

Supervisors Room, Courthouse  
Pocahontas, Iowa  
September 14, 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.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Aden, to approve the minutes from August 31, 2021, as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

Daryl Long, caretaker of the Swan Lake Pioneer Cemetery, presented an annual report for the cemetery. Long reviewed the maintenance performed: painted signs and swans on the gate, reset a tombstone, removal of tree limbs, mowed outside the post, and weeded the parking lot. The Board thanked Long for taking such good care of the cemetery.

Dereck Hebert, IT Director, reviewed the current cost of our phone system and presented 4 bids for a new system for the County. The bids were as follows: SCI-Communications, from Milford, IA, bid an Avaya IP system for \$50,392.76 with a monthly SIP fee of \$476.09; Northwest Communications, from Havelock, IA, bid an ESI (NCN) system for \$36,389.56 with a monthly SIP fee of \$775.63; American Business Phones, from Des Moines, IA, bid a Sangoma system for \$42,891.58 with a monthly SIP fee of \$662.35; and BerganKDV, from Waterloo, IA, bid a Mitel system for \$53,344.00 with a monthly SIP fee of \$800.00. The Board requested that Hebert contact Northwest Communications to see if they would consider lowering their monthly SIP charge and report back to the Board next week.

Anne Thompson, Public Health Administrator, presented a 28E Agreement between the Iowa Department of Natural Resources and Pocahontas County. She advised that it was a standard agreement with the DNR in order for them to permit well construction and reconstruction within Pocahontas County. Motion by Ives, seconded by Aden, to authorize the Chairman to sign said agreement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Jack Moellering, County Engineer, advised that Windstream requested a permit to do underground construction across organized drainage district. They are looking at crossing Hwy 4 and running south down to a mile north of the County line. The DOT is also requesting the County to sign off on their permit for this project as well. Motion by Aden, seconded by Stauter, to authorize the Chairman to sign the utility permit for Windstream and the DOT permit. Ayes all, motion carried.

Moellering explained that a landowner is interested in a do-it-yourself entrance but wants the County to move the dirt for him. The Board advised that it is an all or nothing, either the County does all the work or none of the work. Other matters discussed: County Line Bridge, junk accumulating on Body Shop Road by Laurens, and a junk yard starting in Section 34, Colfax Township.

On recommendation of the Chairman, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to authorize the Chairman to sign the letter of support for the City of Storm Lake for the FEMA Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC) grant. Ayes all, motion carried.

Auditor Jepsen advised the Board that September is National Voter Registration Month and requested the Board to issue a proclamation recognizing National Voter Registration Month. Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to adopt the National Voter Registration Month Proclamation. The Chairman called for a voice vote: Ayes – Ives, Aden, Siepker, Stauter, Smith; Nays-none. Whereby the Chairman declared the proclamation duly adopted to-wit:

**National Voter Registration Month**

**OFFICIAL PROCLAMATION BY THE POCAHONTAS COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WHEREAS, registering to vote empowers eligible citizens to exercise their right to vote on Election Day; and

WHEREAS, Iowa consistently ranks among the top 10 states in the nation for voter registration and voter participation, with more than two-million residents currently registered to vote; and

WHEREAS, 17-year-olds are now eligible to register to vote in Iowa; and

WHEREAS, Iowa's voter registration process is easier and more convenient than ever before, with online voter registration, Election Day registration, and applications available through government agencies across the state; and

WHEREAS, the State of Iowa's online voter registration system enables citizens to register to vote and update their registration status quickly and easily, any time of day; and

WHEREAS, we encourage all interested citizens and all appropriate media outlets and civic organizations to participate in this non-partisan voter registration awareness campaign to encourage the maximum participation of qualified voters in Iowa.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Pocahontas County Board of Supervisors, do hereby proclaim September 2021 as National Voter Registration Month and Tuesday, September 28th, 2021, as National Voter Registration Day.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Aden, to approve a wage increase for Deputy Neil Christians, as he has been with the Sheriff's Department for two years. Per union contract, on September 17, 2021, Christians' new hourly wage will be \$31.08 per hour. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve the Recorder's Report of Fees Collected for August. Ayes all, motion carried.

Pursuant to Iowa Code section 427.1(22), a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Smith, to approve the 2021 wetland applications (Natural Conservation and Wildlife Acres property tax exemption). Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board considered a resolution for waiving their ability to appeal the construction permit for Summit Pork III, LLC. Since the DNR is awaiting a Flood Plain Determination, a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Smith, to deny the resolution. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve a claim from James Sandvig for trapping beavers in Tri Jt. 1 in the amount of \$240.00. Ayes all, motion carried.

Russ Jergens, EMA Director, advised that Gonnerman/Rubel Construction has not been able to give a cost for the change order for the new building due to Reaves specifications being so excessive for this type of building. After discussion, the Board requested that Jergens advise Gonnerman/Rubel Construction to put the footing in according to normal specification for a building that size.

Supervisor Smith met with a contractor and looked at concerns with the garage and walkway by the North Entrance of the Courthouse. The contractor advised that the work is more extensive than he thought and recommended that an architect get involved. With the roof leaking, sidewalls leaking, and some structural damage showing, Smith would like to address the whole problem by having an architect give them an idea if the cost to do the repairs would be more than building a new garage and walkway. Supervisor Stauter believes the problem was caused by the roof leaking from cigarette butts dropped on the roof from the jail, so a new roof would solve the problem. Supervisor Ives commented that they would hate to put a new roof on and then find out that they have to tear it down. Motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to table discussion for two weeks. Ayes all, motion carried.

The Board reviewed the current policy for continuation of health coverage under Iowa Code Chapter 509A and Sue Reigelsberger, County Assessor's request to continue with the County's health insurance after her retirement. After discussion, a motion was made by Aden, seconded by Ives, to eliminate the age requirement from the current policy for continuation of health coverage under Iowa Code 509A. Ayes all, motion carried. Then a motion was made by Ives, seconded by Smith to approve Sue Reigelsberger's request to stay on the County's insurance plan after retirement. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Aden, seconded by Ives, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plans: (1) Double H Hogs, LLC, Site #2 – ID# 71595 located in the SW NW, Section 28, Colfax Township with Heath Holtapp as owner & Twin Lakes Environmental Services, LLC as contact; (2) PI366 – ID# 67388 located in the SE SW, Section 13, Cedar Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as owner & Dennis Benning contact person; (3) TJ1 – ID# 65456 located in the SW NW, Section 27, Roosevelt Township with Tim Flaherty as owner & contact person; (4) PI246 Finisher - ID# 64893 located in the SW NW, Section 20, Colfax Township with Prestage Farms of Iowa, LLC as owner & Dennis Benning contact person; (5) Wadle, Dennis & Gene – ID# 58139 located in the SE NE, Section 30, Cedar Township with Ron & Dennis Wadle as owners & Dennis Wadle as contact person; and (6) GNB, LLC-Albert City – ID# 62461 located in the NW NE, Section 33, Marshall Township with GNB, LLC as owner & Glenn Baker contact person. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the claims as reviewed. The following claims were audited and allowed:

A & M Laundry	Supplies	106.86	1
Ability Network	Service	1254.12	1
Parker Aden	Consultant	60.00	1
Alliant Energy	Utilities	183.40	1
Amazon Capital Services	Garage door opener	25.78	1
Amazon Capital Services	Monitor stand	29.95	1
Amazon Capital Services	Office supplies	56.07	1
Amazon Capital Services	Office Supplies	77.16	1
Amazon Capital Services	Parts - phone holder	26.95	1
Amazon Capital Services	Plow light kit	799.98	1
Amazon Capital Services	Safety Vests	39.96	1
Amazon Capital Services	Supplies	374.00	5
Arnold Motor	Parts	247.76	1
AT&T	Line Chg	47.62	1
Client	Mileage	313.60	1
B H Energy	Natural Gas	110.30	3
Bob Barker Co	Supplies	131.47	1
Bolton & Menk	DD Engineer	853.50	1
BV Co Journal	Minutes	422.22	1
B.V Co Sheriff	Service	1275.00	1
Cal Co ECA	Utilities	10.50	1
Campbell Supply	Safety	69.99	1
Cemstone	Materials	3075.00	1
Century Link	Line Chg	379.65	1
Charm-Tex	Supplies	300.34	1
City-Pocahontas	Utilities	3836.68	4
Conrad & Lemmenes Attorneys at	Service	367.50	1
James P Conway	Feed	8.54	1
Counsel	Lease	106.62	2
Counsel	Printer Contract Use	95.46	1
O Cressler	Mileage	19.04	1
B Dahl	Mileage	245.45	1
Dollar Gen	Supplies	111.15	1
Doolittle Oil	Supplies	2585.95	1

Dossier Systems	Computer Ser	477.00	1
Angela Duitsman	Expenses	557.72	1
EW Specialties	Maint	200.00	1
Farm & Home	Hand Pump Misc Shop	87.99	1
Farm & Home	Hand Tools-Shop	41.99	1
Farm & Home	Misc Shop Supplies	5.98	1
Farm & Home	Safety-Work Gloves	37.98	1
Farm & Home	Supplies	1535.09	4
J Ferguson	Safety Boots Reimb	150.00	1
City-Fonda	Utilities	105.86	1
Foster's Frame	Services	1033.10	2
Foundation Analytical Lab	Service	399.30	2
C Frerk	Mileage	166.80	1
Galls	Uniform	20.14	1
Ben Gardewine	Entrances	300.00	1
L Gardewine	Entrances	300.00	1
T Gardewine	Entrance Construction	300.00	1
Gilmore City	Utilities	68.00	1
Gordon Flesch Company	Lease	35.00	1
T Grau	Expenses	1177.73	1
Great American Financial Serv	Lease	230.31	1
Healthcare First c/o Wells Far	Service	104.74	1
Derek A Hebert	License	20.00	1
Kalista M Herr	Mileage	174.85	1
Brittany J Hetrick	Meals	39.63	1
Brittany J Hetrick	Mileage	156.80	1
Historic Bruce Funeral Home	Services	788.81	1
K Hoffman	Mileage	19.04	1
Holiday Inn	Lodging	1092.00	1
Holiday Inn	Lodging	266.37	1
IACCP	Training	165.00	1
IA Prison Ind	Signs	156.35	1
IACCVSO	Training	60.00	1
IDNR Water Supply	Well Permits	30.00	1
IHCA	Training	398.00	1
IMWCA	Worker Comp	6236.00	1
Inland Truck	Parts	158.56	1
Inspiron Logistics LLC	Service	2375.00	1
ISAC	Training	390.00	1
ISU Ext	Manual	20.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	License	100.00	1
ITsavvy LLC	Licenses	4523.98	2
ITsavvy LLC	Monitors-Robin's Desk	350.00	1
Jacks OK Tire	Tires/Parts	5022.72	1
K Jepsen	Expenses	859.85	1
R Jergens	Expenses	729.54	1
Amy M Johnson	Expenses	648.98	1
Johnston Auto	Supplies	575.50	1
Juicebox Interactive	Hosting	230.00	1
KAYL	Ad	52.50	1
M Klocke	Mileage	178.08	1
David A Kraft	Mileage	6.16	1
Brooke A Krips	Mileage	250.21	1
Lampline Lighting Inc.	New lights - #50D	430.18	1
Lampline Lighting Inc.	New lights - #51D	430.18	1
House of Print	Supplies	778.00	1
Laurens Municipal	Utilities	164.01	1
Laurens Plumbing	Supplies	57.45	1
Laurens Sun	Minutes	556.85	1
Liberty Tire	Tire Recycling	2058.05	1
LJ & Fern Spencer Trust	Well Plug	1000.00	1
Loffler	Lease	142.66	2
Machine Shop	Parts - Square Tubing	18.89	1
Machine Shop	Shop Tools - Grease Gun	179.00	1
Machine Shop	Welding supplies-O2	17.98	1
Mail Servcs	Service	230.09	1
Manson Lumber Company	Supplies	29.52	1
Martin Marietta	Granular	9453.65	1
Martin Marietta	Rock	387.52	1
Mediacom	Internet	236.90	1
K Metzger	Mileage	203.22	1
MidAmeri Energy	Electricity	232.51	1
MidAmeri Energy	Utilities	45.60	1
Midwest Custom Ag Aviation	Spraying	1386.00	1
Midwest Wheel	Supplies	339.40	1
Patrick D Mooney	Mileage	16.80	1
Murphy Tractor	New Equipment	260900.00	1
Murphy Tractor	Parts	373.55	1
Napa	Maint	29.97	1
Nartec, Inc.	Supplies	132.46	1
Kayla M Nedved	Mileage	21.01	1
Kayla M Nedved	Phone	25.00	1
Netsmart Technologies	Service	1682.00	1
Nomann Construction	Maint	256.14	1
Northland Prod	Supplies	235.95	1
NW Comm	Hosting	27.95	1
NW Comm	Line Chg	300.00	1
NW Glass	Repair	1429.37	1
NW IA Youth Emerg	Shelter Ser	9226.00	2
Office Elements	Office Supplies	67.55	1
Office Elements	Supplies	2126.39	4
City-Palmer	Utilities-Palmer Shed	96.19	1
PJ Greufe	Services	1500.00	1
Plut Horizontal Boring LLC	Tile Boring-60LF 20" Lizl	18000.00	1
Po Co Solid Waste	Rural Waste	10753.44	1
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	Office Phone/Long Distanc	41.22	1
Pocahontas Co. IT Department	Phone Internet	187.25	2
Poca Postmaster	Postage	95.40	1
Poca Sales & Serv	Maint	1090.36	1
Poca Comm Hospital	Shiflett-Pre-emp Lab admi	34.75	1
Poca Equip	Parts	96.82	1
Poca Equip	Parts-Mower Belts	287.98	1
Poca Fiber	Phone Internet	1671.25	3

Pro Co-Op	Diesel - Aug 501.24g	1430.50	1
Bryan C Rahn	Mileage	82.40	1
Wyatt C Rahn	Expense	31.99	1
Wyatt C Rahn	Expenses	133.32	1
RAM Systems	Service	565.00	1
Reagan Outdoor of Rochester	Billboard	1400.00	1
Record Dem	Ad	178.00	1
Record Dem	Ads	686.00	1
Record Dem	Brochure	40.59	1
Record Dem	Minutes	623.94	1
Record Dem	Publication	473.81	1
Record Dem	Renewal	30.00	1
City-Rolfe	Utilities	29.46	1
James Sandvig	Trapping	120.00	1
Schneider Corp	Beacon Ser	13845.00	1
Schoon Excavating	Drainage	2397.93	1
Schoon Tree	Services	200.00	1
IA SOS	Notary	30.00	1
IA SOS	Voter Maint	905.45	1
Select Parts	Parts-Lugs	24.97	1
Select Parts	Parts-Solenoid	145.60	1
Share Corp	Lubricant, lube spray	538.17	1
Shield Tech	Service	10923.75	1
C Siepker	Expenses	860.09	1
K Simacek	Mileage	35.84	1
Sioux Lumber Cash & Carry	Supplies	37.50	1
Solutions Inc	Service	50.99	1
Sports Rehab	Service	662.33	1
St Louis University Forensic C	Training	650.00	1
Summit Hill Cemetery	Service	200.00	1
M Thomas	Supplies	1518.00	1
Donald P Trexel	Mileage	12.32	1
UDMO	Allocation	3958.50	1
United States Post Office	100 Forever Stamps@ \$0.58	58.00	1
Van Diest Supply	Chemicals	1500.00	1
Nathanial J Vento	Mileage	742.56	1
Verizon	Hot Spot	600.69	1
Verizon	Phones	494.64	1
Vermeer	Repair	566.11	1
Webster Co Auditor	Rent	381.52	1
Wellmark	EOB's	890.00	1
Wells Fargo Financial Leasing	Lease	89.00	1
Wieston Ag Service	Tile Crsg -Liz 17-18 N65	9777.90	1
Windstream	Line Chg	360.36	3
Woodley Ins	Insurance	24070.00	7
Woods	Distilled Water	3.96	1
Woods	Supplies	225.70	1
Ziegler	Supplies	2282.67	1
Grand Total		465003.25	

Weekly meetings: Ives –EMA Board meeting, Public Health meeting and Solid Waste concerns; Aden and Stauter– Junk concerns; Siepker – Linking Families First meeting and drainage concerns; and Smith – Public Health Board meeting and buildings and grounds. Ives, Stauter, Siepker, and Smith attending DD 175 and 24 informational meeting.

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

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Clarence Siepker, Chairman

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Kelly Jepsen, Auditor