

February 6, 2025

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

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

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

Matt Maschmann, Sheriff, and Steve Kivi, Chief Deputy, met with the board to discuss the sheriff department's FY26 budget request in more detail. Sheriff Maschmann also provided the board with an updated 28E Agreement for law enforcement services with the City of Montezuma. Sheriff Maschmann stated City of Montezuma had approved the 28E Agreement and it now needs board approval. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve 28E Agreement between Poweshiek County Sheriff's Office and City of Montezuma for law enforcement services. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

8:54 a.m. Simone Bates, The Record joined the meeting

Dan Nieland, Pow I-80 provided the board with information on Pow I-80 budget information, strategic business plan, and highlights of initiatives. Some initiatives Nieland is working on include:

- ISU Cy-Biz Labs Study of Entrepreneurship in Poweshiek County
- Downtown assessments
- IEDA grant for a local producer
- Resource for Davis Elementary adaptive reuse
- Work with small business on grant funds for business expansion
- Updating LOIS site (sites & buildings for sale/lease in Poweshiek County)
- Working with Poweshiek County resident on business plan for entertainment venue
- Responding to requests for information
- Working on branding/rebranding

Nieland stated the Pow I-80 annual meeting is set for April 15, 2025. The mission of Pow I-80 is to foster strategic economic growth county-wide by leveraging partnerships and programs that will create a vibrant economy for the benefit of regional businesses and residents alike.

Brian Paul, EMA Director, discussed the county-wide radio project and some items paid by E911 during the project that were mistakenly left off the original project cost. Paul stated E911 purchased 179 desktop pager chargers and 21 bank radio chargers, which are capable of charging multiple pagers at one time. These items were listed in the project but not included in the total project cost and noted as a possible separate purchase. Since these charges for pagers fall under the radio project, Paul is asking the county to reimburse E911 this cost from the radio project funds. The amount totals \$32,311.68. Board felt the chargers for the pagers did fall under the radio project and will place this on agenda at next board meeting to consider for approval the reimbursement from radio project fund to E911.

Paul provided information to the board regarding installing an outdoor warning siren at Diamond Lake. This project would add a single siren at Diamond Lake to increase the warning of impending weather threats, specifically tornados and high winds, to visitors of the lake. Paul provided 2 different possible locations for the siren at the lake and advised which he felt would be the best location for the best coverage of the area at the lake/park. Paul estimated the cost of this project to be no more than \$42,000 and is requesting to utilize part of the remaining radio project funds. The board felt this project also was within the lines of the radio project as the project included a full system upgrade to 17 sirens across the county. The board stated this would be on the agenda at the next meeting to consider for approval.

Bart Klaver was scheduled to meet with the board but had to reschedule for the next board meeting.

The board joined a Zoom meeting with a representative of TextMyGov. TextMyGov is a 2-way smart texting tool. Bolen liked the idea of this tool but didn't feel it would be a fit for the county. Roudabush and Tindle agreed.

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

Visa	Goods	\$1,086.67
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3 ayes. Motion carried.

Roudabush stated he has an Iowa Workforce Development meeting today.

Bolen stated she attended the Food Coalition meeting in Grinnell this week.

The board stated they will attend the Farm Bureau legislative forum, which will be held on Saturday, February 8, at 9:00 a.m. at the Brooklyn Ruritan building.

Bolen shared a couple of complaints she has received from residents of Poweshiek County regarding the driver's license office. One complaint was that the office is closed frequently, and the resident felt it should be open as it is considered a full-time office. Another was an individual who was told everyone needed an appointment so the individual tried to make an appointment for their child to get permit for a date in April but was told she would need to call back closer to April as they don't schedule out that far. Another complaint was from an individual that was told over the phone they did not need an appointment for a renewal so she came for a renewal but was told she needed an appointment so had to travel back to Grinnell and come another day for scheduled appointment. According to Iowa Code, the Board of Supervisors does not have control over the hours of the driver's license office and that is the responsibility of the elected official, Treasurer. Individuals with comments on this office should direct them to the elected official, Treasurer, in charge. Board mentioned in a meeting with Treasurer in January to please keep the driver's license office open during courthouse hours.

12:08 p.m. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to adjourn. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jeff Tindle, Chairman