

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
April 19, 2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met in regular session pursuant to adjournment. Members present: Chairman, Louis Stauter; Supervisors, Jeffrey Ives, Brent Aden, Clarence Siepker; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Also present: Reporter, Erin Somers. Supervisor Kyle Smith was absent.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the minutes, dated April 12, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Phil Waniorek with Benefits, Inc. met with the Board to discuss the FY23 health insurance and the administrative agreement with Benefits, Inc. for partially self-funding and flex. The County requested the partially self-funding agreement end on the calendar year. Waniorek will adjust the agreement for the Board to approve next week.

At 10:30 a.m., the Board proceeded with the Public Hearing on a budget amendment for the FY22 Budget. Jepsen presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to approve the amendment to the FY22 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Siepker, Stauter; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION #2022-04-16  
Amendment of Current County Budget  
2021/2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County met on this date for the purpose of amending the current 2021/2022 County Budget. No objectors were present therefore.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY TO adopt the 2021/2022 amended budget as published and change the following appropriations as listed:

Department Number	Department Title	Appropriation Prior To	Appropriation Adjustment	Final Appropriation
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>				
1	Board of Supervisors	\$ 969,618.00	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 999,618.00
2	Auditor	\$ 378,901.00	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 383,901.00
5	Sheriff	\$ 2,103,468.00	\$ 80,500.00	\$ 2,183,968.00
22	Conservation	\$ 808,057.00	\$ 72,400.00	\$ 880,457.00
23	Public Health	\$ 729,905.00	\$ 103,354.00	\$ 833,259.00
28	Medical Examiner	\$ 22,568.00	\$ 6,400.00	\$ 28,968.00
51	CH & Grounds	\$ 438,880.00	\$ 14,000.00	\$ 452,880.00
60	MHDS	\$ 348,549.00	\$ 200,000.00	\$ 548,549.00
	Totals	\$ 5,799,946.00	\$ 511,654.00	\$ 6,311,600.00
<b>REVENUES</b>				
1	Board of Supervisors	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
22	Conservation	\$ 111,725.00	\$ 43,400.00	\$ 155,125.00
23	Public Health	\$ 308,185.00	\$ 97,589.00	\$ 405,774.00
60	MHDS	\$ 90,254.00	\$ 143,155.00	\$ 233,409.00
	Totals	\$ 510,164.00	\$ 304,144.00	\$ 814,308.00

ADOPTED THIS 19th DAY OF APRIL, 2022 by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors.

/s/Louis Stauter, Chairman, /s/Jeffrey K. Ives, /s/Brent Aden, /s/Clarence Siepker

ATTEST: /s/Kelly Jepsen, County Auditor

Amy Johnson, County Treasurer accompanied Duane Peiffer, landowner from Fonda, to get clarification on the assignment of County held Certificate #1982-82003 on parcel 13-27-209-009 that was assigned to him on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve the FY23 DOT Budget for Secondary Roads and 5-year Program. Ayes all, motion carried.

Excavator purchase was tabled.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve the Secondary Roads' new hire, Jeremiah Smith, as the Equipment Operator-Floater. Smith will start on May 2, 2022 at \$21.75 per hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, discussed changing the date on accepting applications on the Assistant County Engineer position to May 6<sup>th</sup> and ending probational period for Cory Bailey and Steven Frerk. The Board agreed.

The Board discussed their concerns on wording in an application for utility work in joint drainage districts with Calhoun County. Pocahontas requested the following changes: #7A-change "metal" to "schedule 80 PVC"; #Bii-change "one-foot" to "three-foot"; and #16-after "and private drainage facilities", add "for this project only." With Calhoun County being agreeable to the changes, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the Utility Permit for MidAmerican to do construction across the Jt. DD 1-54, Jt. DD 79-40, Jt. DD 9-13 and Jt. DD 286-174 with the changes as discussed. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to approve the hire of Nicole Huegerich as a FT Jailer/Dispatcher for the Sheriff's Office. Ayes all, motion carried. Huegerich started employment on April 17, 2022 at a rate of pay of \$17.32/hr. plus differential, as per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to accept the resignation of Betsy Dahl, FT Clinical Manager/RN Dispatcher, effective April 1, 2022, and thank her for her years of service. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge the end of employment for Anne Thompson, Public Health Administrator on April 12, 2022. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to appoint Ryan Berven with Group Benefits Partners as the agent and broker for VSP insurance for Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen advised that the insurance committee would like to recommend changing the County's independent dental plan from Delta Dental Plan 1 to ISAC's Delta Dental Plan 4. brokered through Group Benefits. The dental plan is 100% funded by the participants. The ISAC plan offers the advantage of the group rate and a higher benefit maximum. Motion was made by Siepker, seconded by Aden, the authorize the change as recommended. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Frey, Finisher Farm – ID# 69330 located in the NW NW, Section 29, Avery Township, Humboldt Co. with Oliver Farms 1, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (2) Hauswirth, Finisher Farm – ID# 64514 located in the SE SW, Section 31, Powhatan Township with Morning Glory Farms, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; and (3) Tukker Dairies – ID# 65284 located in the NE SE, Section 33, Powhatan Township with Johan & Johanna Koezen as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Stauter – EMS and Denny Devereaux's retirement party; and Siepker – Conservation and drainage concerns. Both Stauter and Siepker visited the County farm by the Marathon Pit.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants, presented the Board with utility cost comparison for a new jail vs. an existing facility, annual out-of-county housing cost projections, estimated cost of housing our own inmates, and Rick A. Weidner, AIA qualification and fee proposal for architecture services. Hansen was meeting with the building committee later in the evening. Present for discussion: Chief Deputy Van Donge and Sergeant Henderson.

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

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Louis Stauter, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor