

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

December 23rd, 2024

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, December 23rd 2024, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members McVicker, Lukensmeyer, and Vanness present.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the Agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the regular minutes from 12/16/2024. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Lukensmeyer attended Board of Health & CICS. Heather Bushbaum discussed the appointment of a deputy as of January 2nd.

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the closure of Eagle Ave. between Highway 3 and 160th Street as of 12/18/2024 at 7:00AM for culvert construction/repair. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the hiring of a Motor Grader Operator with a starting wage not to exceed R3, Year 7 (\$24.82) on the Step Plan. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing at 9:15AM pertaining to FY2025 Budget Amendment. All ayes. Motion carried. There were no comments received by the public and no written comments had been received by the Auditor prior to the meeting. The Auditor briefly reviewed the amendment. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to close the public hearing at 9:17AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution Approving an Amendment to the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Franklin County Budget. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2024-61

Amendment to Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Franklin County Budget

WHEREAS, the 2024/2025 Franklin County Budget was originally published in official County newspapers (Hampton Chronicle) on April 3rd, 2024; **WHEREAS**, Resolution #2024-19 adopted the Fiscal Year 2024/2025 Franklin County Budget; **WHEREAS**, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors does approve the following changes in the 2024/2025 Franklin County Budget as they were amended on 9/16/2024; **WHEREAS**, increases in expenditures are:

Physical Health & Social Services	\$4,000.00	Further Veteran Outreach – VA Poley Fund
County Environment & Ed	\$60,223.00	Trail Improvements, New Structures, Step Wage Plan Changes
Gov't Service to Residents	\$8,100.00	Recorder New Hire
Administration	\$19,397.00	Step Wage Plan Changes
Operating Transfers	\$112,051.93	Conservation Transfers
Total	\$203,771.93	

WHEREAS, increases in revenues are:

Operating Transfers	\$110,000.00	Conservation Transfers
Total	\$110,000.00	

THEREFORE, said Amendment was approved with the increase in expenditures and revenues mentioned above and the corresponding appropriations as attached to this resolution;

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Audrey Emery, Human Resource Director, and Andrea Miller, County Attorney, met with the Supervisors to discuss options concerning legal representation for Human Resource matters. At this point, Millers case load is very heavy and she would prefer that the County continue to utilize Ahlers & Cooney for human resource matters.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:30AM to hold a drainage meeting, they reconvened at 10:05AM. Drainage minutes may be found on the County website or by contacting the Auditor's office.

The Supervisors held discussion regarding the possible separation of Human Resources from the Auditor's Office. This will come back for possible action at the next meeting. Vanness encouraged the Supervisors to continue to gather information regarding this topic.

The Supervisors held discussion regarding the compensation of elected officials for FY2026. The Supervisors will continue to gather information and share it with the other Supervisors for them to review.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve claims as submitted. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution Authorizing Operating Transfers for Franklin County Conservation. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2024-62

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OPERATING TRANSFERS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION

WHEREAS, Franklin County, Iowa (the "County"), pursuant to and in strict compliance with all laws applicable to the County, desires to transfer cash from one fund to another for the purposes of supporting several county entities. **WHEREAS**, presently the County has budgeted monies for the following transfer:

CURRENT FUND	AMOUNT OF TRANSFER	Transfer To	REASON FOR TRANSFER
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-102	\$110,000.00	Conservation 60215-10000-9000-22	General Operating Transfer
N. Hansell Shooting Fund 60216-10300-814-29	\$2,051.93	Conservation 60215-10000-9000-22	Closing Fund

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, directing the County Auditor to proceed with the general operating transfers, the amount of transfer to the appropriate fund, mentioned above, due to the reason mentioned; said transfer is between budgetary funds.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution Pertaining to the Franklin County Tax Bank Account. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2024-60

PERTAINING TO FRANKLIN COUNTY TAX BANK ACCOUNT

WHEREAS, the Franklin County Auditor's Office does have a separately maintained bank account dedicated to payroll tax and employee health insurance, Flex Spending Account, and IPERS expenditures. WHEREAS, pursuant to Iowa Code §331.301, Franklin County is able to earn interest on this money. WHEREAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors do wish to earn interest on this money and the money is not currently in an interest-bearing checking account. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors authorize the Franklin County Auditor to establish an interest-bearing checking account with a local bank for the purpose mentioned above. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors does authorize the Franklin County Auditor & Franklin County Human Resource director to be the authorized signers on the account.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

The Supervisors acknowledge the hiring of Kya Watson as a Home Care Aide/Homemaker and setting her wage at \$16.44 per hour per the Board of Health approval.

The Supervisors acknowledge the Sheriff's Monthly Report for November 2024.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:09AM until Monday, December 30th, 2024 at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:

Chris Vanness, Chairman

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board