

October 23, 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. 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 October 16, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve October 24, 2025, payroll for \$340,043.53. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve Utility Permit to Windstream Iowa Communications, LLC for work in Sections 2 & 3, Pleasant Township, and Sections 34 & 35, Malcom Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Kolten Kudart, Roadside Management/Weed Commissioner, met with the board to provide the 2025 weed commissioner report and update the board on areas sprayed and mowed around the county.

After reviewing and considering the 2025 Weed Commissioner report, it was moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen, to approve the report and authorize the board chair to sign. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Pursuant to Iowa Code 317.3, the board of supervisors may annually appoint a weed commissioner, and the board intends to re-appoint Kolten Kudart as the county's weed commissioner for 2026. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve the 2026 Weed Commissioner Certification form appointing Kolten Kudart as weed commissioner for Poweshiek County. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Senator Annette Sweeney met with the board to provide a legislative update and get feedback from the county on HF718 property tax reform and any other legislative issues. Economic development, property taxes, alternative revenue sources for counties, and the DOGE task force report were topics for discussion. Senator Sweeney invited the supervisors to the state capital to express their concerns and comments.

Jennifer Anderson, Treasurer; Megan Tindle & Sierra Maschmann, Treasurer Office employees met with the board to suggest a re-organization of offices. Anderson stated she would like to move the motor vehicle and tax together in the same office location. This would allow Anderson to save costs by not having to hire for the vacant position created when she became Treasurer and would also allow for better cross-training. Anderson further stated she would also like to move the driver's license office to the main floor in the vacant office. Anderson stated they had measured and felt confident that the space would accommodate all the employees and provide efficiency for the office. Board advised Anderson to get with maintenance and IT to ensure everything could be moved and fit properly.

Ryan Lowe, North Risk Partners, met with the board to continue the overview of the current insurance coverages/premiums and discuss additional coverages and ways to save the county on premiums. Lowe is working on obtaining a quote with EMC Insurance.

The county is currently with ICAP for insurance. Ramsey Weeks was the agent for the county for insurance with ICAP, workers' compensation, and surety bonds. Back in September, the board voted to change agents from Ramsey Weeks to Lowe with North Risk Partners. The board sent appropriate letters to all insurance providers notifying them of the change. Changes to the agent were made for the workers' compensation and surety bond companies but could not be made at this time with ICAP due to certain rules around certified agent protection, and Ramsey Weeks has the option to not waive that status and remain the county's agent with ICAP. Ramsey Weeks chose to utilize the certified agent protection. Therefore, the county will obtain a renewal quote with ICAP from Ramsey Weeks but will continue to obtain a quote from EMC with Lowe. The board was informed by ICAP that this is a 9-month run-out period for the agent protection, so effective June 23, 2026, Ramsey Weeks would no longer be the county's agent of record, and Lowe could take over since the county has already provided its notice of change of agents.

The board discussed, and it is still their intent to switch agents to Lowe. Lowe will continue to work on obtaining the quote from EMC and will be the agent of record for workers' compensation and surety bond coverage. Lowe will take over as agent of record with ICAP if the county chooses to renew with ICAP, effective June 23, 2026.

Tindle stated he has a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention meeting tomorrow.

Bolen stated she has a workforce subcommittee meeting as part of economic development tomorrow.

It was moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush at 11:59 a.m. to adjourn.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jeff Tindle, Chairman