

June 19, 2025

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

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

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve June 12, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve June 20, 2025 payroll for \$318,859.64. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Jennifer Norris, General Assistance, provided the board with an update since she took over general assistance on June 9. Norris stated she went through all the files and compared the information to that on the computer. Norris also reviewed the information documented regarding payments. Norris stated that since January 2024, 21 general assistance fundings have been awarded, and of these, 13 individuals have received repayment letters. Norris will send repayment letters to the other 8 individuals receiving assistance. Discussion continued regarding how often the repayment letters should be sent. The decision was to send every quarter for the first year and note that if no attempt is made to repay, it may result in the denial of any future assistance. Norris prepared letters to the funeral homes providing them with the current burial application, income funding guidelines, and introducing herself as the general assistance contact for the county.

Tommy Hexter, Grinnell Farm to Table; Christina Sporer, Golden Pear Kitchen; Alathia Andera, ISU Extension Outreach; & Tristan Davis met with board to present information on a proposed commercial kitchen project. The shared commercial kitchen would allow producers to further produce their products for sale at retail stores. Local producers making products have a limit on sales before they must utilize a commercial kitchen. Due to the high cost of commercial kitchens, this shared kitchen would allow producers a more economical way to prepare their products. Hexter is applying for a USDA local food program grant, which requires a 25% match. Total match needed is \$125,000 over a 3-year period, which can be money or in-kind contributions. Currently, Hexter has secured \$36,000 in matching funds. Hexter is asking for \$50,000 over 3 years from the county.

Board discussed Hexter's request and felt the county could not commit to \$50,000 but would look at \$25,000 over the 3 years. Board will place this on the agenda for Monday with official motion made then.

Dan Nieland, Poweshiek Iowa Development, met with the board to relay information he received from MidAmerican about Poweshiek County having surplus power, allowing the potential to bring businesses to the county. Board advised Nieland they would like to meet with the representative from MidAmerican to further discuss this matter. Nieland also advised the board that he has accepted another position and his last day as director for Poweshiek Iowa Development will be July 3.

JD Griffith, Sanitarian/Zoning Administrator, met with the board for monthly meeting.

Lamoyne Gaard joined the meeting.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve utility permit #25-18U to Searsboro Telephone Company for work in Sections 23 & 24, Washington Township and Sections 17, 19, 20 & 21, Pleasant Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve DOT utility permit for work by TIP Rural Electric Cooperative in Section 15, Warren Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve the following retail tobacco license renewals:

- Pilot Travel Centers LLC, dba Pilot Travel Center #495, Brooklyn, IA
- Kwik Trip Inc, dba Kwik Star #303, Brooklyn, IA

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board discussed the purchase of a portable dispatch, which was presented to the board at the April 24 meeting by Sheriff Maschmann, but no formal motion was made at that time. At that meeting, Sheriff Maschmann stated this was something that should have been included in the original radio project agreement. The portable dispatch unit would be stored off-site at the Grinnell tower location and would be used if something happened to the dispatch center in Montezuma, and also could be used for any event around the county in conjunction with the EMA trailer. Board felt this fit within the radio project, and it was moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen, to approve the purchase of the portable dispatch as part of the emergency communication radio project. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Tindle stated he attended the Emergency Management meeting last night.

Roudabush stated he attended the Iowa Workforce meeting and E911 meeting this week.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush at 11:37 am to adjourn.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jeff Tindle, Chairman