

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
May 20, 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: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Bryan Rahn, RE & Drainage Deputy; Steve Nelson, Sheriff; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; Gary Atherton; Assistant to Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Katie Halligan.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve the minutes from May 13, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve the agenda with the deletion of Solid Waste 28E Agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Old Business: Seehusen is still gathering data for Fonda law enforcement. Gary Atherton hasn’t contacted landowners on price of ROW for DD44. After discussion, motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to have secondary roads fix boundary posts on DD65 per IDDA letter and also put up No Hunting/Trespassing signs at three entrances. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was also discussed to leave ownership of DD65 in drainage district name.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer reviewed the quote for a used vac trailer. After discussion, Schmeling will see if he can get anything out of old one by trading in or taking to auction. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve the purchase of the 2020 McLaughlin vac trailer from Vermeer for \$71,000.00. Ayes – Seehusen, Siepker, Smith and Aden. Nay – Stauter. Motion carried.

Schmeling advised that he received one application for summer help and is offering the position to Brennan Storms starting May 27, 2025 at \$19.53/hr. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the hire. Ayes – Seehusen, Stauter, Smith and Aden. Siepker abstained. Motion carried.

Schmeling is sending out bid requests for fuel for FY26. Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to set the date and time to accept fuel bids on June 17, 2025 at 10:05am. Ayes all, motion carried.

Steve Nelson, Sheriff and John Hansen, Jail consultant via phone, discussed the purchase of a scissor lift out of bond proceeds. Hansen estimated earlier the cost would be \$18,0000. The quote for a new 2024 lift is \$13,575. After discussion, motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to approve the purchase of the 2024 Skyjack Lift. Ayes – Seehusen, Siepker, Smith and Aden. Nay – Stauter. Motion carried.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor had sent the Cost Allocation Plan to supervisors for review. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to accept and sign the Cost Allocation Plan Certification. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson said we received two thank you notes from the Rolfe and Plover library for the county’s donation.

Hinrickson advised she had gotten an email from Russ Jergens, EMA director and his commission decided to take the gator to auction.

We are still waiting on two quotes for workman’s comp insurance comparison.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to acknowledge the Sheriff’s Department hire of Trisha Alderson as full-time dispatcher beginning June 1st, 2025 at \$20.45/hour plus shift differential. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve JT DD 36 Main Tile claim to Secondary Roads for \$3,337.98. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve JT DD 63 MOD claim to Jacobson-Westergard for \$225.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve JT DD 63 Br C Tile claim to Secondary Roads for \$35,614.70. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve the 28E agreement for Environmental Health Services between Calhoun and Pocahontas County with the only change of billing done quarterly instead of monthly. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Economic Dev, Law Enforcement, Safety Mtg; Stauter-None; Siepker- Linking Families; Smith- Drainage, Jail, Safety Mtg; Aden- Economic Dev.

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