

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025

*A recording of the Board meeting may be found on YouTube at: @FranklinCountyBoardofSuperviso*

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the regular minutes from 1/13/2025 as well as budget workshop minutes from 1/14/25, 1/15/25, and 1/16/25. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Lukensmeyer attended Board of Conservation.

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 an Iowa Department of Transportation Federal-Aid Agreement for a county highway bridge program project on 40<sup>th</sup> Street over Beaver Creek (BROS-C035(122)-8J-35). All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing pertaining to a New Construction Permit Feeding Permit Application for Pantheon Farms LLC in Section 18 of Hamilton Township at 9:15AM. All ayes. Members of the public present were: Becky Sexton & Jim Luebbers with the farm. No comment had been received prior to the meeting. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to close the public hearing at 9:19AM. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a new construction feeding operation permit application for Pantheon Farms LLC. All ayes. Motion carried.

Mary Perry was not able to attend, but Assessor, Carissa Sisson, and Real Estate Deputy, Amy Holmgaard explained that the Homestead Tax Credit had been in place for many years prior to 2023. At that point the Assessor's office received notice from the post office that the home was vacant, which was why it was removed. However, Perry still lives in the home. After brief discussion, motioned by Vanness, seconded by McVicker to reinstate Mary Perry's Homestead Credit for the 2023 & 2024 assessment years and waive the late fee. All ayes. Motion carried.

Andrea Miller, County Attorney, met with the Supervisors regarding her budget for FY2026.

A department head meeting was held at 10:00AM. Minutes may be obtained by contacting the Auditor's office.

The Supervisors recessed at 10:30AM for a drainage meeting. They reconvened at 10:45AM. Drainage minutes may be found on the County website or by contacting the Auditor's office.

Mary Amsbaugh, Franklin County Development Association Director, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on happenings in her organization and discuss her request for funding during FY2026.

Audrey Emery, Human Resource Director, met with the Supervisors regarding COLA Increases for FY2026 and Elected Officials Compensation for FY2026. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a 2.4% COLA increase effective 7/1/25. All ayes. Motion carried. There was also discussion regarding employee contribution rates for health insurance and elected officials' compensation for FY2026. Both will be on next weeks agenda for further discussion and possible action.

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 various transfers. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION 2025-05**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OPERATING & CAPITAL PROJECTS TRANSFERS FOR VARIOUS FRANKLIN COUNTY DEPARTMENTS**

**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:

<b>CURRENT FUND</b>	<b>AMOUNT OF TRANSFER</b>	<b>Transfer To</b>	<b>REASON FOR TRANSFER</b>
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-823	\$20,000.00	Home Care 60202-10000-9000-12	General Operating Transfer
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-690	\$25,000.00	Veterans Affairs 60205-1000-9000-21	General Operating Transfer
Rural Basic Fund 11000-10300-814-99-189-4	\$4,000.00	Special Projects Fund 60105- 10000-9000-99-189-4	Special Project Fund Transfer

**NOW, THEREFORE**, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, directing the County Auditor to proceed with the general operating & special project fund 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 establishing public purpose for township trainings. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION 2025-4**

**ESTABLISHING PUBLIC PURPOSE FOR TOWNSHIP TRUSTEE TRAINING**

**WHEREAS**, FRANKLIN COUNTY DOES HAVE 16 TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES & CLERKS LEADING THE VARIOUS TOWNSHIPS; AND **WHEREAS**, THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & THE FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR FEELS IT IS IN THE BEST INTEREST OF THE PUBLIC TO PROVIDE TRAININGS AND MEETING FOR THE TRUSTEES & CLERKS TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES; AND **WHEREAS**, THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS & FRANKLIN COUNTY AUDITOR MAY HOLD CERTAIN WORKSHOPS/TRAININGS TO HANDLE ISSUES THAT WILL AFFECT TAX DOLLAR EXPENDITURES AND REVENUES; AND **THEREFORE**, THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FIND THAT THE EXPENDITURES FOR FOOD & BEVERAGES AND TRAINING MATERIALS MAY BE FURNISHED TO THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES & CLERKS FOR THE PREVIOUSLY MENTIONED WORKSHOPS & TRAININGS. THIS BEING WARRANTED AS PUBLIC PURPOSE. **BE IT RESOLVED** that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors approves such expenditures:

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 license agreement with U.S. Cellular of Greater Iowa LLC. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to table a resolution adopting a 28E Agreement with Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors acknowledge the Sherriff's monthly report for December 2024.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 11:57AM until Monday, January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2025 at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:

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Chris Vanness, Chairman

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Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board