

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
July 1, 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.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from June 24, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Margo Underwood, Hometown Pride thanked the board for their support and provided a review of projects completed and in progress in FY25. 31 projects have been completed and \$246,000 have been raised or funded by grants.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer discussed the drainage engineer/assistant position. Upon receipt of retirement letter from current assistant to the engineer/drainage clerk, motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve posting for drainage engineer/assistant position. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling reviewed the Safety Policy and the only change was increasing yearly reimbursement to \$250. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve Secondary Road Safety Policy with increase reimbursement allowance for PPE/Apparel. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve 28E Agreement for the CHBP Bridge Grant and Resolution 2025-07-#33 in support of the Grant. Ayes: Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays: none, motion carried.

Schmeling also advised that the patchers started this week.

Chad Cleveland, Laurens Municipal Power and Communications discussed an option instead of exchanging property and leasing to purchase the 2.87 net acres. The board was receptive to this request and Cleveland will work on documents.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor presented a request to dispute taxes. The landowner stated that a grain bin was on his tax statement but not his land. The landowner purchased the property in 2017 and all buildings were on the acreage parcel after the split in 2006. No documentation present to county offices regarded any building separation. Due to the county not being made aware of this discrepancy within the appropriate time frame, motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to deny request to be reimbursed of taxes paid on grain bin. Aye all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith to approve JT DD 63 Jacobson-Westergard Invoice for \$503.89 (FEMA). Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve JT DD 77 MOD Hudson Law Invoice of \$225.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Seehusen to approve Manure Management (1) Ekstrand Farms – ID#67371 SW SW, Sec. 36 Grant Township, Dean Ekstrand as owner and contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Drainage, CFR; Stauter-Fair Board, Drainage, Mtg with Torres Construction; Siepker-DCAT, Dept Head Mtg; Smith- Dept Head Mtg, Jail, Drainage and Mtg with Torres Construction; Aden- IDDA, MIDAS, Gilmore City and Palmer Kaleidoscopes.

Aden stated that at the IDDA meeting they discussed MOUs for JT DD for approving invoices. Hinrickson will look at other county’s and present to the board.

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