

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
April 4, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Brent Aden; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers; and Mary Jo Litwiller, Economic Development Director. Supervisor Jeff Ives participated telephonically.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes dated March 28, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the tentative agenda with adding Informational under Supervisors. Ayes all, motion carried.

Parker Aden, Pocahontas Chamber of Commerce, requested the use of the Courthouse lawn or the County lot East of the Courthouse for kid's events during Heritage Days. The Board authorized the use of the lot East of the Courthouse.

Dereck Hebert, IT Director, presented a Memorandum of Understanding from the Iowa Department of Management, Iowa Office of the Chief Information Officer. A motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to authorize the Chairman to sign the MOU. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve VPN access for Kalista Herr, County Assessor, and Melissa Hoyt, Family Support Worker for Public Health. Ayes all, motion carried.

Gary Atherton, Drainage Clerk/Assistant to the Engineer, reviewed the Engineer's Report on DD 57 Repairs. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to accept the report for DD 57 and to set a hearing on said report and bid letting for Tuesday, May 23, 2023 in the Assembly Room of the Courthouse. The hearing on report at 1:00 p.m. and the bid letting at 3:00 p.m. Ayes-Ives, Stauter, Siepker, Smith; Nays-None; Abstain-Aden. Motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve Iowa Lakes Electric's utility permit for underground construction across organized drainage district lands. Ayes all, motion carried. Iowa Lakes will be replacing electric lines in Sections 8, 9, 15, 16, and 17 of Lincoln Township.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to authorize the City of Rolfe to place a gas line in the Road ROW with a tracer wire buried with it and recorded to Rolfe's system on One Call. Ayes all, motion carried. The gas line will run from Northern Natural gas terminal, cross the gravel road, then along 470th St. connecting to a grain drying facility. The City of Rolfe will own the gas line.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve a utility permit for underground construction across organized drainage district lands for MidAmerican Energy and request that a warning tape be placed with the cable. Ayes all, motion carried. The work will be performed just West of P-19 and on the North side of C-49.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve a bid for Midwest Epoxy, LLC from Floris, IA for \$48,390.00. Ayes all, motion carried. Midwest will epoxy delaminated areas on seven bridges.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve a wage increase for Nicole Huegerich, part-time dispatcher, as she had reached 12- months of service. As of April 11, 2023, Huegerich's new hourly rate will be \$18.73/hour, as per the union contract. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Sheriff's Quarterly Report of Fees Collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to set the all employee meeting for May 2, 2023 at 8:00 a.m. and close all County buildings from 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. Ayes all, motion carried. The public purpose of said meeting is to educate employees on benefits, wellness and safety which will promote discounts on our health insurance and work comp premiums.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Jt. DD 63 claim from Bolton & Menk for professional services in the amount of \$1,005.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed a draft of the new proposed language for the Child Support County Staffing Contract Leave Payout and request Jepsen contact them for more information.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) GNB LLC.-Havelock Site – ID# 58221 located in the SW SE, Sec. 21 Cummins Township with GNB LLC as owners & Glenn Baker as contact person; (2) Bellcock Turkey Farm – ID# 66193 located in the SE SW, Sec. 17 Douglas Township, Sac County with Josh & Justin Bellcock as owners & Josh Bellcock as contact person; (3) Powhatan Finisher Farm – ID# 64484 located in the SW SE, Section 20, Powhatan Township with N Holding, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (4) Plover East Finisher Farm – ID# 64485 located in the NE NW, Section 14, Powhatan Township with N Holding, LLC as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person; (5) B & B Hog Farms Inc. – ID# 59153 located in the SE SW, Section 3, Des Moines Township with Brad Banwart as owner & contact person; and (6) PI-258 – ID# 65208 located in the NE, NE, NW, Section 19, Grant Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Stauter–Pipeline meeting, CFR, jail committee, and bridge concerns; Aden–Pipeline meeting, Rural Iowa Ec. Dev., and jail committee; Siepker–Upper Des Moines and jail committee; and Smith–Pipeline meeting, jail committee, and building & grounds.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.