

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

July 28th 2025

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, July 28th, 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 7/21/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: Bob Parks was present to share concerns about drainage on one of his field. Vanness has reached out to the Drainage Engineer regarding it as it is a recent project. McVicker attended Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center.

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

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve Iowa DOT Agreement for DOT Initiated detour of primary highways onto local roads for C13 from Highway 65 to S56 from C13 to Cerro Gordo County line. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve Franklin County Utility Permit Application for Franklin REC to bury electric across road at 974 Killdeer Ave for service. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve Franklin County Utility Permit Application for Dumont Telephone Company to bore under 180th Street at 2451 from the north side to south. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve Franklin County Utility Permit Application for Franklin REC to install new underground for residence at 2451 180th Street crossing the ROW north to south side. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to open a public hearing at 9:15AM pertaining to a FY26 budget amendment. All ayes. Motion carried. No public was present, and no comment had been received prior to the hearing. The Auditor briefly reviewed the amendment with the Supervisors. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to close the public hearing at 9:16AM. All ayes. Motion carried. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution approving a FY26 budget amendment. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2025-40

Amendment to Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Franklin County Budget

WHEREAS the 2025/2026 Franklin County Budget was originally published in official County newspapers (Hampton Chronicle) on April 2nd, 2025. **WHEREAS** Resolution #2025-20 adopted the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Franklin County Budget. **WHEREAS** the Franklin County Board of Supervisors does approve the following changes in the 2025/2026 Franklin County Budget as they were originally adopted:

WHEREAS increases in expenditures are:

Public Safety & Legal Services	\$30,000.00	Inmate Expenses
Physical Health & Social Services	\$97,405.00	Public Health & Home Care Transition
County Environment & Education	\$56,000.00	Conservation Projects
Administration	\$3,384,556.00	CICS New Budget, Courthouse Roof Replacement, Courthouse Statue Repairs, Postage for HR
Operating Transfers Out	\$64,049.00	Special Projects Fund
Total	\$3,632,010.00	

WHEREAS increases in revenues are:

Intergovernmental	\$2,021,970.00	CICS EOR Payments
Operating Transfers In	\$64,049.00	Special Projects Fund
Total	\$2,086,019.00	

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.

Chad Murray, Treasurer, met with the Supervisors and provided them an update on his department.

Jody Hepler, Dispatch Director, provided the Supervisors with an update on happenings in her department.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to enter a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code §21.5(1)(c) “to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation.” Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried. Present in the closed session were Supervisors Vanness, McVicker, & Lukensmeyer; Auditor Flint; County Attorney Miller; and Sheriff Dodd. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to exit the closed session at 10:30AM, All ayes. Motion carried. No action was taken following the closed session.

Auditor Flint, Recorder Bushbaum, & Treasurer Murray met with the Supervisors to request that the employee handbook be amended to include “domestic partners” or “fiancés” be added to the bereavement leave policy. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to allow Angela Horner to use up to 5 days of sick time for paid bereavement leave until a policy review has occurred. If within 30 days, the policy is updated, the sick time could be converted to bereavement retroactively. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve authorizing the Auditor to sign the Participation Agreement for the Purdue National Opioids Settlement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution to designate voting representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2025-38
RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE VOTING REPRESENTATIVES FOR THE IOWA STATE ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES

WHEREAS, Franklin County (“County”) is a member of the Iowa State Association of Counties; and **WHEREAS**, the ISAC Articles of Incorporation were updated in November 2024 to require the County to designate, through resolution by its Board of Supervisors, its County Voting Representatives; and **WHEREAS**, only the designated County Voting Representatives have the power to vote on behalf of the County at ISAC; and **WHEREAS**, the County Voting Representatives must be either elected county officials or the principal officer for each county department represented by an Affiliated Association of ISAC. **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Franklin County Board of Supervisors, effective immediately, hereby designates the following persons as County Voting Representatives for ISAC:

Iowa State Association of County Supervisors: **Chris Vanness, Dick Lukensmeyer, Gary McVicker,**

Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association: **Aaron Dodd**

Iowa County Attorneys Association, Inc.: **Andrea Miller**

Iowa State Association of County Auditors: **Katy Flint**

Iowa State County Treasurers Association: **Chad Murray**

Iowa County Recorders Association, Inc.: **Heather Bushbaum**

Iowa County Engineers Association: **John Waddingham**

Iowa State Association of Assessors: **Carissa Sisson**

Iowa Community Services Association: **Russell Wood**

Iowa Emergency Management Association: **Joel McWilliams**

County Conservation Directors Association of Iowa: **Ned Parker**

Iowa Environmental Health Association, Inc.: **Daniel Tilkes**

Iowa Counties Public Health Association: **Ashley Roberts**

County Zoning Officials of Iowa: **Daniel Tilkes**

Iowa Counties Information Technology Organization: **Gabe Johanns**

Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, Inc.: **Adam Akers**

The County shall forward a copy of this Resolution with the names of the designated County Voting Representatives to support@iowacounties.org.

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

Acting as drainage trustees, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve drainage minutes from 7/21/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor informed the Supervisors that there will be a vacancy on the Civil Service Commission as of 8/17/2025 and at this time, they have not received any applications. This is for the position appointed by the County Attorney. The Auditor will bring her up to speed about the appointment.

The Auditor reminded the Supervisors that ISAC will be here tomorrow for their Town Hall.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 11:07AM until Monday, August 4th, 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