

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
July 29, 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: Russ Jergens, EMA Director; Steve Nelson, Sheriff; John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultant.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to approve the minutes from July 22, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Old Business: Russ Jergens advised that MIDAS sent out the public survey. He will be delivering to the cities to give out and possibly put something in the paper. All survey’s need to be turned in by August 11, 2025. Comprehensive plan tentatively should be given to the County by September 15, 2025.

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor advised the board that Mid-States and Trane were onsite last Tuesday to look at the AC/Heater units. Motor replacement is not an option. Half of the current units can be changed out for smaller ones while not creating much extra work. The remaining can be the same size as existing. We are waiting for further details from Trane and Mid-States. There will not be any cost to the county for the change out.

Seiler’s were onsite on July 18, 2025 regarding main water line to courthouse. They are working on a quote.

Kristie Mather inquired about the Historical Society Preservation Contribution on why it went down to \$3,500 in FY25. There wasn’t anything in prior minutes and Auditor’s office was unsure of the answer.

JT Drainage Ditch Meeting with Calhoun County to pay invoices. Full minutes can be requested from the Auditor’s office.

John Hansen, Midwest Construction Consultants updated the board on jail progress. Contractors should be done by end of September. Dispatch equipment and wiring will be completed in September. Hansen will work on occupancy permits. October, there will be training completed on generator, HVAC, and security/electronics. Looking at an open house the end of October with November 3 being the switchover of the E911 system from courthouse to jail. Hansen also advised that there could be a possibility of unused funds for the LEC Bond. After discussion with Travis Squires from Piper Sandler we are able to apply any unused funds to the principal after the project is closed. Potential net savings would be \$25,000. Hansen, advised that he could potentially add a 6-bed expansion within the bond proceeds. There would be potential of being able to put \$525,000 towards principal after the 7 years with the estimated yearly income of those 6 beds from out of county inmates. Hansen needed a final decision from the board on how to proceed.

After discussion, motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to expand jail to include 6 more beds. Ayes: Smith & Seehusen. Nays: Stauter, Siepker and Aden. Motion failed.

The board thanked Hansen for keeping within the bond amount and for the timeliness of getting the jail completed.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to acknowledge receipt of thank you from Palmer Library. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Seehusen to approve JT DD 63 Lat 2 invoice from Myer Tile & Backhoe, LLC for \$10,63750. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve Resolution 2025-07-#34 ISAC Designated Voting Representatives. Ayes: Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays: none, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve Resolution 2025-07-#35 Detour Signs 27/28 Cedar Bridge. Ayes: Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith, Aden. Nays: none, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve Manure Management (1) PI 229 Finisher – ID# 64827 NW NW Sec. 21, Belleville Township Prestage Farms of Iowa LLC as owner & contact person (2) Wheatley Turkey Farm – ID# 66824 NW NE, Sec. 25 Grant Township Bruce Wheatley as owner & contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: All supervisors attended DD Hearings. Siepker-Visioning Meeting; Smith- Jail, Field Approach Concerns; Aden- MIDAS, Solid Waste, Jail, Visioning Meeting.

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