

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

March 24<sup>th</sup> 2026

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session 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 minutes from the 3/17/2026 regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: McVicker attended a Region 2 Transportation committee meeting, Northeast Iowa Workforce Development, and NIACOG Housing Trust Fund meeting. Vanness attended North Iowa Community Action Organization & Franklin County Development Association.

The Board recessed at 9:00AM for a drainage meeting and they reconvened at 9:20AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor’s office or on the County website.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing pertaining to a FY2026 budget amendment at 9:21AM. All ayes. Motion carried. There was no public present, and no comment had been received prior to the meeting. The Auditor briefly reviewed the amendment with the Supervisors. Chairman Vanness closed the public hearing at 9:22AM.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution approving an amendment to the Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Franklin County budget. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION #2026-24**

**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 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 last amended on 12/15/2025:

**WHEREAS** increases in expenditures are:

Public Safety & Legal Services	\$29,050.00	Sheriff Overtime, Vest Replacements, LEC Heating & Cooling
Physical Health & Social Services	\$175,074.75	Opioid Fund Expenditure, PH & HC Payment to FGH, Env. Health Grants
County Environment & Health	\$8,199.00	Conservation Repairs & Purchases
Government Services to Residents	\$7,530.00	Treasurer Staffing Changes & Postage Increases
Administration	\$60,000.00	Courthouse Electrical Upgrade
Operating Transfers Out	-\$125,541.00	Reallocation of Funds
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$154,312.75</b>	

**WHEREAS** increases in revenues are:

Intergovernmental	\$20,000.00	Env. Health Grants
Use of Money & Property	\$20,000.00	Increase Interest
Miscellaneous	\$8,199.00	Donation to Conservation
Operating Transfers In	-\$125,541.00	Reallocation of Funds
<b>Total</b>	<b>-\$77,342.00</b>	

**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.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement at 9:45AM. All ayes. Motion carried. This being the time and place specified for taking action on the proposal to enter a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement and to borrow money thereunder in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000, the County Auditor announced that no petition had been filed asking that the question of entering into the loan agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the County, and that the Board of Supervisors may proceed with the authorizing of the loan agreement. Whereupon, the Chairperson called for any written or oral objections, and there being none, the Chairperson declared the public hearing closed.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement, setting date for the sale of General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2026A and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION #2026-23**

**Resolution taking additional action on proposal to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement, setting date for the sale of General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2026 and authorizing the use of a preliminary official statement in connection therewith**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Franklin County, Iowa (the "County"), heretofore proposed to enter into a General Obligation Urban Renewal Loan Agreement (the "Loan Agreement") and to issue general obligation bonds in a principal amount not to exceed \$1,300,000 pursuant to the provisions of Subsection 331.441(2)(b)(14), Section 331.402, Section 331.442, and Chapter 403 of the Code of Iowa, for the purpose of paying the cost, to that extent, of undertaking the 2026 Courthouse Urban Renewal Project, an urban renewal project of the County authorized by action of the Board of Supervisors on March 3, 2026, and in lieu of calling an election upon such proposal, has published notice of the proposed action and has held a hearing thereon, and as of March 24, 2026, no petition had been filed with the County asking that the question of entering into the Loan Agreement be submitted to the registered voters of the County; and

WHEREAS, a Preliminary Official Statement (the "P.O.S.") has been prepared to facilitate the sale of the General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2026 (the "Bonds") in evidence of the obligation of the County under the Loan Agreement, and it is now necessary to make provision for the approval of the P.O.S. and to authorize its use by Speer Financial, Inc., as municipal advisor (the "Municipal Advisor") to the County; and

WHEREAS, it is now necessary to set the date for the sale of the Bonds and to authorize the Municipal Advisor to carry out such sale;

NOW, THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Supervisors hereby determines to enter into the Loan Agreement in the future and orders that the Bonds be issued at such time, in evidence thereof. The Board of Supervisors further declares that this resolution constitutes the "additional action" required by Section 331.443(2) of the Code of Iowa.

Section 2. The County Auditor and Board Chairperson are hereby authorized to take such action as shall be deemed necessary and appropriate with the assistance of the Municipal Advisor to prepare the P.O.S. describing the Bonds and providing for the terms and conditions of their sale, and all action heretofore taken in this regard is hereby ratified and approved.

Section 3. The use by the Municipal Advisor of the P.O.S. relating to the Bonds in substantially the form as has been presented to and considered by the County is hereby approved, and the Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized to prepare and use a final Official Statement for the Bonds substantially in the form of the P.O.S. but with such changes therein as are required to conform the same to the terms of the Bonds and the resolution, when adopted, providing for the sale and issuance of the Bonds, and the County Auditor and Board Chairperson are hereby authorized and directed to execute a final Official Statement for the Bonds, if requested. The P.O.S. as of its date is deemed final by the County within the meaning of Rule 15(c)(2)-12 of the Securities and Exchange Commission.

Section 4. Sealed bids for the purchase of the Bonds shall be received and canvassed on behalf of the County until 10:30 a.m. C.D.T., on April 7, 2026, at the office of the County Auditor, 12 1<sup>st</sup> Street NW, Hampton, Iowa, and the Board of Supervisors shall meet on the same date, one o'clock p.m., at the Franklin County Courthouse, Hampton, Iowa, for the purpose of considering such bids received and considering and adopting a resolution providing for the award of the Bonds, and the Municipal Advisor is hereby authorized and directed to disseminate the notice of said sale, in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service regulations governing "Issue Price" determinations, such notice to minimally contain information regarding Establishment of Issue Price set forth in the "Terms of Offering" attached to the P.O.S. and to be in such form as the Municipal Advisor may deem to be appropriate.

Section 5. Pursuant to Section 75.14 of the Code of Iowa, the Board of Supervisors hereby authorizes the Municipal Advisor to use electronic bidding procedures for the sale of the Bonds through Speer Auction®, and hereby finds and determines that the Speer Auction® competitive bidding system will provide reasonable security and maintain the integrity of the competitive bidding process and will facilitate the delivery of bids by interested parties under the circumstances of this bond sale.

Section 6. All resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 7. This resolution shall be in full force and effect immediately upon its adoption and approval, as provided by law.

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

The Supervisors discussed two Secondary Roads Utility permits that had been presented. After discussion, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to table approval a Secondary Roads Utility permit received by Dumont Telephone until the Drainage District Utility Permit has been received for review and approval as well. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to table approval of a Secondary Roads Utility Permit received by Router 12 until the Drainage District Utility Permit has been received for review and approval as well. All ayes. Motion carried.

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer provided an update on his department.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a proclamation naming April as Child Abuse Prevention Month & ordering the clock tower to blue for April 15<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution authorizing operating transfers for Franklin County Conservation & Veteran Affairs. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION 2026-25**

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING OPERATING TRANSFERS FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY CONSERVATION & VETERAN AFFIARS**

**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 01000-10300-814-99-102	\$45,000.00	Conservation 60215-10000-9000-22	General Operating Transfer
General Basic Fund 01000-10300-814-99-690	\$15,000.00	Veterans Affairs 60205-10000-9000-21	General Operating 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 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 the allowance of 1 family farm application on Parcel 05-17-300-013 per Iowa Code §425A as recommended by the Franklin County Assessor. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor reminded everyone that there will be a special session at 1PM for the proposed property tax public hearing for the FY2027 budget.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:21AM until Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 1:00PM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a special session.

ATTEST:

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Chris Vanness, Chairman

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Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board