

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
April 15, 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; Katie Halligan; Steve Nelson, Sheriff; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultant.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from April 8, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve the agenda with the addition to John Hansen presenting an update on the jail. Ayes all, motion carried.

Old Business: Drainage Attorney is still working on DD44 ROW agreement.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer reviewed the DOT submittals with the board.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve DOT submittals for 2025 Budget Amendment. Ayes all, motion carried. Increase in Administration and Engineer due to new hire. Roadway Maintenance was due to moving funds from one area to another.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve DOT submittals for 2026 County Five Year Plan. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve DOT submittals for 2026 Budget. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling discussed the possibility of hiring an equipment operator to ensure a 2-man crew for bigger projects and safety. After discussion the boards 'consensus was to wait a year and use the floater.

Seehusen brought up that there is part of a grain bin in the ditch in Dover south of Highway 3. Fonda has yet to sign the updated Farm to Market Bridge agreement.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultant for the LEC updated the board on the jail's progress. There is a lot of work to be completed in the next couple of weeks. Hansen is estimating approximately \$256,000 in contingency funds. Hansen estimates needing \$155,000.00 of the contingency, leaving almost \$100,000.00 left. Hansen recommended excavating and paving costs to be done by the contractor at \$8,500 to \$10,000. Formal change order will be presented at next weeks board meeting. Hansen also asked the Board to consider paving the east side of the LEC for administration parking and to improve drainage.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor advised the board that Nate Reffer from B & W Control will be here on the 22nd regarding ditch spraying and a quote. We received a quote from TBB Spraying.

Rotunda Painters postponed and will start the 21st.

We are looking at getting a quote from IMWCA regarding workman's comp insurance.

Hinrickson asked to clarify what is the minimum to determine if a drainage ditch is to be levied or not. Consensus was over \$1,000 not by length of time.

We are setting up the new optional employee retirement plan RIC. Tentative go live date is May 16.

Hinrickson has updated the 2001 Safety Plan and has forwarded it to members of the Security Committee for review.

An updated Library Agreement has been proposed to the library boards for approval regarding annual signing of the agreement or if it can be reviewed annually and that review submitted to the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the Treasurer's office quarterly report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Stauter to approve the Auditor's office quarterly report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve Amy Stern-Domek's resignation effective April 24, 2025. The board thanked Amy for her years of service. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve Jt DD 63 Invoice from Palo Alto County to Emmetsburg Reporter-Democrat for \$165.24. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Drainage Concerns, Safety Mtg; Stauter- EMS, Police Concerns, New Equipment Concerns; Siepker- Mental Health Grant; Smith- Midas, Budget Concerns, Safety Mtg, Jail Mtg; Aden- Midas.

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