

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
May 6, 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, Deputy Real Estate & Drainage Clerk; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; Gary Atherton, Assist. to Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Steven Nelson, Sheriff; Russ Jergens, EMA Director.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from April 29, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to approve chairman to sign quit claim deed for land transfer approved last week. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:05 a.m., a public hearing for the proposed Vacating of Lake Road. No objections were received. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to authorize Lake Road be vacated by resolution. The chairman called the question with the following recorded votes. Ayes: Seehusen, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays: None. Motion carried. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit: Resolution 2025-05-#23 To Vacate County Road section of 285th, all lying in Section 31, T91N, R31W of Pocahontas County. Full resolution can be requested at the Auditor's office.

Gary Atherton, Assist. to Engineer/Drainage Clerk presented a petition for DD84. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to accept the signed petition. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to hire Tate Schmeling as Engineer for the DD84 project. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauffer to accept Bolton and Menk, Inc's quote for \$6,000 for reclassification and \$600 for annexation with the petitioner's understanding that they will pay the \$600. Ayes all, motion carried.

At 10:30 a.m., a public hearing for the proposed Vacating of Garfield Bridge Road. No objections were received. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to authorize Garfield Bridge Road be vacated by resolution. The chairman called the question with the following recorded votes. Ayes: Seehusen, Stauffer, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays: None. Motion carried. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit: Resolution 2025-04-#24 To Vacate County Road section of 465th St, all lying in Section 1, T92N, R31W of Pocahontas County. Full resolution can be requested at the Auditor's office.

Schmeling advised the Fonda Bridge documents have been all signed and sent to DOT. Secondary Roads will be posting for summer help.

Russ Jergens, EMA Director advised the board that EMA was awarded \$20,000.00 from the Palo Alto Gaming Commission. These funds can't be used for budgetary items. Jergens along with Steven Nelson, Sheriff, are looking at using the funds to upgrade the gator. A discussion followed about the current gator. Once Jergens receives the final quote and trade/sale value for the old gator, the board will vote on whether the county will want to buy it.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve JT DD 63 Br 1 Secondary Roads invoice for \$1,008.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve JT DD 73 Secondary Roads invoice for \$1,035.80. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to approve JT DD 77 Secondary Roads invoice for \$351.79. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauffer to approve JT DD 181 Little Cedar Secondary Roads invoice for \$5,385.15. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to approve JT DD 181 Big Cedar Secondary Roads invoice for \$455.39. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Aden to reject JT DD 1-54 Main Secondary Roads invoice for \$608.87 due to no prior approval of work order. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to acknowledge Manure Management Plan from DRS LLC #69279 BV County. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauffer to approve Manure Management (1) Seehusen Finisher -ID# 61832 SE SW, Section 30, Sherman Township Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Steve Licht as contact person (2) Pitstick Pork - ID# 63746 SE NE, Section 11, Williams Township, Calhoun Co. Pitstick Pork, LLC as owner & contact person (3) Kopriva Finisher Farm - ID# 64541 N NE, Section 4, Cummins Township M Holdings, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (4) Frey, Finisher Farm - ID# 69330 NW NW, Section 29, Avery Township, Humboldt Co. Oliver Farms 1, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (5) Gottschalk Finisher Farm - ID# 70229 SW NW Section 23, Williams Township, Calhoun Co. Boxwood Farms, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (6) Hauswirth, Finisher Farm - ID# 64514 SE SW, Section 31, Powhatan Township Morning Glory Farms, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner

as contact person (7) Marshall Wean-Finish Farm – ID# 58386 SE NE, Section 6, Marshall Township Iowa Select Farms, LP as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (8) Tukker Dairies – ID# 65284 NE SE, Section 33, Powhatan Township Johan Koezen as owner & Jolanda Koezen contact person (9) FMP III Higgins – ID# 65863 SE SE, Section 3, Williams Township, Calhoun Co. FMP III, LLP as owner & Rusty Kosky as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Drainage Concerns, City Law Enforcement; Stauter- Tile & Solar Concerns, Feenstra Visit; Siepker- Drainage Concern and Dept Head Mtg; Smith- City Law Enforcement, Dept Head Mtg, Budget Concerns; Aden- Feenstra Visit. All supervisors did a tour of the new jail building.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor