

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
April 18, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Brent Aden; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, Jeff Ives, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers; and landowners, Julie Johnson, Jan Johnson and Mark A. Johnson.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes dated April 11, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

The agenda was approved as posted, on motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:00 a.m., the Board proceeded with the Public Hearing for the FY24 Budget. Jepsen presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve the FY24 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Stauter, Aden, Siepker, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION – 2023-04-#23  
FY 2023 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on April 18, 2023 for the 2023/2024 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 April 18, 2023, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approved the County Budget in the amount of \$18,736,194 with \$1,669,119 in transfers for a total of \$20,405,313; with the following approved levies and tax asking:

- Levies per \$1,000 of valuation:
  - General Basic \$3.50
  - Pioneer Commentary \$0.01100
  - General Supplemental \$2.15000
  - Rural Basic \$3.25000
  - Total \$9.12100
- Tax Askings:
  - General Basic \$3,236,710
  - Pioneer Commentary \$10,173
  - General Supplemental \$1,988,265
  - Rural Basic \$2,538,255
  - Total \$7,967,606

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors adopts the Fiscal Year 23/24 County budget beginning July 1, 2023.

APPROVED THIS 18th DAY OF APRIL, 2023  
By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors  
ATTEST: /s/Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

Landowner, Julie Johnson, presented information about the carbon pipelines and the potential for serious health risks. She encouraged the Supervisors to keep asking questions. Mark Johnson presented information on the pressure that will be in the carbon pipelines and advised that a rupture could take out upwards of 2.5 sections of ground and everything and everyone on it.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised that he had not received the signed Easement Agreement for County Line Bridge from Calhoun County yet and will bring to the Board once he receives it.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to accept Moellering's formal resignation, effective June 1, 2023. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering and Chris Archer, Road's Inspector, discussed patching projects for Roads. They agreed to cut the number of patches in half and redo the bid process.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pay increase for Joann Huegerich, PT Dispatcher, as she has reached 12-months of employment in the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried. As of May 1, 2023, Huegerich's rate of pay will be changed to \$18.73/hr., as per union contract.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Treasurer's Quarterly Investment Report for the period ending March 31, 2023. Ayes all, motion carried. The Quarterly Report notes that there was \$600.00 in cash in the Treasurer's Office, \$7,002,601.14 in CD's, \$2,618,892.79 in Stamped Drainage Warrants, \$1,326,091.50 in Drainage Improvement Certificates, and \$17,249,202.75 in banks, for a total of \$28,197,388.15. This quarter there were 3 CD's renewed, interest earned totaled \$135,631.82, and 376 driver's licenses were issued generating \$2,632.00 in revenue.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a three-year contract for FY 2023 through 2025 with Cost Advisory Services, Inc., for \$4,450.00 per year, for cost allocation services. Ayes all. Motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to deny the request for a wage increase for Laura Williams, Assessor's Clerk. Ayes all, motion carried. With the new wage band system, there no longer is a probationary period.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to set a public hearing for FY23 budget amendment on Tuesday, May 2, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., in the Board Room in the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve Jt. DD 173-67 claims from Pocahontas County Secondary Roads for materials for \$5,145.38 and \$2,680.53. Ayes all, motion carried. Materials were used in Section 1 of Williams Township and Section 6 of Butler Township, Calhoun County.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Double H Hogs, LLC, Site #3-ID #71697 located in the NE SE, Section 21, Colfax Township with Double H Hogs, LLC as owner & Twin Lakes Env. Services, LLC as contact person; and (2) Krischel LLC – ID# 62806 located in the NW NE, Section 2, Powhatan Township with David Krischel as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Stauter–Drainage concerns; Siepker–Conservation; and Smith–Safety.

The meeting was adjourned, on motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker. Ayes all, motion carried.

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Brent Aden, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor