

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
April 27, 2021

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

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes, dated April 20, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

After striking, “reschedule budget amendment”, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the tentative agenda with said change. Ayes all, motion carried.

On behalf of the Jt. DD 181 Interim Board, motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve proposed drainage repairs, estimated cost \$4,597.29. Ayes all, motion carried. Repairs will take place in the SE Quarter, Section 10, Cedar Township, in Pocahontas County.

At 10:08 a.m., the Board held a conference call with Humboldt County to discuss Right of Way in Jt. DD 171. The full minutes are available for review in the Auditor’s office.

James Roetman, Emily Williams, and Wendy Panbecker from Economic Development’s Visioning Committee, advised of their findings on workforce, recreation, and housing and inquired about future funding. Also Present: Hannah Kies, Parker Aden, and Tom Grau.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve the agreement between DD 41 and the Laurens Mutual Power Company. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve a utility permit for Calhoun County REC. Ayes all, motion carried. The work will be in Sections 25, 26, 35, and 36 of Cedar Township and Sections 29, 30, 31, and 32 of Colfax Township.

County Engineer, Jack Moellering, explained that MidAmerican advised that they will be moving the cranes, for the Pocahontas Prairie Wind Farm project, on the roads, using dollies. Moellering is concerned about the weight cracking the pavement but the windfarm folks will be responsible for all damages.

Sheriff Steve Nelson, inquired about hiring John Hansen from Midwest Construction Consultants to do the jail feasibility study to get answers prior to learning the people’s interest level in building a new jail or wait until they determine the people’s interest level first. The Sheriff will be placed on next week’s agenda for discussion.

EMA/E-911/Zoning Administrator, Russ Jergens, presented a quote for a new building to house items for EMA, Sheriff’s Office, and Secondary Roads. Jergens will be placed on next week’s agenda for discussion.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to tentatively approve the Report of Annexation and Report of Classification Commission for both DD 44 and DD 168 and set the hearings on said reports for DD 44 for Tuesday, June 1, 2021 and DD 168 for Tuesday, June 8, 2021, both at 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m., in the Assembly Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the hire of Myrvin Samuelson as a part time seasonal employee for the Conservation Department. Ayes all, motion carried. Samuelson began work on April 14, 2021 at \$13.75/hour.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve a pay increase for Dispatcher, Ann Garvey, and Jailer, Mackenzie Pedersen, Ayes all, motion carried. Effective, May 1, 2021, Garvey will have completed 2 years of service and her pay will change to \$18.00/hour. On April 28, 2021, Pedersen will have reached 1 year of service and her hourly rate will change to \$17.49/hour.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve the FY22 Administration Services Proposals from Benefits, Inc. for administration of partial self-funding and COBRA administration. Ayes all, motion carried. No change in rate.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the FY22 contract with Delta Dental. Ayes all, motion carried. There is a 4% increase since FY21.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Siepker, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

**Resolution 2021-04 #12**  
**DESTRUCTION OF NOXIOUS WEEDS**

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Supervisors, Pocahontas County, Iowa that pursuant to the Provisions of Chapter 317.13 and 317.14, Code of Iowa, 2021, it is hereby ordered:

That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Pocahontas County, Iowa, shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all noxious weeds thereon, as defined in the Chapter, at such times each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other

weeds shall render the streets or highways, adjoining said lands unsafe for public travel. Noxious weeds shall be cut or otherwise be destroyed on or before the following dates as often as necessary to prevent weed production.

Group 1 – May 25 to June 15, 2021 - for Leafy Spurge, Perennial Pepper Grass, Sour Dock,

Smooth Dock, Sheep Sorrel

Group 2 – June 1 to June 15, 2021 - for Canada Thistle, Russian Knapweed, Buckthorn, Wild Mustard and other species of Thistles

Group 3 – June 21 to July 15, 2021 - for Field Bindweed, Wild Carrot

Group 4 – June 21 to July 15, 2021- for Horse Nettle, Perennial Sow Thistle, Quack Grass, Butterprint, Puncture Vine, Cocklebur, Bull Thistle, Teasel

Each owner and each person in the possession or control of any lands in Pocahontas County infested with any primary or secondary noxious weeds including: Quack Grass, Perennial Sow Thistle, Canada Thistle, Bull Thistle, Field Bindweed, Horse Nettle, Leafy Spurge, Buckthorn, Perennial Pepper Grass, Palmer Amaranth, Russian Knapweed, Butterprint, Cocklebur, Teasel, Wild Mustard, Wild Carrot, Buckhorn, all other species of thistles belonging in the genera of "Cirsium and Carduus, Wild Sunflower, Sheep Sorrel, Sour Dock, Smooth Dock, Puncture Vine, Multiflora Rose, Poison Hemlock, and Shattercane, shall adopt a program for weed destruction, prescribed by the Weed Commissioner, which in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said primary and secondary noxious weeds.

That if the owners or person in possession or control of any land in Pocahontas County fails to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work including costs of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the land and the owners thereof.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to levy \$5,097.66 or 17%, against all lands, tracts, real estate, highways, and railroads in Tri-Jt. DD 73. Assessments in the amount less than \$5.00 shall be computed as \$5.00 as provided by law. No waivers given. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to levy \$24,998.94 or 405%, against all lands, tracts, real estate, highways, and railroads in Jt. DD 85. Assessments in the amount less than \$5.00 shall be computed as \$5.00 as provided by law. No waivers given. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to levy \$33,787.22 or 28%, against all lands, tracts, real estate, highways, and railroads in Jt. DD 13 Outlet Waterway. Assessments in the amount less than \$5.00 shall be computed as \$5.00 as provided by law. No waivers given. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Dirks – ID# 64551, located in the SE SE, Section 30, Grant Township, with Marvin Dirks, Jr. as owner & contact person; (2) Hog Guy Farms LLC Ward Site – ID# 65248, located in the SW NW, Sec. 26 Sherman Township, with John Esler as owners & contact person; and (3) Marshall -Finish Farm – ID# 58386, located in the SE NE, Section 6, Marshall Township, with Iowa Select Farms, LP as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, 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
Access Systems Leasing	Lease	231.59	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	276.96	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	179.90	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	163.07	4
AT&T	Phone	47.62	1
N Betten	Mileage	571.52	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	714.74	4
Calhoun Co Sheriff	Service	45.68	1
Canon Financial Services, Inc	Lease	378.73	1
S Cash	Mileage	27.44	1
CID	Supplies	230.00	1
Century Link	Phone	335.35	1
Century Link	Service	380.05	1
CenturyLink	Phone	13.32	1
Thomas N Christians	Maint	12.00	1
D Cirks	Phone REIM	86.41	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	229.81	2
J Conlin	Mileage	220.64	1
Counsel	Lease	52.35	2
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	950.40	1
O Cressler	Expense	172.01	1
O Cressler	Training	480.41	1
Cummins Inc.	Maintenance	887.51	1
Frank Dunn Company	pot hole patch	799.00	1
Expo Center	Rent	50.00	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	237.48	1
Feld Fire	Inspection	286.00	1
Force America	Parts	145.44	1
Gordon Flesch Company Inc	Lease	129.26	1
T Grau	Expenses	528.17	1
Great American Financial Serv	Lease	239.66	1
Greene Co Sheriff	Service	36.50	1
Hall Signs, Inc.	corner bolts	81.29	1
Dereck A Hebert	Phone	25.00	1
Dereck A Hebert	Renewal	106.99	1
Barbra J Hinnens	Postage	10.45	1
Barbra J Hinnens	Training	60.64	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	38.08	1
Holiday Inn	Lodging	732.48	1
J Hubbell	Postage	8.85	1
HyVee AR	Meds	24.99	1
IState Truck	Supplies	80.19	1
ICRA	Dues	200.00	1

ILEA	Training	1125.00	1
Imaging Spectrum	Supplies	463.19	1
Iowa County Attorneys Assoc	Dues	340.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	210.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Rent	54.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Equip	160.00	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	85.00	1
Jacobsen Hybrid Corn Co Inc	Grass Seed	57.50	1
Jensen Trailers	Trailer	6470.00	1
House of Print	Mailing	309.52	1
Laurens Municipal	Laurens utilities	207.92	1
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	109.99	1
RELX INC DBA LexisNexis	Software	110.00	1
Loffler	Lease	127.11	1
Machine Shop	hand tools	57.76	1
Machine Shop	parts	194.62	1
Machine Shop	welding supplies	249.73	1
Machine Shop	Maint	894.80	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer int lts	69.78	1
MidAmeri Energy	Palmer/elec	155.73	1
National Pen Company	Pens	130.15	1
Office Elements	Equip	445.00	1
Office Elements	Supplies	191.68	3
Owen/King	SIR	405.84	1
P&R Entry Doors	Door/Repairs	1226.95	1
J Paulsen	Notary	30.00	1
Mackenzie M Pedersen	Training	195.85	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
City-Plover	2nd qtr. water	100.00	1
Po Co Econ Dev	Allocation	5000.00	2
Po Co Home Care	Aides	15666.00	4
Po Co Home Care	Labor	1620.47	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Disposal	297.00	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Ditch Waste	12.00	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	10453.97	1
Po Co Pub Health	Services	75.00	1
Poca Postmaster	Postage	110.00	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Meals	4270.00	1
Poca Equip	Maint	57.66	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	200.97	1
Poca Ford	Maint	1735.31	1
Powhatan Travel Service, LLC H	Grant	200.00	1
Record Dem	Subscription	30.00	1
B Reis	Supplies	56.00	1
Richardson's Serv	Maint	68.65	1
Samantha L Richison	Training	35.00	1
V Ricklefs	Mileage	163.52	1
IA SOS	Notary	30.00	1
Secure Shred Solutions, LLC	Shredding	124.00	1
Seiler App	Maint	307.50	1
K Simacek	Mileage	76.16	1
Sirchie	Supplies	46.97	2
Sports Rehab	Services	668.08	1
Amy D Stern-Domek	Mileage	371.60	1
US Cellular	Phone	330.76	2
K Vadar	Mileage	191.52	1
W Van Donge	Maint	12.00	1
W Van Donge	Training Exp	68.86	1
Nathanial J Vento	Dues	80.00	1
Nathanial J Vento	Training	685.00	2
Verizon	hot spots	160.18	1
R Vosberg	Training Exp	54.54	1
WAHL TEK	Equip	3995.00	1
Webster Co Auditor	ME Expense	500.00	2
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Lease	89.00	1
Wolcyn Tree Farm	Trees	2624.00	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	3821.00	1
Ziegler	Supplies	1132.28	1
Grand Total		82074.60	

Auditor, Kelly Jepsen, advised of the information on the American Rescue Plan and presented information on the requirements for the Temporary Redistricting Committee that the Board will need to appoint by May 15<sup>th</sup>.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Drainage and Solid Waste concerns; Aden-Visioning Committee; Siepker-Visioning Committee and mental health region concerns; Stauter-YES Center, CFR, and drainage concerns; and Smith-Veterans Affairs concerns. All Supervisors participated in the DD 30 Br. 4, 5, and 7 Reclassification hearing.

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