

**Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
August 26, 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 Stauffer, Kyle Smith, Brent Aden; Nita Hinrickson, Auditor. Others present: Erin Sommers, Reporter; Bryan Rahn, Deputy Real Estate/Drainage; Katie Halligan; Gary Atherton, Assist to Engineer/Drainage Clerk; Tate Schmeling, Engineer. Ben Reid, Peg Mason, Russ Weller, Dave Cott, Kelly Pabst, Joshua Gonzales. Doug Dewall, Allan Poppen, Dan Dewall, Isabelle Dewall, Herman Dewall, Mark Janssen, Jamie Mefferd, Richard Mefferd. Richard Nedved, Matt Nedved.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden to approve the minutes from August 12, 2025 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

JT DD call with Calhoun County as Trustees for drainage ditches. Copy of full minutes can be requested at the County Auditor's office.

Ben Reid, Body of Christ Church addressed the supervisors regarding County Bible Reading Marathon that will be held on September 6, 2025 from 7:00am to 7:00pm. The board acknowledged that the Marathon will be held that day.

Gary Atherton, Assistant to Engineer/Drainage Clerk discussed drainage assessments for DD 65 Br D1 Tile and Br F Tile. Atherton reviewed the invoice paid to Schoon Excavating in July of 2024 for Br F Tile for \$5,095.76. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith to table until next board meeting and to have Atherton request Schoon Excavating and landowner to attend. Ayes all, motion carried.

Regarding, DD65 Br D1 Tile assessed invoices in the amount of \$5,887.15, district landowners in attendance felt that being no damage was found in Br D1 Tile and an added expense incurred when Br D was looked at also, that the invoices should be split between both DD districts.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Seehusen to have Atherton split the invoice between DD 65 Br D1 Tile and DD65 Br D tile. Assessment for 2025 will be removed and a new assessment applied in 2026 with correct amount. Ayes all, motion carried.

DD 28 assessment included assessments to the railroad. The railroad is abandoned and no longer in their name. Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Stauffer to reassess and send new assessments to those landowners. Ayes all, motion carried.

Hinrickson advised that DD153 was assessed the same way and will correct and resend.

Tate Schmeling, Engineer advised that after discussion with landowners that straightening the Crooked Bridge was not a priority. Crooked Bridge Plan signature is no longer needed. This will save \$200,000 of federal funds to be used elsewhere. Without straightening the bridge, the purchase of ROW is no longer needed either.

Schmeling advised that he has posted for the Drainage Engineer position and is going to post on the Engineer Service bureau and with DOT. Schmeling stated that there is more interest if they post with salary amount. After looking at salary survey he is going to post a range of \$105,000 to \$125,000 depending on experience.

Landowner on 470th St. is requesting to put down his own rock on the Class B Road to his site. Motion by Stauffer, seconded by Smith to approve signing the agreement not holding the county liable. Ayes all, motion carried.

Schmeling provided the following updates: Bridge SE of Rolfe is getting fixed in house. Patchers are almost done. Fonda Project Bridge Pre-Construction meeting will be held in a couple of weeks. Pre-Construction meeting for redoing railroad approaches on N57 will be September 22. Working on turning in road plans for N28, C26 and N57.

Aden advised Schmeling to look at the water standing east of Palmer in the ditches and contact the contractor. Schmeling will camera the area and see why the water is standing.

Hinrickson presented an addition to the Employee Handbook for a Cellphone Stipend. Department heads worked together to create. Motion by Aden, seconded by Smith to approve the Cellphone Stipend addition to the Employee Handbook.

Hinrickson advised the supervisor's they were invited Sept. 6 at 8:30 am to Aspen Leaf for a Republican Meeting. Torres construction completed painting, roofing, putting in new windows and doors on Zeman building next to the new jail. We received a plan for replacing the heater units that are not as specked. Essing reviewed and are moving forward.

Seehusen advised that he is looking into oil and DEF prices. We currently use Doolittle and he is talking with Pro Coop and Wessels Oil for pricing.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to acknowledge Jeannie Thilges 24-months of employment as a full-time jailer as of August 23, 2025. Thilges' new rate of pay will be \$23.20 per hour, plus shift differential. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Regarding the request to support the CAT grant for Pickleball courts in Fonda. If the request was from a non-profit the county is restricted on what they can do, but the City of Fonda is applying for the grant.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to adopt the following resolution. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded vote: Ayes – Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith, Aden; Nays- none. Where by the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit:

Resolution 2025-08-#36

SUPPORT OF THE COMMUNITY ATTRACTION AND TOURISM GRANT APPLICATION

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, wish to support community attractions and tourism, and

WHEREAS, the City of Fonda, is applying for the Community Attraction and Tourism (CAT) Grant in the amount of \$40,000.00 for the construction of pickleball courts and

WHEREAS, the CAT Grant required a cash contribution from the city and the county in which the project will be located.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors shall inform the Enhance Iowa Board and the Iowa Economic Development Authority of its intent to contribute a cash donation of \$1,000.00 if said grant is awarded to the City of Fonda for the Fonda Pickleball Project.

APPROVED THIS 26TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

By: Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors

/s/ Clarence Siepker, Chairman, /s/ Peter Seehusen, /s/ Louis Stauter, /s/ Kyle Smith, /s/ Brent Aden

ATTEST: /s/ Nita Hinrickson, Auditor

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden to approve Cindy Wells as the Rural Resident Board Member for the Fonda Public Library Board. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Smith to adopt Resolution 2025-08-#37 Approval of Waiver of Pocahontas County's Right to Appeal for Tukker Dairies, LLC. The Chairman called the question with the following recorded votes: Ayes – Seehusen, Stauter, Siepker, Smith, Aden; Nays – none. Where by the Chairman declared the resolution duly adopted to-wit. Full resolution can be requested at the auditor's office.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter to approve Manure Management Plans (1) Bunda Finisher – ID# 61830 NW NE, Sec. 29, Sherman Township Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Steve Licht as contact person (2) Woodin Finisher – ID# 61833 NW SW, Sec. 34 Cummins Township Middle Creek Swine, LLC as owner & Steve Licht as contact person (3) Hess Farms – ID# 66286 NW NE, Sec. 30 Colfax Township Tim & Dennis Hess as owners & Twin Lake Env. Services, LLC as contact (4) PI366 – ID# 67388 SE SW, Sec. 13 Cedar Township Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as owner & contact person (5) PI 246 Finisher– ID# 64893 SW NW, Sec. 20 Colfax Township Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as owner & Dennis Benning as contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Seehusen, seconded by Aden to approve claims as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

L Adson	Expenses	203.58	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	254.58	1
Amazon	Supplies	543.50	3
Holm's Radiator	Supplies	154.50	1
B&H	Supplies	508.09	1
Baker Electric	Service	49805.65	1
Bargen Inc	Joint Sealing	269105.20	1
Bauer Built	Tires/Parts	1865.72	1
N Birkey	Expenses	397.80	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	110.11	3
Bomgaars	Supplies	192.98	2
BV Co Journal	Minutes	702.43	2
B.V. Co Treasurer	Property Tax	710.00	1
Charm-Tex	Supplies	100.00	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	10.00	1
J Conlin	Expenses	126.36	1
O Cressler	Expenses	164.38	1
DD Jt 63 Br C Tile	Drng Assess	2022.54	1
DD Jt 77 Br 1 51503	Drng Assess	88.26	1
DD 101 Main Tile 51289	Drng Assess	619.78	1
DD 103 51294	Drng Assess	1220.00	1
DD 105 51296	Drng Assess	258.85	1
DD 114 51304	Drng Assess	1523.67	1
DD 114 51304	DD Assess	5.00	1
DD 116 Main 51306	Drng Assess	342.28	1
DD 14 Main Tile System	Drng Assess	722.87	1
DD 153	Drng Assess	1176.06	1
DD 166 51391	Drng Assess	117.30	1
DD 167	Drng Assess	104.00	1
DD 169	Drng Assess	371.81	1
DD 28 51037	Drng Assess	2091.64	7
DD 30 New Main Tile	Drng Assess	116.34	1
DD 41 Br 15 51104	Drng Assess	212.19	1
DD 41 Br 16 51105	Drng Assess	106.78	1
DD 41 Br 17 51579	Drng Assess	93.72	1
DD 41 Br 2 51092	Drng Assess	8731.41	6
DD 44 51122	Drng Assess	1680.84	1
DD 53 Br 19 51163	Drng Assess	918.60	1
DD 57 Main Tile 51600	Drng Assess	1687.56	1
51176 DD 60 Br 0	Drng Assess	550.48	1
DD 61 Main Tile OD 51547	Drng Assess	153.91	9
DD 65 Br D1 51577	Drng Assess	234.32	1
DD 65 Br F 51598	Drng Assess	482.93	1
DD 74 Br 2 51588	Drng Assess	543.20	1
Sierra L Dodson	Expenses	169.65	1
Electronic Special	Deposit	140000.00	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	23.96	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	138.06	1
Force America	Parts	106.97	1
Gordon Flesch	Lease	383.65	1
H Gunderson	Refund	235.00	1
Haley Equip	Materials	1460.35	1

Alyssa C Hamre	Mileage	593.78	1
C Harrold	Service	65.52	1
Healthcare First	Service	116.57	1
M Hingson	Expenses	272.03	1
B Hinners	Postage	11.00	1
N Hinrickson	Expenses	540.17	1
J Hodgell	Mileage	19.89	1
J Robert Hopson	Service	600.00	1
M Hoyt	Expenses	599.65	1
IA Dept Inspections & Appeals	Fuel Tank Reg	200.00	1
ICIT	Dues	50.00	1
INTRANS ISU	Training	100.00	1
IA Lakes Elec	Electricity	767.00	2
ISSA	Training	850.00	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	1074.06	1
KC Nielsen	Parts	10237.00	1
Kimley-Horn and Associates Inc	Prof Services	6875.00	1
M Klocke	Mileage	231.66	3
Koenig	Service	280.00	1
Language Link	Service	15.85	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	972.81	2
LexisNexis	Service	288.00	2
MJ Litwiller	Expenses	872.61	1
Luft & Son	Services	6350.00	1
Machine Shop	Materials	3013.64	1
Machine Shop	Supplies	68.14	1
Martin Marietta	Materials	9001.99	1
Martin Marietta	Rock	863.27	1
Amanda Martz	Grant	1152.85	1
McKesson	Supplies	98.69	1
Menards	Supplies	164.97	1
MidAm Energy	Electricity	70.42	1
Midwest Const Cons	Service	24139.22	1
MGB	Service	125.00	1
MW Technology	Security Sys	22000.00	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	43.24	1
Mid Mech Inc	Service	21493.74	1
Comm First	Materials	286.78	1
Netsmart	Service	1825.10	1
New Way Ford	Equipment	49501.84	1
Noah Const	Service	35416.00	1
OBrien Co Sheriff	Service	4800.00	1
M Pirie	Refund	100.00	1
Pitney Bowes	Lease	131.05	1
Pitney Bowes	Service	131.05	1
Pizza Ranch	Service	7500.00	1
Plastic Recycling	Materials	590.76	1
Po Co Home Care	Aides	6120.00	2
Poca Co Treas	Taxes	10562.00	1
PO CO IT Dept	Service	280.42	5
Poca Comm Hospital	Service	3422.00	2
Poky Fiber	Service	147.40	1
Poky Sales & Serv	Repairs	25.68	1
Presto-X Co	Pest Control	83.93	1
Bryan C Rahn	Expenses	653.61	1
Record Dem	Minutes	1319.53	4
Reding's Gravel & Excavating	Supplies	1725.00	1
Rees Truck	Parts/Repairs	2778.65	1
E Ahlrichs	Mileage	374.99	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	36.61	1
Sande Const	Services	304408.50	1
T Schmeling	Reimbursement	32.00	1
SCI Comm	Service	17178.33	1
Shield Tech	Software	12210.00	1
Signs & Designs	Service	3140.00	1
SL Honda	Equip	449.38	1
Summit Hill Cemetery	Upkeep	200.00	1
M Thomas	Supplies	1494.30	1
D Trexel	Mileage	12.87	1
Union Pacific	Maintenance N57	2200.00	1
UnityPoint	Services	100.00	1
K Weber	Court Rep	11.00	1
Rick Weidner	Service	10000.00	1
Wellmark	EOB's	130.00	1
Winger Co	Service	45234.25	1
Xerox	Equip	18333.00	1
Ziegler	Parts	6709.81	1
Grand Total		1157522.47	

Weekly meetings: Seehusen- Conservation, Safety, Economic Dev, Wiegert Farm, Wellness; Stauter- YES, fair, Wiegert Farm; Siepker- Rolling Hills, Conservation, ISAC; Smith- Safety, Mitigation Plan, Drainage Concerns, Jail; Aden- Economic Dev, Wiegert Farm.

Russ Jergens provided a Comprehensive Plan update.

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

Clarence Siepker, Chairman

Nita Hinrickson, Auditor