

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 14th 2026

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, April 14th, 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 with the addition to add a drainage meeting at 10:15AM and "Consider for Approval – DNR Drainage Proposal". All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the minutes from the 4/7/2026 regular & special session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Curtis Bower, Candidate for House Representative District 55 was present to share some of the reasons he is running. Holly McCoy-Nelson from Alliant Energy was present to hear any concerns from the Supervisors. Lukensmeyer attended Tourism, Board of Health, and Conservation. McVicker attended Northeast Iowa Workforce Development & NIACOG. Vanness attended Veterans Affairs.

The Board opened two bids for the GAR Memorial Roof Bid replacement project. After reviewing the bids, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution Making Award of Construction Contract. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION 2026-35
RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY GAR
MEMORIAL HALL ROOF REPLACEMENT PROJECT**

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA: Section 1. That the following bid for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the Franklin County GAR Memorial Hall Roof Replacement 2026, described in the RFP heretofore approved by this Board on March 10th, 2026, be and is hereby accepted, the same being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received for such work, as follows:

Contractor:	<u>All Iowa Roofing</u>	of	<u>Des Moines</u>
Amount of bid:	<u>\$35,250</u>	plus	<u>sheeting</u>
	<u>replacement</u>		
Portion of project:	<u>All construction work</u>		

Section 2. That the Chairperson and Auditor are hereby directed to execute the contract with the contractor for the construction of the public improvements, such contract not to be binding on the County until approved by this Board.

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

The Supervisors recessed at 9:15AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:30. Drainage minutes are available on the County website and from the Auditor’s office.

Gabe Johanns, IT Director, met with the Supervisors and provided them with an update on his department.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing at 10:00AM pertaining to the FY2027 Proposed Budget. All ayes. Motion carried. No written comment had been submitted prior to the meeting and there was no public present. The Auditor explained that the County was reducing the rural levy rate by about 50 cents compared to what had been published in the proposed property tax public hearing notice. Additionally, the county reduced the urban levy rate by about 20 cents from what had been proposed initially. No other comments were made. Chairman Vanness closed the public hearing at 10:02AM.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution Approving Elected Official Wages for FY2027. The resolution reads in full:

**RESOLUTION 2026-31
A RESOLUTION SETTING FRANKLIN COUNTY ELECTED OFFICIAL COMPENSATION FOR FY2027**

WHEREAS HF2415 did abolish county compensation boards in 2024. WHEREAS the Franklin County Board of Supervisors did not re-establish the county compensation board for Franklin County: WHEREAS the Franklin County Board of Supervisors did determine the wages for county elected officials for FY2027 as follows:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Attorney	\$128,033.00 5.5%		\$135,075.00
Auditor	\$86,475.00 5.0%		\$90,799.00
Recorder	\$82,424.00 4.5%		\$86,133.00
Treasurer	\$83,947.00 4.5%		\$87,725.00
Sheriff	\$124,000.00 5.0%		\$130,200.00
Supervisor	\$44,800 2.2%		\$45,786.00

Chairman of the Supervisors receives an additional \$1,500.00 stipend.

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 a resolution Approving & Adopting FY2027 budget. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2026-33

ADOPTION OF THE FY2026 FRANKLIN COUNTY BUDGET

WHEREAS, on the 14th day of April 2026, the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, met in session for the purpose of holding a public hearing on the proposed budget for fiscal year 2026-2027 as filed with the Board. There was a quorum as required by law. **WHEREAS**, the notice and place of hearing had, according to law and as directed by the Board, been published in the Hampton Chronicle, the official newspaper of Franklin County. **WHEREAS** the budget was taken up and considered and the public was provided an opportunity to speak. **WHEREAS** the Franklin County Supervisors adopted Resolution #2026-31 setting the compensation for Elected Officials for FY2027 is included in the FY2027 budget. **FURTHER**, the budget as adopted will approve the following property taxes for Fiscal Year 2026-2027 (without gas and electric):

General Basic – \$3,923,158.00

General Supplemental – \$2,041,992.00

Rural Services Basic – \$3,570,836.00

Rural Services Supplemental - \$58,574.00

BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors that the FY2027 budget is hereby adopted.

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

The Supervisors recessed at 10:15AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 10:28AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the county website.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a Secondary Roads Utility Permit for Dumont Telephone. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve Pay Application #1 for Carl A. Nelson for Courthouse Electrical Upgrade Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve Change Order #1 for Courthouse Electrical Upgrade Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve GIS Support Contract between Franklin County & Franklin County Assessor. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution for Approval & Adoption of Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2026-34

APPROVAL AND ADOPTION OF INTEGRATED ROADSIDE VEGETATION MANAGEMENT PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED by the Franklin County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to provisions of Chapter 314.22 Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered: **WHEREAS**, Franklin County chooses to revise the Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan as required by the State of Iowa, Iowa Department of Transportation. **WHEREAS** this plan will enable Franklin County to apply for various grants. **THEREFORE**, Franklin County's Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management Plan is in effect, and the complete copy of said Plan is filed in the County Auditor and County Conservation offices.

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

The Supervisors discussed rent for office space the Community Resource Center for FY2027. The Auditor provided them with information for the discussion and after said discussion, the Supervisors directed the Auditor to move forward with leases with a 25% increase and prep an ad for advertising vacant office spaces.

The Supervisors acknowledged the Sheriff's Monthly Report for March 2026.

The Supervisors acknowledged Veterans Affairs Quarterly Report for January – March 2026.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:30AM until Tuesday, April 21st, 2026, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:

Chris Vanness, Chairman

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board