

Supervisors Room, Courthouse
Pocahontas, Iowa
September 19, 2023

The Board of Supervisors of Pocahontas County, Iowa, met for a regular meeting. Members present: Chairman, Brent Aden; Supervisors, Louis Stauter, Jeff Ives, Clarence Siepker, Kyle Smith; and Auditor, Kelly Jepsen. Others present: Reporter, Erin Sommers.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to approve the minutes from September 12, 2023 as presented. Ayes all, motion carried.

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

At 10:01 a.m., the Board had a conference call with Palo Alto County to approve damage claims from the Jt. DD 63 Completion Hearing. The full minutes are available for review in the Auditor's office.

Jill Conlin, Public Health Director, introduced Keane Brown, the new Environmental Health Specialist. Brown started August 14th and is being trained by Kim Johnson, the retired Environmental Health Specialist from Buena Vista County. The Board welcomed Brown to the County.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to approve changing the Home Health Aides from 35-hour work weeks to 40-hour work weeks starting September 24, 2023. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to accept a drainage petition for drainage relief in DD 114 Main Open Ditch and appoint the County Engineer, Jack Moellering, as the Engineer. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Smith, seconded by Siepker, to approve the hire of Will Schultz as the full time Laurens Truck Driver. Ayes all, motion carried. Schultz will start on September 25, 2023 making \$23.05/hr.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to approve a utility permit allowing Northwest Communications to do underground construction across organized drainage district lands. Ayes all, motion carried. Work will be performed on the east side of Calcium Products outside of Gilmore City to Highway 3.

Moellering and the Board discussed the trees by Longenecker's corner and putting soft shoulder signs out on N-56 to remind drivers to be careful.

After discussion with Kalista Wagner, County Assessor, a motion was made by Stauter, seconded by Smith, to table approving the 2023 wetland applications (Natural Conservation and Wildlife Acres property tax exemption) until more information is available. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Siepker, seconded by Stauter, to approve a Liquor License for the Fonda Golf & Country Club. Ayes all, motion carried. Their license will be valid from October 14, 2023 through October 13, 2024.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Smith, to approve the sale of electronics and cartridges as proposed by the IT Director. Ayes all, motion carried. All 11 items totaled \$601.00.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Stauter, to authorize Jacobson-Westergard to do a Pre-Classification on DD 51 based on an anticipated project using Option #3. Ayes all, motion carried.

Motion by Ives, seconded by Siepker, to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Plan: (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. Ayes all, motion carried.

Weekly meetings: Ives-HF718 meeting, drainage concerns and septic system concerns; Stauter-Weed concerns; Aden-Solid Waste business, State Audit entrance meeting, Visioning Committee and informational meeting on jail; Siepker-HF718 meeting, Visioning Committee, Linking Families and discussion with HR Representative; and Smith-Safety meeting, Solid Waste concerns and pipeline concerns.

Motion by Stauter, seconded by Siepker, to adjourn the meeting. Ayes all, motion carried.

Brent Aden, Chairman

Kelly Jepsen, Auditor