

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
June 10, 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; Gary Atherton, Assist. to Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Tate Schmeling, Engineer; Jill Conlin, Public Health Director; Bill Keeney, Ted Renewables.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from June 3, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Old Business – Fonda Law Enforcement and Rolfe – Seehusen will have the county attorney draw up a 28E agreement with amounts for both cities.

DD44 ROW- Atherton has received verbal approval for purchase of 2021 approved amount, but has not received the written approval back.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to Engineer/Drainage Clerk measured where the evergreens and bushes are planted along DD53 – Lincoln 09. Bushes are in the ROW as of today the evergreens are not. Atherton requested the board to prepare a letter to the homeowner and Atherton will deliver and explain that the landowner has violated Resolution 1988-02-16.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer provided information to the board on a funding agreement for a bridge project. It will be changing the bridge to a box culvert on D11. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve Project 70, Cedar 34 Bridge 21 Funding Agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling also reviewed information on applying for a joint SS4A Implementation Grant with Clay and Buena Vista County. This project is for shoulder widening, installation of edgeline and centerline rumble strips, painting, striping, clearing and grubbing. The counties would have to pay 20%. Schmeling advised this could come out of the Farm to Market fund.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve Resolution #2025-06-#28 endorsing SS4A N65 Grant. Where by the chairman called for voice vote: Ayes - Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith and Aden. Motion carried.

Schmeling advised the they are blading and rocking roads and will be starting crack sealing. Reding will be hauling rock from the quarry for the ground east of the LEC.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor presented the Security Plan with updates that were reviewed by the security committee and department heads. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve the updated Security Plan. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson also presented an updated Procurement Policy that deleted who were the only ones who could make purchases. Any large purchases are always run through the board for approval any way. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve the updated Procurement Policy. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson advised the board that Derek Essing has been working on foundation work and after the rain on June 6, there wasn't any water in the basement. He has sealed up a lot and repaired a broken tile west of the courthouse. Essing is looking at repairing the garage/north entryway of deteriorating cement. It would cost approximately \$1,000.00-\$1,200.00 for structural epoxy.

Hinrickson received an email regarding the State Historical Society being appointed the sponsor of Iowa250/America250. Hinrickson contacted Mary Jo Litwiller, Economic Dev. Director, and she is going to be the lead for Pocahontas County and work with the coordinator.

Discussion regarding the date on the invoices with Atherton. Atherton advised that initially, Luft and Son's invoice was for more than what was bid. It took time back and forth to get a corrected invoice. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve JTDD 143 Lat 3 invoices: Luft & Son's - \$14,237.50 & Secondary Roads - \$9,291.93 for a total of \$23,529.43. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to acknowledge receipt of FY24 Audit & CSLFRF Report from State Auditor. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve and sign FY26 Library Agreement. Agreement will be reviewed by library boards in January and letter submitted of review of agreement with current percentages given to each library. Any changes in percentage, a new agreement will be created. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve the Recorder's May report of fees collected. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve Manure Management Plans (1) Glen Finisher Farm – ID# 61827, SE SW, Section 31, Colfax Township, Crow Farm Partners III, Inc. as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (2) Ben, Finisher Farm – ID# 63794, SE NW, Section 29, West Bend Township, PA Co., Cloudburst Farms, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (3) Thompson Finisher Farm – ID# 64619, NE SE, Section 11, Powhatan Township, M Holdings, LLC. as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (4) Rittgers, Finisher Farm – ID# 63801, S SW, Section 8, Cummins Township, Sunray Pork Ltd. as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (5) Ryan, Finisher Farm – ID# 63824, NW NW,

Section 14, Des Moines Township, Roseglen Farms, LLC as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (6) Colfax Finisher Farm – ID# 68918, SW NW, Section 26, Colfax Township, Granite Farms III, LLC. as owner & Kent Pliner as contact person (7) PI248 Finisher – ID# 64635, SE SE, Section 11, Des Moines Township, Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC. as owner & contact (8) Park Lane Farms, LLC – ID# 61547, SW SW, Section 7, Colfax Township, Park Lane Farms, LLC as owner & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC as contact (9) Garrison Ridge LLC-Schmidt – ID# 58740, SE SE, Section 13, Des Moines Township, Joel Schmidt as owner & contact person (10) Dan & Laura Erickson– ID# 60392, SE NE, Section 24, Colfax Township, Dan & Laura Erickson as owner & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC as contact (11) NFP-Farm 159-Meyer – ID# 63880, SW NW, Section 17, Marshall Township, New Fashion Pork as owner & Sarah Withers & Emily Wegener as contact. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jill Conlin, Public Health Director presented a wage proposal for County Nurses. Conlin advised they have been hiring since January and have only had a few applicants, largely due to starting pay. After reviewing the wage matrix, it was determined that nurses were not initially put in the correct grade. In order to hire a new nurse, a higher wage was needed and Conlin stated with doing that, it was necessary to increase the wage of current nurses. FY26 approved budget was for \$1,404,103.00 and with the raises and not hiring an LPN the current proposed budget would be \$1,305,087.00. Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to acknowledge the new wages for nurses. Ayes all, motion carried.

Prior to reviewing claims, Hinrickson advised that two claims will be deleted from the claims listing #2399 and #2400. Hinrickson invertedly missed amending the ARPA fund and these will be paid July 1. Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve claims as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

A & M Laundry	Supplies	40.55	1
L Adson	Expenses	122.70	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	32.41	1
Amazon	Supplies	266.09	3
Dossier Systems	Software	534.96	1
Arnold Motor	Parts	221.05	1
G Atherton	Expenses	120.00	1
Aureon	Service	18.00	1
B&K Embroidery	Services	484.85	1
L Bailey	Expenses	126.36	2
Baker Electric	Service	166141.70	2
W Beneke	Expenses	359.19	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	432.65	1
Bunda Seed	Seed	882.00	1
Calhoun-Burns	Services	12453.75	1
Century Link	Line Chg	74.45	1
O Cressler	Expenses	487.83	5
DetectaChem	Supplies	228.41	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	762.32	1
Electronic Special	Supplies	1667.66	1
Derek J Essing	Fuel	13.17	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	731.06	3
D Feistner	Expenses	675.00	1
GFC Leasing	Lease	1124.82	1
C Harrold	Service	65.52	1
IA Nat Heritage	Dues	50.00	1
IACCS	Training	2000.00	1
ILEA	Service	375.00	1
Inspiron	Service	2375.00	1
ISCTA	Service	250.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Service	12186.00	3
R Jergens	Expenses	855.61	1
Juicebox	Hosting	230.00	1
M Klocke	Mileage	93.60	3
Koenig	Service	280.00	1
B Krips	Expenses	234.76	1
House of Print	Supplies	1159.98	1
LMPC	Utilities	184.89	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	642.54	1
LexisNexis	Service	144.00	1
Lifeline	Lifeline	286.00	1
Luft & Son	Services	15188.50	1
Mail Services	Service	329.82	1
MC of IA	Supplies	3.00	1
Martin Marietta	Rock	149.60	1
Medline	Med Supplies	442.52	1
Menards	Supplies	95.03	2
K Metzger	Expenses	418.51	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	231.95	2
Midwest Const Cons	Service	22331.57	1
Midwest Wheel	Parts	684.36	1
Mid Mech Inc	Service	46665.04	1
Myron Corp	Supplies	760.37	2
Comm First	Materials/Parts	226.26	1
Comm First	Service	8.07	1
Kayla M Nedved	Expenses	33.70	1
S Nelson	Expense	152.29	1
New Tec	Equip	13575.00	1
New Way Ford	Service	698.70	1
Noah Const	Service	13359.85	1
Northern Safety	Supplies	291.11	1
NW Comm	Line Chg	158.99	1
Office Elements	Supplies	608.77	2
City-Palmer	Utilities	224.29	1
Plastic Recycling	Supplies	393.84	1
City-Plover	Clean Up	537.00	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	16.00	1
PO CO IT Dept	Service	329.05	4
Poca Dental	Services	369.00	1
Postmaster	Postage	121.20	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Service	560.98	1
Poky Fiber	Service	567.76	1
Prinsco Inc	Materials	6720.32	1
Pro Co-Op	Materials	25262.04	1
Bryan C Rahn	Expenses	486.48	1
Record Dem	Minutes	560.99	2

Record Dem	Publications	55.00	1
Rehab Visions	Service	1344.42	1
Riley Armstrong	Service	66500.00	1
Rolfe Flower Bin	Landscape	28.00	1
Sande Const	Services	94409.01	1
Schneider Corp	Beacon Ser	20925.00	2
Schoon Tree	Services	1200.00	1
SCI Comm	Service	442.92	1
IA SOS	Notary	30.00	1
Secure Shred	Service	202.00	1
C Siepker	Expenses	855.27	1
SiteOne Landscape	Chemicals	2500.74	1
Solutions	Service	2439.00	1
T-Mobile	Service	155.75	1
Ten Pt Const	Services	11123.24	1
D Trexel	Mileage	25.74	2
UMB Bank	Jail Bond Pmt	645407.49	1
US Cellular	Communications	1234.79	1
Verizon	Phone	833.51	2
WAPITI	Services	525.00	1
Rick Weidner	Service	6466.27	1
Wex Bank	Fuel	1410.06	1
Windstream	Line Chg	456.46	3
Winger Co	Service	73734.25	1
Woods	Supplies	43.19	2
Ziegler	Supplies	327.86	1
Grand Total		1294650.81	

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Wellness, Insurance, Fonda City Council, Drainage; Stauter- Drainage & Bridge Concerns; Siepker- None; Smith- Jail; Aden- None.

Bill Keeney with Ted Renewables introduced himself and handed out cards. Advised they were still waiting on some reports before proceeding.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor