

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
April 29, 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 Stauffer, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Bryan Rahn, Dep. Drainage Clerk; Katie Halligan; Mary Jo Litwiller, Econ Dev Dir; Dick Gruber; Steve Nelson, Sheriff.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes from April 22, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauffer to approve the agenda as posted. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:05 a.m., a public hearing for the proposed Exchange of Property with Laurens was held. Siepker reviewed the land transfer. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to approve the property exchange agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to authorize the property exchange by resolution. Ayes all, motion carried. The chairman called the question with the following recorded votes. Ayes: Seehusen, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays: None. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit: Resolution 2025-04-#20 Exchange Certain Real Property with the City of Laurens. Full resolution can be requested at the Auditor's office.

Discussion of county law enforcement extension with the City of Laurens. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Seehusen to approve addendum of current 28E agreement with an extension to May 5, 2025 and only answering emergency calls.

At 10:30 a.m., the Supervisors acting as drainage ditch trustees, had a conference call with Calhoun County to approve work order for JT DD 79-40 for \$800. Work order JT DD 1-54 for \$800, JT DD9-13 Commissioner invoices for Ives & Hammen for a total of \$221.07, JT DD 9-13 Reclass Report and set hearing date of June 10, 2025 at 2:00 p.m. See drainage minutes in the Auditor's office.

Discussion with Mayor Don Wolf regarding county law enforcement with the City of Fonda. Also present was Brian Larsen, Fonda; Jim Pentico, Rolfe Mayor; Dan Allen. Mayor Wolf advised that the City's General Basic fund only is covering basic needs. Rolfe Mayor Pentico stated they are making FY26 fees work, but they will need to do something different going forward. Seehusen advised that he would work with Rolfe and Fonda to come up with a formula everyone can work with. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Seehusen to table until Seehusen has more information.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer presented the board with multiple truck quotes. After discussion, motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to accept two bids for \$49,501.81 and one bid for \$62,093.56 with New Way Ford. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling also presented a maintenance liability agreement for the Fonda Bridge. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to accept the agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor reviewed the preliminary drainage ditches that have a negative balance to be levied.

Hinrickson showed pictures of the gold glazing along the top of the rotunda that is peeling. JC Kaiser will provide a quote.

We received a thank you letter from UDMO for our support.

In 2021, IPERS added OCC 29 for full-time elected officials. Supervisors were also moved into that code but they should have stayed in OCC 17. Hinrickson requested approval to move the supervisors back into OCC 17. There will not be any change in benefits, just the option for supervisors to opt out of IPERS contributions. Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to move the Supervisor into IPERS OCC 17. Ayes all, motion carried.

Don Livasy sent an email stating that they were working on two options for the new heating/cooling units that are not running per specifications. He is having a follow up meeting Thursday and will hopefully have a plan to move forward.

Hinrickson went through a couple of questions on the ISAC Tour Survey, will fill out and submit.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to initially approve DD 41-Br 1 reclassification report from Jacobson-Westergard. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to set the date of June 10, 2025 at 1:00 p.m. in the Assembly Room for DD41-Br 1 reclassification hearing. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to initially approve DD 51 annexation & reclassification report from Jacobson-Westergard. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to set the date of June 10, 2025 for DD51 annexation hearing at 1:30 p.m. and the reclassification hearing at 1:45 p.m. in the Assembly Room. Ayes all, motion carried.

The county received two quotes for drainage ditch spraying. After discussion, motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to accept the quote from Frank Salvatore in the amount of \$24,750.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve DD 44 ROW damages waive of hearing from Rittgers and Daniel Family LLC. Ayes all, motion carried.

Discussion regarding DD 44 ROW purchase. After research, an information meeting was held on April 14, 2020 with a cost to purchase Right of Way at \$6,270.00. At a hearing on June 1, 2021, it was voted to acquire the Right of Way. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to purchase ROW at the cost it was approved at in 2021. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve JT DD 73 MOD beavertails invoice to Greg Cundiff for \$80.00 Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Manure Management Plan (1) Dirks – ID# 64551 SE SE, Section 30, Grant Township Marvin Dirks, Jr. as owner & contact person (2) Krischel LLC – ID# 62806 NW NE, Section 2, Powhatan Township David Krischel as owner & contact person (3) Ward Site – ID# 65248 SW NW, Sec. 26 Sherman Township Summit Pork III LLP as owners & Scott Jacobsen as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Drainage Concerns, City Law Enforcement; Stauter- Drainage Concerns, City Law Enforcement; Siepker- UDMO, City Law Enforcement, State Auditor Exit Mtg; Smith- Jail Meeting, Drainage Concerns; Aden- Drainage Concerns.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor