

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
July 20, 2021

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

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from July 13, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to acknowledge the Sheriff's letter informing them that as of July 9, 2021, Mary Latimer is no longer employed as a full-time jailer for the Sheriff's Department. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve payment to Bolton & Menk for engineering services on Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile for \$3,007.50. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Ives, to approve payment to Bolton & Menk for professional services for FEMA work on Jt. DD 63 Main Open Ditch for \$135.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve Jt. DD 63 Br. Main Tile Contractor's Pay Request #4 from Reutzel Excavating, Inc. for \$32,978.28. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board discussed a letter they received from Homeward Housing requesting an annual contribution for FY22. Supervisor Ives advised that Pocahontas County Economic Development already approved the \$5,000.00 payment to Homeward Housing for FY22. Auditor Jepsen will forward the information to Economic Development.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to acknowledge Theresa Sandvig's letter of resignation, effective June 30, 2021 as the Office Manager for Secondary Roads. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve the hire of Robin Moore as the Office Manager for Secondary Roads. Ayes all, motion carried. Moore started employment on July 6, 2021, at \$21.52 per hour, as per union contract.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve the hire of Michael Shiflett as a Mechanic for Secondary Roads. Ayes all, motion carried. Shiflett will start employment on August 2, 2021 at \$20.62 per hour, as per union contract.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve the utility permit allowing Mid-American to do underground construction across organized drainage district. Ayes all, motion carried. Location of work: N-41 in Section 21 of Colfax Township.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith, to set a bid letting for bridge rehab for Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in the Supervisors Room at the Courthouse. Ayes all, motion carried. Location of bridges to be rehabbed: 45550 325th Ave., 14260 470th St., 50090 110th Ave., and 27390 410th St.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, explained that the State advised that the bridge North of Hwy 3, North of Little Clear, is not eligible for funding, so he will need to change the funding and amend the program and budget. Moellering and the Board also discussed different concerns: being ready with projects in case we are awarded grant dollars for infrastructure, staffing concerns, and the EMS building.

At 10:45 a.m., the Board proceeded with the Public Hearing on a budget amendment for the FY22 Budget. Jepsen presented proof of publication. No one was present from the public and there were no written objections filed. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the amendment to the FY22 budget by resolution. Voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Siepker, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

RESOLUTION #2021-07-#25
Amendment of Current County Budget
2021/2022

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County met on this date for the purpose of amending the current 2021/2022 County Budget. No objectors were present.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF POCAHONTAS COUNTY TO adopt the 2021/2022 budget amendment as published and change the following appropriations as listed:

Department Number	Department Title	Appropriation Prior To	Appropriation Adjustment	Final Appropriation
EXPENDITURES				
01	Board of Supervisors	\$0	\$642,832	\$642,832
23	Public Health	\$0	\$78,186	\$78,186
99	Non Departmental	\$8,500	\$17,500	\$26,000
TOTAL		\$8,500	\$738,518	\$747,018
REVENUE				
23	Public Health	\$0	\$78,186	\$78,186

At 11:00 a.m., a public hearing for a confined animal feeding operation for Summit Pork III, LLC, located in Section 1 of Sherman Township. Jepsen presented affidavit of mailing and proof of publication to the Chairman. The confinement

proposed is a new operation that consists of two new deep pit swine finisher confinement buildings totaling 4,999 head for a new swine finisher confinement facility. Animal Unit Capacity of the Confinement Operation after Construction: 1,996.80 animal units (4,999 head of swine finishers). Mitch Baum, with Summit Pork III, LLC, and Kent Krause from Pinnacle, were present to answer questions. No one from the public was present to express concerns. Landowner, Bryan Rittgers and Danny Hauswirth were present to express concerns about the location. Rittgers advised that the site would be too close to Lizard Creek, which is known to flood. When it floods, there goes the pit, which will run into Lizard Creek, which feeds Lizard Lake, causing a tremendous amount of pollution to an already aggravated situation. Baum advised that this is the highest point on the farm and with the way the pits are engineered, they are confident that this will not be an issue. Krause advised that part of the permit process is that they have to verify that they are not in a flood plain, both from a FEMA and DNR prospective. The pits will only be dug into the ground 5-6 feet, so the building will also have a natural elevation of 3-4 feet. No written objection were filed. The facility score was 475 points: 141.75 in Air, 108.5 in Water, and 224.75 in Community. After discussing concerns, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Aden, to approve the CAFO application for Summit Pork III, LLC. Ayes all, motion carried.

Dereck Hebert, IT Director and Rick Woodley, Woodley Insurance Agency, met with the Board and at 12:05 p.m., a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Smith, to go into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code 22.7(50). Ayes all, motion carried.

At 12:20 p.m., the Board voted to come out of closed session with no action taken.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Stauter, to authorize Hebert to purchase Cyber Liability Insurance. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-CAFO and Solid Waste concerns; Aden-Solid Waste concerns; Stauter-Secondary Roads' Interviews and Fair board; and Smith-Safety, building and grounds, and Public Health meeting.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor