

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 6th, 2025

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, January 6th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the Agenda with the addition of the drainage meeting being held via Teams and "Consider for Approval – Claims". All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the regular minutes from 12/30/2024 and the special session minutes from 1/2/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Vanness attended Emergency Management Commission. Carissa Sisson, Assessor, brought in her new employee, Lisa Brott, to meet the Supervisors. The Auditor updated the Supervisors on the progress of an office for the Human Resource Director.

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

Elizabeth Thyer from Gardiner & Company, the firm that completes the County's financial audit was present to provide a review of the FY2024 Financial Audit. A copy of the Audit may be reviewed in the Auditor's office.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:45AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:55AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained by contacting the Auditor's office or on the County website.

James Nuehring met with the Supervisors to present and go over a compensation report as it pertains to the Elected Officials.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to appoint Joel McWilliams as the Franklin County EMA Director for 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to appoint Dan Tilkes as the Franklin County Weed Commissioner for 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to appoint Dan Tilkes as the Franklin County Sanitarian for 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to appoint Adam Akers as the Franklin County Veteran Affairs Director for 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to set the Hampton Chronicle as the official newspaper of Franklin County for 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to authorize the Auditor to issue checks during 2025 per Iowa Code §331.506. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to set the following as the Holiday Closing Schedule for Franklin County offices in 2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

**2024 Holiday Closing Schedule
For County Offices of the Franklin County Courthouse**

Day	Date	Holiday
Monday	February 17 th , 2025	President's Day
Monday	May 26 th , 2025	Memorial Day
Friday	July 4 th , 2025	Independence Day
Monday	September 1 st , 2025	Labor Day

Tuesday	November 11 th , 2025	Veteran's Day
Thursday	November 27 th , 2025	Thanksgiving
Friday	November 27 th , 2025	Day After Thanksgiving
Wednesday	December 24 th , 2025	Christmas Eve
Thursday	December 25 th , 2025	Christmas Day
Thursday	January 1 st , 2026	New Year's Day

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution pertaining to Construction Evaluation. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION #2025-2
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and **WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and **WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and **WHEREAS**, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2025 and January 31, 2026 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and **WHEREAS**, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix; **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY** that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution pertaining to Franklin County Investigation of Drainage Districts Per Requests. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION 2025-3
FRANKLIN COUNTY INVESTIGATION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS PER REQUESTS**

NOW, ON THIS 6TH DAY OF JANUARY 2025, THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION WAS PRESENTED TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTING AS DRAINAGE DISTRICT TRUSTEES: **WHEREAS**, SAID TRUSTEES BELIEVE THAT IT IS IN THE BEST INTERESTS OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS THAT INDIVIDUALS, LANDOWNERS, OR ENTITIES MAKING REQUESTS FOR DISTRICT INVESTIGATION OF REPAIRS BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE COSTS OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS IN THE EVENT THAT THE SOURCE OF THE NEED FOR REPAIRS WOULD-BE PRIVATELY-OWNED TILE AND NOT PART OF THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT FACILITIES OR NO PROBLEM IS FOUND AND THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT FACILITY IS ANYTHING OTHER THAN OPEN DITCH.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT IN THE EVENT ANY INDIVIDUAL OR ENTITY MAKES A REQUEST TO THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT TO INVESTIGATE PROPOSED REPAIRS WHICH REQUIRE THE DISTRICT TO EXPEND FUNDS TO DETERMINE THE LOCATION OF NEEDED REPAIRS, FEASIBILITY OF REPAIRS, OR ANY OTHER COSTS INCURRED IN CONNECTION WITH INVESTIGATING THE REQUEST AND THAT IN THE EVENT IN THE COURSE OF INVESTIGATION IT IS DISCOVERED THAT THE DRAINAGE TILE OR RELATED STRUCTURES NEEDING REPAIR ARE NOT UNDER THE DRAINAGE DISTRICT'S CONTROL, THEN THE INDIVIDUAL, LANDOWNER, OR ENTITY REQUESTING THE INVESTIGATION SHALL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF ANY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT. IF SAID INVESTIGATION RESULTS IN NO PROBLEM DISCOVERED, SAID REQUESTOR IS RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF ANY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT. THIS DOES NOT APPLY TO DRAINAGE DISTRICT FACILITIES THAT ARE OPEN DITCHES. IF THE INVESTIGATION IN THE DISTRICT FINDS A PROBLEM WITH DISTRICT FACILITIES, THEN SAID DISTRICT WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR PAYMENT OF ANY EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE DISTRICT AS ALLOWED BY IOWA CODE. THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ACTING AS DRAINAGE DISTRICT TRUSTEES AUTHORIZE THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR TO PREPARE THE NECESSARY FORM FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, LANDOWNER, OR ENTITY TO EXECUTE PRIOR TO ANY INVESTIGATION (EXCEPT OPEN DITCHES) IN A FORM NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT THE INTENT OF THIS RESOLUTION.

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 appoint Supervisors to Boards & Commissions for 2025 as follows. All ayes. Motion carried.

2025 Supervisor Boards & Committees Appointments

Committee/Organization	Lukensmeyer	McVicker	Vanness
Mental Health Inst-Cherokee		Representative	Alternate
Board of Health**	Representative	Alternate	
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention		Representative	Alternate

Community Action	Alternate		Representative
Community Action Shelter	Alternate		Representative
Conservation**	Representative	Alternate	
Tourism**	Representative	Alternate	
Together 4 Families Governance Board	Representative		Alternate
E911 & EMA		Representative	Alternate
Elderbridge Agency on Aging		Alternate	Representative
FCDA	Alternate		Representative
HAZMAT		Representative	Alternate
Integrated Roadside Mgmt.	Alternate		Representative
Long Time Recovery			Alternate
Morlee Watershed		Alternate	Representative
NIACOG Board		Representative	Alternate
NoRisc		Representative	Alternate
REAP	Representative	Alternate	
Regional Mental Health-CICS	Representative	Alternate	
Second Judicial District		Representative	Alternate
T21-Transportation		Representative	Alternate
Workforce Development		Representative	Alternate
Veterans Affairs Commission**	Alternate		Representative
NIACOG Housing Trust Fund		Representative	
CICS County Supervisor Regional Advisory Committee	Representative		
CICS Governing Board	Representative	Alternate	

** - Denotes Non-Voting Member of Board or Commission

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

The Supervisors acknowledge the Recorder's Quarterly Report for Q4 of 2024.

The Supervisors acknowledged the Auditor's Quarterly Report for Q4 of 2024.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:37AM until Monday, January 13th, 2025 at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a special session.

ATTEST:

Chris Vanness, Chairman

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board