

April 13, 2026

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

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

Minutes of the previous regular meeting of April 6, 2026 were read and approved with one correction.

Approved claims for payment.

In open forum, Kurtis Bower introduced himself as a candidate for House District #55 on the Republican Ballot in June.

Elizabeth Thyer with Gardiner + Company met with the Board to present the Fiscal Year End 2024 – 2025 Wright County Audit. Thyer went over the audit book with the Board and explained all the different sections of the audit. She also covered the schedule of findings and explained the expectation and recommendation on the compliance with the findings.

Tiffon Pohlman, Wright County Communications Director, presented a new hire for a Telecommunications Specialist. Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Ellis to approve the new hire as presented pending pre-employment physical/drug screen and background check. Motion carries. The starting wage will be \$23.50.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to receive the Budget Amendment documents for Fiscal Year End 2026. Motion carries.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to set the Budget Amendment Hearing for Fiscal Year End 2026 for May 4, 2026 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Ellis to open the public hearing for Matrix review of Buffalo Site in Vernon Township, Section 15 for 2 new confinement pits and barns at 9:30 a.m. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Motion carries.

Kent Krause with Pinnacle out of Iowa Falls discussed the Buffalo site. This site will contain up to 4,999 head within two buildings. The matrix score was 495 with 440 points being the minimum.

Ellis mentioned the shouse that was being built near the site. It is approximately 2,667 feet away with minimum of 1,875 feet it needs to be.

Kluss has concerns with the proximity of the main open ditch to the Iowa River.

Krause will review both issues and there will be a new public hearing regarding this site.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to close the public hearing at 9:45 a.m. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to open the public hearing for Matrix review in Lake Township, Section 22 to increase the animal capacity only to existing confinement facility at 9:45 a.m. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Motion carries.

Krause explained that Smithfield has changed their stocking requirements and this is the reason for this Matrix review. There is no new construction as it is just a revised Manure Management Plan. The matrix score was 480 points with 440 points being the minimum. This site is expected to produce just under 1,500,000 gallons of manure each year.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to close the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Motion carries.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Ellis to adjourn the meeting. Motion carries.

Ashley Bosch, Chairperson
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Amanda Meyer, Wright County Auditor