

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 3rd, 2025

A recording of the meeting may be found at <https://www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors/videos>

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:41AM on Tuesday, March 3rd, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, 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 2/24/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates:

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing pertaining to a road vacation at 9:15AM. All ayes. Motion carried. There was no public comment, and no comment had been received prior to the meeting. Waddingham explained where this location is and not an actual road and never has been. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to close the public hearing at 9:17AM. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution to vacate a county road. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2025-16

A RESOLUTION TO VACATE A COUNTY ROAD

WHEREAS, A public hearing was conducted on Monday March, 3, 2025 following publication and service of notice as required by law on the proposed vacation and closure of a portion of Franklin County Secondary Road, described as follows:

That portion of Road No. 12 recorded in Road Record Book A, Page 569 and located in Section 24, T92N, R21W and Section 19, T92N, R20W, commencing at the North right of way line of Mallard Avenue as presently established approximately 1833 feet north of the SE corner of said Section 24; thence north about 1432 feet along the section line between Sections 24 and 19 to a point 1940.14 feet south of the NE Corner of said Section 24.

WHEREAS, No objections have been received, either in writing or by persons present.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors that the subject section of road be ordered vacated and closed.

That portion of Road No. 12 recorded in Road Record Book A, Page 569 and located in Section 24, T92N, R21W and Section 19, T92N, R20W, commencing at the North right of way line of Mallard Avenue as presently established approximately 1833 feet north of the SE corner of said Section 24; thence north about 1432 feet along the section line between Sections 24 and 19 to a point 1940.14 feet south of the NE Corner of said Section 24.

WHEREAS, No objections have been received by persons present regarding lack of access to their properties, if this entire segment is vacated.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors that the section of this road from the That portion of Road No. 12 recorded in Road Record Book A, Page 569 and located in Section 24, T92N, R21W and Section 19, T92N, R20W, commencing at the North right of way line of Mallard Avenue as presently established approximately 1833 feet north of the SE corner of said Section 24; thence north about 1432 feet along the section line between Sections 24 and 19 to a point 1940.14 feet south of the NE Corner of said Section 24 be ordered vacated and closed. Mallard Avenue as presently established and maintained shall remain open and is not vacated.

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

Dan Tilkes, Sanitarian, met with the Supervisors to present them with a recommendation from the Board of Health pertaining to the Nuisance ordinance. The Supervisors directed the Auditor to move forward with the next steps.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:45AM for a drainage meeting. Minutes may be obtained from the Drainage Administrator or on the County website. They reconvened at 9:52AM.

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve an ABD License for Top of Iowa Lucky Wife LLC. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to reappoint Bob Forr as Terrace Hill Trustee for a term ending 12/31/2030. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve an ABD License for the Hampton Country Club. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to set March 24th at 1:00PM in the Supervisor Meeting Room as the date, time, & place for a public hearing pertaining to the Proposed Property Tax Levy for the FY2026 Budget. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a 28E Agreement with Wright County for the shared Naturalist position for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve and adopt Appendix A & Appendix B of the Franklin County Compensation Plan for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by McVicker to approve a PILOT (payment in lieu of taxes) request from North Iowa Regional Housing Authority. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors held discussions regarding broadcasting meetings via YouTube due to the issues they have had recently and discussed other options. After discussion, they asked the Auditor to try and continue to get YouTube to work as they would prefer to stay with that platform. Zoom may be used in the situation that YouTube does not work. They will evaluate the situation again in a couple weeks.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 9:53AM until Monday, March 10th, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:

Chris Vanness, Chairman

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board