

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 17th, 2025

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The Board of Supervisors met at 9:40AM on Monday, March 17th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present. The meeting was called to order late due to technical difficulties with YouTube.

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 3/10/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Vanness attended Veterans Affairs; Lukensmeyer & McVicker attended the ISAC Spring Conference; McVicker attended NIACOG; Lukensmeyer attended a Board of Health subcommittee meeting; Lukensmeyer & McVicker both attended Conference Board; and Lukensmeyer attended Conservation Board.

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

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

Andrea Miller, County Attorney, met with the Supervisors to discuss Karpal Solutions. This is software for attorneys. After brief discussion, motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the Karpal Solutions Contract. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors recessed for a drainage meeting at 10:45. They reconvened at 10:49AM.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the renewal of Health Insurance for FY2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a Memorandum of Understanding with the Franklin County Assessor's Office. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution pertaining to noxious weeds for Summer 2025. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION 2025-17
FRANKLIN COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL - SUMMER OF 2025**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, that pursuant to provisions of Chapter 317, Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

- 1) That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all weeds thereon, as defined in this Chapter, as such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming bearing seeds or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other seeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Weeds shall be cut, burned or otherwise destroyed on or before the following date and as often thereafter as necessary to prevent seed production:
June 15: Leafy spurge; Marijuana Plants; Perennial Pepper-grass; Buckthorn Rhamnus, not to include Rhamnus Frangula; Sour Dock Perennial Smooth Dock Perennial, Sheep Sorrel Perennial, Canadian Thistle; Russian Knapweed; Buckhorn; Perennial, Wild Mustard Annual, European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed; Wild Carrot Biennial, also known as Queen Anne's Lace; Poison Hemlock, Multiflora Rose, Common Ragweed; Wild Parsnip, Horse Nettle; Perennial Sow Thistle; Quack Grass; Butterprint Annual; Cocklebur; Bull Thistle; Wild Sunflower Annual; Teasel Biennial; Puncture Vine Annual; Shattercane Annual and all other species of Thistles belonging in genera of Cirsium and Carduus.

At all times and on all land Palmer Amaranth must be eradicated

- 2) That each owner and each person in the possession or control of land including right of way in Franklin County infested with any noxious weeds as defined in Iowa Code Chapter 317, above shall destroy the existing weeds within five days and shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner which in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.
- 3) That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any land including right of way in Franklin County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including cost of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate. Applicable County or State ordinances whatever is more stringent can be implemented.
- 4) It will be the responsibility of each owner and each person in the possession or control of land to destroy said weeds in Franklin County Secondary Road ditches.
- 5) The County Auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering the foregoing order by one publication in each of the official newspapers of the County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Franklin County be designated as a weed control unit.

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

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 11:00AM until Monday, March 24th, 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