

December 8, 2025

Chairman Rasmussen called the regular meeting of the Wright County Board of Supervisors to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present were Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis.

Motion by Loux and seconded by Ellis to approve the tentative agenda. Motion carries.

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of December 1, 2025 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment with denying claim #44026 for reimbursement to Darrel Steven Carlyle. Ellis believes this should be paid out of the Marketing Fund rather than the General Basic Fund. Motion by Ellis and seconded by Bosch to deny claim #44026 until further clarification from the Economic Development Board as to where the reimbursement should be paid from. Motion carries.

In open forum, Wendy Palomino was congratulated for 20 years of service to Wright County as a dispatcher.

Aimee Goeman and LeAnn Waltzing, representing the Belmond Aquatic Center Committee, and Cody Nicholas, Belmond City Manager, discussed with the Board the CAT (Community Attraction and Tourism) Grant the City of Belmond is applying for. Goeman explained that they have raised \$2 million so far and with the bond that was passed on the ballot this last election, they were able to secure \$3 million additional through a bond. The committee and the City of Belmond are applying for the CAT Grant but need to have support from the Supervisors. They are requesting \$10,000 for a match to be able to secure the grant.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Bosch to approve Resolution 2025-35 agreeing to provide local contribution for the 2026 Community Attraction and Tourism Grant. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Bosch, Rasmussen, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2025-35 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2025-35

A RESOLUTION AGREEING TO PROVIDE LOCAL CONTRIBUTION FOR THE 2026 COMMUNITY
ATTRACTION AND TOURISM GRANT

WHEREAS, the City of Belmond is applying for a Community Attraction and Tourism Grant from the Iowa Economic Development Authority to help finance the demolition of the existing pool and relevant facilities and constructing a new aquatic center facility.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by Wright County, Iowa:

That Wright County, Iowa hereby agrees to provide up to \$5,000 from Fiscal Year 2026 and \$5,000 from Fiscal Year 2027 of local monies to be used as matching funds for the 2026 Community Attraction and Tourism Grant project, as outlined in the grant application that will be submitted.

Passed and approve this 8th day of December, 2025.

Julie Edwards, UDMO Director, presented the annual report for services in Wright County. With the contribution from the County of \$16,000 last year, Upper Des Moines Opportunity, Inc. was able to provide \$266,128 of direct services to the citizens in Wright County. UDMO is requesting continued partnership and financial support in the amount of \$16,000. This will be discussed during budget discussions.

Discussion was held on the Christmas Eve Holiday. Motion by Rasmussen to have Christmas Eve off as a gift to the employees. Motion dies for a lack of second. Ellis and Loux would like to see the courthouse be open on Christmas Eve as a normal work day.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to receive the monthly revenue report from the Wright County Sheriff. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to support additional funding for the Heart of Iowa Regional Trust Fund from the Board of Supervisors in the amount of \$3,270. Motion carries with Ellis voting nay.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, gave an update on the Secondary Roads Department. Clemons is working on an agreement with the cities for maintenance inside the city limit with approval from the city on the Secondary Road extensions. This would include snow removal and normal blading with any additional maintenance to be reimbursed for.

Motion by Loux and seconded by Rasmussen to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Rick Rasmussen, Chairman
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor