

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
May 24, 2022

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

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes dated May 17, 2022, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

The agenda was approved as posted, on motion by Ives, seconded by Aden. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:01 a.m., the Board held a public hearing for the second consideration of a resolution declaring Emergency Medical Services in Pocahontas County to be an essential service. There was no one present to object and no written comments were received. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve the second passing of said resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded votes: Ayes: Ives, Aden, Stauter, Siepker, Smith. Nays: none. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION No. 2022-05-20
A RESOLUTION DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (“EMS”)
AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN AND FOR POCAHONTAS COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code section 331.301(1) to “...exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents”; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services to all its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Pocahontas County recognizes there is a need to ensure and advance the level of care, capability, and coverage of EMS in Pocahontas County; and

WHEREAS, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors met on the **31st, day of May, 2022** to vote and approve this resolution after having discussed and voted upon it at two previous public meetings, and

WHEREAS, on **June 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615** was signed into law by Governor Kim Reynolds giving Iowa counties the capability to declare EMS an essential service for their respective county, thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county’s voters at an election.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors, that: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hereby declared an essential service in and for Pocahontas County, Iowa and the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Pocahontas County residents and provide for an effective and efficient Pocahontas County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System that allows for quality care for the persons living, working, or travelling in Pocahontas County. Exercising said necessary power and function includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of a Pocahontas County emergency medical services advisory council and the proposition of either **(1) a local option income surtax, or (2) an ad valorem property tax, or (3) a combination of both**, to fund EMS to be voted upon by Pocahontas County voters at the next election.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax or an ad valorem property tax or some combination there, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least **sixty (60%) percent** of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge the hire of Dayton Harson as a full-time Naturalist for Conservation. Ayes all, motion carried. Harson started May 23, 2022 at \$21.31/hr.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge the resignation of Stephanie Teague as a full-time Collections Administrator for the County Attorney and thank her for her service to Pocahontas County. Ayes all, motion carried. Teague’s last day will be June 3, 2022.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve a pay increase for Ann Garvey, part-time Dispatcher, as she has reached 12-months of employment in the Sheriff’s Department. Ayes all, motion carried. As of June 5, 2022, Garvey’s rate of pay will change to \$17.84/hr., as per union contract.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to appoint Kyle Smith to the HIPAA Committee. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to cancel the Board of Supervisors meeting for Tuesday, June 7, 2022, due to the 2022 Primary Election. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Siepker, to approve Amendment #2 to DD 74 Reclassification Report. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Wenell, Kyle – ID# 67313 located in the NE SE, Section 32, Swan Lake Township with Kyle Wenell as owner & contact person; and (2) Rittgers, Finisher Farm – ID# 63801 located in the S ½ SW, Section 8, Cummins Township with Sunray Pork Ltd. as owner & Keith Kratchmer as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

It was the consensus of the Board to deny claim # 2630, modify claim #2579, and approve the remaining claims as presented. The following claims were audited and allowed:

Henry Adkins	Ballots	5418.05	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	289.58	1
K Aljets	Parts - Engineer	3.35	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities-Engineer	306.05	1
Amazon	Supplies	57.72	2
Arnold Motor	Parts	302.60	1
AT&T	Line Chg	44.91	1
Bailey Nurseries	Trees	22399.75	1
Client	Mileage	264.42	1
Tyler M Behrendsen	Reimb	27.73	1
N Betten	Mileage	462.15	1
Bob Brown Chevrolet	Parts - Engineer	3101.43	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	641.71	1
Bunda Seed	Fertilizer	40.00	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1

Carroll Distr.	Supplies-Engineer	2400.00	1
Cemstone	Materials for Proj-Plover	1552.25	1
CenturyLink	Line Chg	6.89	1
CJ Cooper & Asso	SAFETY-ENGINEER	175.00	1
J Conlin	Mileage	238.47	2
Counsel	Lease	331.87	3
Des Moine Stamp	Supplies	42.90	1
District A Homecare Directors	Training	150.00	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	439.10	1
Electronic Eng	Supplies	122.50	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	538.24	3
Daniel L Feistner	Dues	549.00	2
Gilmore City	Utilities - Gilmore City	83.70	1
Dan Griffin	Labor	227.50	1
Kevin Hauswirth	Well Plug	500.00	1
B Hetrick	Mileage	211.77	1
Barbra J Hinners	Postage	22.55	2
Holm's Radiator	Parts-Engineer	730.00	1
Hopkins & Huebner	Service	2975.00	1
J Hubbell	Flowers	63.56	1
ICRA	Service	623.38	1
IA Med Ex	Autopsy	2212.06	1
IA Prison Ind	Signs - Engineer	116.60	1
IACCP	Dues	2000.00	1
ILEA	Service	250.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	346.00	2
Amy M Johnson	Expenses	716.54	1
K Johnson	Parts	30.00	1
KAYL	Ad	52.50	1
KIAQ-FM	Publications-Engineer	769.00	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	850.39	1
LeadsOnline	Service	1674.00	1
Luft & Son	Services	12681.00	1
Manson Lumber	Supplies - Engineer	49.79	1
Martin Marietta	Rock	1514.89	2
Mediacom	Line Chg	14.15	1
MidAm Energy	Electric - Engineer	115.48	1
Minnowa Construction, Inc.	Projects	351734.67	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts - Engineer	151.90	1
Office Elements	Supplies	506.56	4
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
J Paulsen	Supplies	27.82	1
Philips Lifeline	Lifeline	329.60	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	10864.00	3
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural	10753.44	1
Poca Equip	Parts - Engineer	55.32	1
Postmaster	Postage	305.00	2
Poky Sales & Serv	Repairs - Engineer	192.55	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Safety - Engineer	173.75	1
Pro Co-Op	Fuel	4595.56	2
RB Lumber Co.	Supplies - Engineer	302.50	1
Record Dem	Publications	2374.20	7
City-Rolfe	Utilities	282.75	1
J Runneberg	Engineer	80.00	1
Schultes Const	Construction	1722.50	1
Seiler Appl	Service	150.00	1
A Stern-Domek	Mileage	153.86	1
T Reuters	Service	154.40	1
UnityPoint	Services	172.00	1
UDMO	Allocation	3958.50	1
US Cellular	Phone	56.29	1
USPS	Postage	668.75	1
K Vadar	Mileage	139.82	1
Verizon	Engineering	200.05	1
Verizon	Phones	66.62	2
Visual Designs	Signs	105.00	1
R Vosberg	Training Exp	38.61	1
Western Ins	Ins/Bond Ser	231.00	1
Windstream	Line Chg	96.10	1
Woods	Supplies	6.67	1
Grand Total		461460.78	

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign the utility permit for overhead and underground construction across organized drainage district lands for Alliant Energy with the provision that they cannot begin work until after RAGBRAI. Ayes all, motion carried. The work will be done in and around Rolfe.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to set a bid letting for patching and joint sealing for Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., in the Supervisors Room, at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to set a bid letting for fuel for Tuesday, June 21, 2022 at 11:00 a.m., in the Supervisors Room, at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed the different projects going on within the County.

Weekly meetings: Ives –Workforce Development and bridge & drainage concerns; Aden –HCA meeting; Stauter – Yes Center and bridge & road concerns; Siepker –Upper Des Moines finance meeting; and Smith– HCA meeting and Public Health & Environmental Health concerns.

There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting adjourned.