. DD 85 to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for watchman services, \$272.84; Jt. DD 77 Br. 11 to Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for CMP, \$251.00; Jt. DD 77 Main Open Ditch to Darren Stearns for beaver trapping, \$280.00; and Jt. DD 181 Little Cedar to Darren Stearns for beaver trapping, \$320.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Wadle Dennis & Gene – ID# 65822, located in the NW NW, Section 30, Cedar Township, with Dennis & Gene Wadle as owner and contact persons; (2) Plover East Finisher Farm –ID# 64485, located in the NE NW, Section 14, Powhatan Township, with N Holding, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (3) Forest Finisher Farm – ID# 71071, located in the SW NW, Section 10, Cummins Township, with Alpha Farms LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact persons; (4) Hardcastle Finisher Farm – ID# 71093, located in the NE SW, Section 19, Cummins Township, with Clerk Farms LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact persons; (5) Cedar Finisher Farm –ID# 68464, located in the SW SW, Section 21, Cedar Township, with Keno Farm III, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (6) Powhatan Finisher Farm –ID# 64484, located in the SW SE, Section 20, Powhatan Township, with N Holding, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Ives, to approve the claims as reviewed by the Board. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	69.50	1
Ability Network	Service	1254.12	1
Access Systems Leasing	Lease	142.21	1
Parker Aden	Labor	430.00	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	386.55	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	56.62	1
Amazon Capital Services	Equip	495.10	3
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	855.46	12
Taylor Anderson	Training	490.00	1
Arnold Motor	Parts	679.08	1
G Atherton	Phone/Mileage REMB	461.33	1
Battery Junction	Batteries	122.33	1
Bennett Recycling	Garbage	33.00	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	1791.63	3
BV Co Journal	Minutes	478.22	1
CAASA	Allocation	1250.00	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Calhoun-Burns	Bridge Rate/Inspect	6064.71	1
Campbell Supply	Parts	136.36	1
CDW Government	License	995.84	1
CDW Government	Service	433.25	1
CID	Equip	4240.00	1
CID	Supplies	218.00	1
Century Link	Service	379.45	1
Thomas N Christians	Expense	8.79	1
Thomas N Christians	Maint	11.00	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	4942.06	4
Coffmans Lock	drill bits	107.61	1
Community Lumber Supply	Concrete	536.48	1
Counsel	enrg copies	51.59	1
Counsel	shop copies	36.13	1
Counsel	Lease	324.28	3
Co Binders	Services	4985.60	1
Co. Social Services	Allocation	101100.00	1
O Cressler	Expense	11.96	1
O Cressler	Mileage	50.40	1
B Dahl	Mileage	229.71	1
Dale Bosse Taxidermy	Taxidermy	1000.00	1
Dallas County Sheriff	Service	57.90	1
Dollar Gen	Supplies	127.75	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	330.19	1
Electronic Special	Equip	1154.58	3
Farm & Home	blade	19.99	1
Farm & Home	bolts	3.41	1
Farm & Home	brushes/sealer	45.97	1
Farm & Home	bulb	23.98	1
Farm & Home	gloves	21.99	1
Farm & Home	marker paint	6.29	1
Farm & Home	paint	24.75	1
Farm & Home	pipe	7.88	1
Farm & Home	sand mix/quikcrete	10.38	1
Farm & Home	Parts	11.48	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	188.03	2
Fastlane Motor Parts	hand soap	53.80	1
Family Crisis Center	Allocation	1250.00	1
Daniel L Feistner	Supplies	28.88	1
Fire Proof Plus	Inspection	1372.00	1
Fonda Ambl	Allocation	2855.00	1
Fonda Pub Libr	Allocation	6109.50	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	181.83	1
GC Ambl	Allocation	1427.00	1
GC Pub Libr	Allocation	2800.50	1
Gilmore City	Utilities	147.61	1
Gordon Flesch Company Inc	Lease	129.26	1
Gordon Flesch Company	Lease	50.33	1
Great American Financial Serv	Lease	237.88	1
Grell Roofing	Roofing	800.00	1
Grovhac	Supplies	180.00	1
Hamilton Co Sheriff	Service	107.00	1
Havelock Pub Libr	Allocation	4964.50	1
Healthcare First c/o Wells Far	Service	104.74	1
Barbra J Hinners	Postage	26.00	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	19.04	1
Hannah G Hubbell	Mileage	41.22	1
Hannah G Hubbell	Phone	25.00	1
J Huegerich	Uniform	53.49	1
Humboldt Co Sheriff	Housing	25.00	1
Humboldt Co Sheriff	Service	37.00	1

IADPS	Terminal Billing	1278.00	1
IA DOT	Services	1772.00	2
IA EMS Assoc	Training	150.00	1
IA Nat Heritage	Dues	300.00	1
IA Prison Ind	signs	1565.50	1
IA Workforce	Unemployment	3409.37	1
IHCA	Training	345.00	1
ISAC	Training	165.00	2
ISACA	Dues	225.00	1
ITSavvy LLC	Equip	268.00	1
ITSavvy LLC	Service	3725.00	2
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	10.50	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	10.00	1
R Jergens	Expenses	593.79	1
R Jergens	Mileage	250.00	1
R Jergens	Supplies	83.85	1
Jim Hawk Truck	parts	20.26	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	436.73	1
Juicebox Interactive	Maint	437.50	1
Juicebox Interactive	Website	230.00	1
Kaseya US, LLC	Hardware	3068.48	1
M Klocke	Mileage	21.28	1
Brooke A Krips	Mileage	265.27	1
Laurens Ambl	Allocation	2855.00	1
House of Print	Supplies	215.00	1
Laurens Municipal	utilities/Laurens	233.24	1
Laurens Municipal	Lines	643.26	1
Laurens Pub Libr	Allocation	7637.00	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	690.57	1
RBLX INC DBA LexisNexis	Service	110.00	1
Loffler	Lease	81.86	1
Mail Servcs	Postage	230.10	1
Mainstay Sys	Service	237.00	1
Manson Lumber Company	2x10x12 lumber	116.12	1
Martin Marietta	rd stone	236.38	1
Martin Marietta	Rock	3078.88	1
Martins Flag Co	US Flags	269.86	1
Matt's Tire Ser	Tires/Repair	8823.20	1
Tiffany M McClurg	Training Exp	358.19	1
Mediacom	Equip	14.15	1
Mediacom	Internet	473.80	2
Medline	Med Supplies	17.38	1
Messenger	Ad	225.00	1
K Metzger	Mileage	247.07	1
Meyer Electric	Electrical	4448.00	2
Meyer Electric	Maint	989.14	1
MidAmeri Energy	rural Manson int lts	27.82	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electricity	32.94	1
MidAmeri Energy	GC elec	33.48	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer elec	108.75	1
MidAmeri Energy	Varina elec	33.23	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	697.81	1
Napa	Maint	10.99	1
National Pen Company	Pens	130.16	1
Kayla M Nedved	Mileage	44.24	1
Kayla M Nedved	Phone	25.00	1
Kayla M Nedved	Postage	55.00	1
S Nelson	Maint	10.00	1
S Nelson	Phone	171.58	1
S Nelson	Weapon	130.00	1
NW Comm	Hosting	27.95	1
NW Comm	Telecom	1705.52	1
Office Elements	Equip	445.29	1
Office Elements	Supplies	1307.83	11
Palmer Mutual Tel	Phone	314.92	1
Palmer Pub Libr	Allocation	5346.00	1
City-Palmer	utilities/Palmer	94.84	1
J Paulsen	Humidifier	39.99	1
J Paulsen	Supplies	219.51	1
Penguin Management	Service	1458.00	1
Pitney Bowes	Lease	154.80	1
Plover Pub Libr	Allocation	5346.00	1
Po Co Aud	Mapping	24000.00	1
Po Co Econ Dev	Allocation	22500.00	2
Po Co Fair Assoc	Allocation	10000.00	1
Po Co Fair Assoc	Rent	800.00	1
Po Co Historical	Allocation	3390.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Labor	1620.47	1
Poca Ambl	Allocation	15000.00	2
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	long distance/engr	36.17	1
Poca Postmaster	Postage	170.40	2
Poca Pub Libr	Allocation	7637.00	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	1751.55	3
Prinsco Inc	Supplies	2056.91	1
Pro Co-Op	diesel	37786.90	1
Pro Co-Op	gas	3332.40	1
Pro Co-Op	propane Fonda	695.97	1
Pro Co-Op	propane Palmer	680.00	1
Pro Co-Op	propane Varina	682.96	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	2896.46	2
Pro Co-Op	Tires	680.62	1
RAM Systems	Service	565.00	1
Rebnord Tech	Service	1770.00	1
Record Dem	Ad	24.50	1
Record Dem	Ads	24.50	1
Record Dem	Minutes	796.97	1
Record Dem	Printing	483.97	1
Rees Truck	Parts	817.78	1
Region V HAZMAT	Contribution	2741.25	1
Rolfe Ambl	Allocation	2855.00	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	201.92	1
Rolfe Pub Libr	Allocation	6109.50	1
Schoon Excavating	Drainage	7298.35	1

Seiler App	Maint	469.35	1
Seiler App	Repair	51.25	1
Solutions Inc	Renew	3267.31	1
Solutions Inc	Renewal	562.18	1
Sports Rehab	Services	462.11	1
Darren Stearns	Trapping	160.00	1
Surplus Center	Supplies	20.64	1
Anne E Thompson	Expense	15.00	1
Anne E Thompson	Mileage Training	127.64	1
Christopher S Toner	Maint	9.00	1
Christopher S Toner	Postage	9.45	1
Van Diest Supply	Chemicals	7856.56	1
Varina Pub Libr	Allocation	4964.50	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	605.82	2
Verizon	Phones	492.90	1
R Vosberg	Postage	22.65	2
Webster Co Sheriff	Service	35.00	1
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Lease	89.00	1
Emily A Williams	Training	1040.00	1
Windstream	Line	230.56	2
Windstream	Lines	129.80	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	395.00	1
Woods	Supplies	248.16	4
Grand Total		409432.83	

Jepsen advised that the Courthouse was able to acquire a 12 unit cluster mailbox for no cost, saving \$671.86 and that a new confinement feeding operation located in the NE SE of Section 21 of Colfax Township is being constructed. The confinement is for 2,499 head of swine over 55 pounds, so no CAFO is needed.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Drainage concerns and ISAC Spring Conference webinars; Aden-Windmill concerns; Siepker-North Raccoon Watershed meeting; Stauter-Road and bridge concerns and Fair board meeting; and Smith-Department Head meeting.

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

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Clarence Siepker, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor