

January 20, 2025

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present are Jason Roudabush, Jacki Bolen, and Jeff Tindle.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve January 13, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to accept Recorder's report of fees collected for the month ending December 31, 2024. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve the following utility permits:

- #25-11U to Poweshiek Water Association for work in Section 19, Jefferson Township
- #25-12U to Poweshiek Water Association for work in Section 3, Pleasant Township

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve January 17, 2025, Poweshiek County payroll for \$345,608.79. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:35 a.m. Lora Wykoff, Recorder met with the board for a quarterly meeting. Wykoff provided information to the board regarding the Iowa Recorder's Association and Iowa Land Records lobbying for an increase in recording fees. Currently, the recording fees are \$7 for the first page and \$5 for each additional page. The request proposed is a flat fee of \$10 per page.

Wykoff updated the board regarding boat renewal notices that were sent out. Wykoff stated she received the data file from the DNR and processed it as she does with UTV/ATV data files wherein the county adds the \$2.00 writing fee. It was found after the notice mailings went out that the \$2.00 writing fee was included in the DNR data file so Recorder Wykoff re-sent the renewal notices indicating the correction. Wykoff stated the payments she has been receiving that are for the extra \$2.00, her office has been contacting those individuals to explain the situation and provide options for correcting the overpayment. Wykoff wanted to make the board aware in case any individuals reached out to them.

Wykoff presented the Recorder's proposed FY26 budget request.

9:00 a.m. Brian Paul, EMA Director met with the board to discuss the county terminating the contract & mutual aid agreement with Northeast Iowa Response Group (NIRG). Paul stated since he became EMA Director his goal was to be able to take over the hazardous materials response locally. Paul stated the county currently pays NIRG \$9,500 as a retainer fee to be paid for their response area. If NIRG responds to anything in the county, the county is further responsible for those charges. Paul stated there are mutual aid agreements in place with 4 other counties within the disaster task force for hazardous response. Paul stated currently there are 18 individuals in the county that are hazmat techs and he is looking for additional training to add more individuals as hazmat techs.

It was moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve the letter to NIRG to terminate the contract and mutual aid agreement between Northeast Iowa Response Group and Poweshiek County and to authorize the chair to sign. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

9:30 a.m. Bart Klaver, County Attorney discussed the proposed county attorney FY26 budget request.

10:00 a.m. Lyle Brehm, Engineer discussed proposed secondary road FY26 budget request.

10:45 a.m. Marty Block discussed with the board his request to continue mowing the grass area around the secondary road shop in Hartwick and the road right-of-way of the county, totaling approximately 4 acres. Block has been mowing this location for years and would like to continue and presented the board with his bid of \$100 each time for mowing & trimming. Board will take formal action on this request at the next board meeting.

Board reviewed the proposed FY26 budgets received so far and discussed what departments are left to meet with and their scheduled meeting times.

12:06 p.m. Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jeff Tindle, Chairman