

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
April 8, 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 Stauter, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Steve Nelson, Sheriff; Mary Jo Litwiller, Econ Dev Director; Katie Halligan, Lola Dewall; Frank Salvatore, TBB Spraying.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from April 1, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the agenda with addition of participation agreement with CAASA. Ayes all, motion carried.

Old Business: DD44 ROW purchase is with drainage attorney to create agreement.

After review of proposed ordinance motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to set May 13, 2025 at 10:05 am for hearing on the tile draining ordinance. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve the Sheriff’s Department quarterly report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve the Recorder’s monthly & quarterly reports. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve and sign FY26 participation agreements with Upper Des Moines for \$17,000.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve and sign FY26 participation agreements with Elderbridge for \$6,690.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve and sign FY26 participation agreements with Family Crisis Center for \$2,500.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve and sign FY26 participation agreements with CAASA for \$2,500.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson advised that FY25 budget amendment was not an increase due to Secondary Roads adjustment. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to set May 13, 2025 at 10:30 am for FY25 Budget Amendment hearing. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve TriDD31 Stearns beavertails invoice for \$320.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve Manure Management Plans: (1) Wadle, Dennis & Gene – ID# 65822 NW NW, Section 30, Cedar Township Dennis Wadle & Gene Wadle as owner and contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve claims as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

A & M Laundry	Supplies	84.35	1
P Aden	Service	300.00	1
L Adson	Expenses	25.00	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	242.91	1
Amazon	Supplies	745.66	3
T Anderson	Training	495.00	1
Aureon	Service	18.00	1
Baker Electric	Service	31397.50	1
W Beneke	Expenses	301.10	1
Bennett Recycling	Waste Mgmt	33.00	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	598.03	2
BV Co Journal	Minutes	490.55	1
CAASA	Allocation	1250.00	1
Calhoun Co PH	Services	82.80	1
Calhoun-Burns	Services	11215.00	1
Campbell Supply	Materials	12.65	1
CDW	Renewal	268.16	1
CenTec Cast Metal Products	Grave Care	4616.28	1
CID	Supplies	383.00	1
Century Link	Line Chg	71.45	1
Chosen Valley	Service	950.00	1
City-Pocahontas	Rent	10.00	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	2011.87	1
Po Co Sec Rd	Fuel	3238.42	2
CrawDaddy Outdoors	Supplies	4863.39	1
A Devereaux	BOH	22.23	1
DIII Conservation	Dues	250.00	1
Doolittle Oil	Materials	337.63	1
Electronic Special	Radio	4169.63	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	573.70	5
Family Crisis Center	Allocation	1250.00	1
Feld Fire	Service	260.00	1
Fonda Pub Libr	Allocation	6415.00	1
Force America	Parts	24.96	1
GFC Leasing	Lease	1124.82	1
GC Pub Libr	Allocation	2940.00	1
Gilmore City	RUT FTM Funds	1174.82	1
City-Havelock	RUT FTM Funds	697.66	1
Havelock Pub Libr	Allocation	5212.50	1

D Heuton	Expenses	139.38	1
B Hinners	Postage	27.54	2
Jacob E Hinrickson	Expenses	71.68	1
N Hinrickson	Expenses	46.22	1
M Hoyt	Expenses	77.81	1
Humboldt Co Sheriff	Service	56.00	1
ICAA	Dues	336.00	1
IEMA	Dues	225.00	1
IMEA	Training	155.00	1
ILEA	Service	375.00	1
INTRANS ISU	Training	275.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	68.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Repairs	484.00	1
East Central District ISAA Sar	Training	50.00	1
ISCTA	Service	150.00	1
R Jergens	Expenses	753.83	1
Johnston Auto	Materials	725.22	1
Koenig	Service	150.00	1
B Krips	Expenses	254.71	1
Larson-Weishaar	Service	1295.00	1
House of Print	Supplies	234.46	2
LMPC	Utilities	252.73	1
Laurens Pub Libr	Allocation	8019.00	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	712.13	1
LexisNexis	Service	144.00	1
Lifeline	Lifeline	286.39	1
MJ Litwiller	Expenses	343.62	1
Mail Services	Service	304.73	1
Mainstay	Service	237.00	1
Adam T Mann	Feed	9.18	1
K Maurer	BOH	37.44	1
Metal Culverts	Materials	69008.80	1
K Metzger	Expenses	210.78	1
Microtel	Training	432.32	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	56.52	1
MidAm Energy	Utilitites	57.20	1
Midwest Const Cons	Service	23169.92	1
MW Technology	Security Sys	11902.14	1
Midwest Wheel	Parts/Materials	191.87	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts/Materials	236.85	1
Comm First	Parts/Materials	376.32	1
Comm First	Service	300.15	1
S Nelson	Expense	152.30	1
Noah Const	Service	93987.30	1
NW Comm	Line Chg	158.99	1
Office Elements	Supplies	220.39	2
On Point	Grant	883.63	1
Palmer Pub Libr	Allocation	5613.50	1
City-Palmer	RUT FTM Funds	1840.60	1
City-Palmer	Utilities	224.29	1
Penguin Mgt	Telecom	1470.00	1
Plover Pub Libr	Allocation	5613.50	1
City-Plover	RUT FTM Funds	861.37	1
City-Plover	Utilities	106.50	1
Po Co Econ Dev	Allocation	25000.00	2
Po Co Fair Assoc	Allocation	10000.00	1
PO CO IT Dept	Service	419.19	2
PO CO IT Dept	Services	55.28	1
Postmaster	Postage	321.20	2
Poca Pub Libr	Allocation	8019.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Services	287.75	1
Poky Equip	Supplies	42.65	1
Poky Fiber	Service	872.39	3
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	680.30	1
Pro Co-Op	Materials	29027.18	1
RB Lumber	Supplies	45.90	1
Ray O'Herron	Uniform	1856.96	1
Record Dem	Minutes	1838.49	6
Record Dem	Public Notice	123.75	1
Rees Truck	Parts	346.09	1
Reg V HAZMAT	Contribution	2654.25	1
Richardson's Serv	Services	184.99	1
Riley Armstrong	Service	14250.00	1
Theresa A Ritland, CSR	Service	93.60	1
Rolfe Pub Libr	Allocation	6415.00	1
Rubber Inc	Materials	90.62	1
Sale Barn	Services	150.00	1
Sande Const	Services	335586.97	1
SCI Comm	Service	442.26	1
Secure Shred	Service	194.00	1
Andrea A Simental	Expenses	516.25	1
Thomas Forensic	Service	500.00	1
UnityPoint Occ Health	Services	200.00	1
UDMO	Allocation	4250.00	1
US Cellular	Communications	1505.58	1
Varina Pub Libr	Allocation	5212.50	1
City-Varina	RUT FTM Funds	327.06	1
Verizon	Phone	1564.26	3
K Wagner	Expenses	137.12	1
WAPITI	Services	525.00	1
J Watson	Expenses	112.71	1
Webster Co Sheriff	Service	78.00	2
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Propane	575.00	1
Western Iowa Tourism	Allocation	500.00	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	1296.31	1
Windstream	Line Chg	360.36	2
Winger Co	Service	227992.40	1
Woodley Ins	Insurance	1490.00	1
Woods	Supplies	324.50	2
P Zaugg	BOH	18.72	1
Ziegler	Parts	406.94	1
Grand Total		1008418.91	

Frank Salvatore, TBB Spraying, introduced himself, he is reaching out to provide ditch spraying services. This is his second year and is reaching out to do one county this year. Salvatore spoke with Brian at Conservation also. Stauter asked if he would be interested in doing drainage ditches, and he would be. Gary Atherton was going to show him around to get his opinion and he would provide a quote to the County.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor advised that the painters for the rotunda are going to start on April 14, 2025. Hinrickson also advised that the office was working on gathering drainage assessment information.

At 11:00 a.m., the Board proceeded to the Public Hearing for the FY26 Budget. Hinrickson presented proof of publication. There were no written objections. Ron Egertsen, Joe Egertsen and Laurie DeWall also were present for the hearing.

When asked on public comments, Ron Egertsen inquired about why property values were so high and that property taxes need to be lower. Siepker reminded Egertsen that county taxes didn’t increase very much and that there are other factors that his taxes may have increased.

Smith asked Egertsen to provide a list yearly on what services he would like to see cut.

Laurie DeWall stated she was present to ask for continued support for the libraries. DeWall said she was fine with increased taxes as long as these services were still available to the communities.

Mary Jo Litwiller hoped to have continued support for Economic Development and looks forward to what is to come this year.

Joe Egertsen stated he wanted to see more from Economic Development bringing in businesses. Egertsen also stated he would like to be on one of the Economic Development boards.

Siepker addressed the group stating that he is a taxpayer also and doesn’t want to pay higher taxes either, and that is why they, the board, reviews the budgets with the department heads.

Katie Halligan told the group that she comes to the meetings so she can see first hand where the money is going. She also works with Mary Jo to sell real estate. Halligan stated her views on the assessments and property and land valuations.

With no further comments, motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the FY26 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith, Aden; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION – 2025-04- #19
FY 2026 COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County, Iowa held a Public Hearing on April 8, 2025 for the 2025/2026 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,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors approves and adopts the County Budget in the amount of \$20,604,563 with \$2,239,117 in transfers for a total of \$22,843,680; with the following approved levies and tax asking beginning July 1, 2025

- Levies per \$1,000 of valuation:
- General Basic \$3.5000
 - Pioneer Commentary \$0.00520
 - General Supplemental \$2.09132
 - Debt Services \$0.63316
 - Voted Emergency Medical Services \$0.21000
 - Rural Basic \$3.15473
 - Countywide Total \$6.43968
 - Countywide + Rural Services Total \$9.59441

- Tax Asking:
- General Basic \$3,424,437
 - Pioneer Commentary \$5,088
 - General Supplemental \$2,046,170
 - Debt Services \$625,950
 - Voted Emergency Medical Services \$205,467
 - Rural Basic \$2,640,981
 - Countywide Total \$6,307,112
 - Countywide + Rural Services Total \$8,948,093

APPROVED THIS 8TH DAY OF APRIL, 2025
By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors
/s/ Clarence Siepker, Chairman, /s/ Peter Seehusen, /s/ Louis Stauter, /s/ Kyle Smith, /s/ Brent Aden
ATTEST: /s/ Nita Hinrickson, County Auditor

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Fonda City Mtg, Planning & Zoning Workshop, UDMO; Stauter- Fonda City Mtg, Fair Board; Siepker- Drainage Concerns, Laurens City Mtg, Dept Head Mtg; Smith- Jail, Dept Head, Tax Levy Concerns; Aden-Solid Waste.

Upcoming meeting – Midas Comprehensive Plan, April 8 at 1:30pm.

Smith advised the jail is moving along and is slightly ahead of schedule.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor