

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
May 9, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Brent Aden; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, Jeff Ives, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers; Katie Halligan; and Briar Holtorf.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve the minutes dated May 2, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

The Board discussed funding options for the new countertops being installed in the following offices: Assessor, Clerk of Court, Recorder, Secondary Roads and Magistrate. The funds will come from the Courthouse & Grounds budget.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the letter requesting pcso.gov as a domain. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the Recorder's Report of Fees Collect for the month of April. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to approve the claims as reviewed by the Board except claim #2309. Ayes all, motion carried. The following claims were audited and allowed:

Parker Aden	Alumni	981.25	2
Amazon	Supplies	746.44	5
Bailey Nurseries	Trees	11503.59	1
Bauer Construction Dennis Baue	Countertops	9318.00	1
Westin E Beneke	Mileage	142.71	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	416.47	2
Bomgaars	Uniform	69.99	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	865.40	1
Bunda Seed	Seed	162.50	1
Anne Carroll	Alumni	900.00	1
CDW	Renewal	1554.00	1
CID	Supplies	259.00	1
Century Link	Line Chg	122.81	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	3861.30	5
Comm First	Service	60.91	1
J Conlin	Cabinets	3053.76	1
O Cressler	Mileage	18.72	1
Dist 3 Recorder Assoc	Dues	50.00	1
Judy K Essing	Postage	20.58	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	1415.95	5
Foundation An	Service	505.50	1
GFC Leasing	Lease	1052.86	1
Global Ind	Equip	801.08	1
Dayton M Harson	Feed	9.61	1
B Hinners	Training	233.19	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	19.89	1
Holiday Inn	Lodging	1572.48	2
Humb News	Ads	253.00	1
IADPS	Service	1731.00	2
IA Med Ex	Autopsy	2029.00	1
IACCS	Training	2000.00	1
ILEA	Service	500.00	1
Iowa Emergency Management Asso	Training	155.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	59.00	1
Jack's Uniform	Uniform	263.79	1
R Jergens	Expenses	922.36	1
Juicebox	Hosting	230.00	1
Karl Chev	Equip	17688.63	1
M Klocke	Mileage	22.23	1
Brooke A Krips	Mileage	348.48	1
L-Tron Corporation	Equip	1000.91	1
House of Print	Supplies	1687.43	2
Laurens Sun	Minutes	1163.05	1
LexisNexis	Service	130.00	1
Mary J Litwiller	Expenses	721.65	1
Mail Services	Service	265.15	1
Tiffany M McClurg	Expenses	128.19	2
K Metzger	Mileage	441.44	1
Meyer Electric	Service	8283.16	3
Ben Meyer	Well	300.00	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	43.16	1
Dan Mullen	Well	500.00	1
Kayla M Nedved	Mileage	40.19	1
S Nelson	Expenses	177.13	2
Netsmart	Service	1753.80	1
New Way Ford	Service	164.95	1
Jean Sassman	Court Reporting	334.25	1
NW Comm	Line Chg	158.99	1
Office Elements	Supplies	234.78	1
Palmer Mutual	Line Chg	164.96	1
J Paulsen	Expenses	216.62	2
Heather M Peters	Postage	65.04	1
Pitney Bowes	Lease	170.43	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	10150.00	1
Poca Co Treas	Expenses	328.91	1
PO CO IT Dept	Phone Fiber	156.08	1
Poca St Bank	Rent	400.00	1
Poky Fiber	Service	741.42	2
Record Dem	Ads	2446.83	6
Rialto Theatre	Alumni	100.00	1
Alexandria K Salsberry	Mileage	370.60	1
Schumacher's Nursery	Trees/Shrubs	12296.35	1

SCI Comm	Service	426.12	1
IA SOS	Notary	30.00	1
Seiler Appl	Service	2344.40	3
Kristi S Seiler	Expense	250.79	1
M Parrott	Supplies	2516.73	1
Christopher S Toner	Fuel	68.00	1
Donald P Trexel	Mileage	12.87	1
Nathaniel J Vento	Mileage	468.00	1
Verizon	Phones	724.52	2
Counsel	Lease	190.16	1
R Vosberg	Meals	61.50	1
Wessels Oil Co Inc	Car Wash Cards	800.00	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	440.03	1
Windstream	Line Chg	264.26	1
Wolcyn Tree Farm	Trees	12356.00	1
Woods	Supplies	58.14	2
Grand Total		132067.47	

Retired Engineer Don Etlar met with the Board to discuss an opportunity for a grant to identify landowners willing to voluntarily put their land into wetlands through the drainage districts, which would help with nitrate reduction. The cost to build the wetlands would be reimbursed by the State. Since a county is eligible to apply for the grant, Etlar requested that Pocahontas County be the applicant for a group of approximately 10 other counties. This would require the Auditor's Office to track all expenses, submit quarterly reports, pay claims and file for reimbursement for all the counties. Jepsen and Etlar will discuss the details further so a decision can be made next week.

At 11:05 a.m., a bid letting for pavement markings took place. Only one bid was received; Vogel Traffic Services from Orange City, IA bid \$55,918.00. The estimated cost for painting 105 centerlines and 76 miles of edge lines was \$62,162.92. Motion by Siepker, seconded by Smith, to award the project to Vogel Traffic Services for \$55,918.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, and the Board discussed the speed limit through Ware and repairing the guard rails by the bridge on N-67, North of Manson.

Weekly meetings: Ives-Drainage concerns; Stauter-Bridge, drainage and speed limit concerns; Aden-Pipeline and bridge concerns; and Smith-Pipeline and road ROW concerns.

The Board discussed the division of the funds they allocated for the County Libraries and decided not to deviate from what they decided during the FY24 budget reviews.

Jepsen and the Board discussed a 28E agreement with Buena Vista County for an interim County Engineer, human resource issues, and the County's website. Jepsen will work with the Buena Vista County Auditor on the 28E agreement, contact Paul Greufe about HR concerns and compile email correspondence about the website.

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

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Brent Aden, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor