

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

May 5<sup>th</sup> 2026

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, May 5<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 4/28/2026 regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Ryan Peterson, Facilities Director updated the Supervisors on the statue repair & GAR Memorial Hall roof replacement. Lukensmeyer attended Together4Families & CICS. McVicker attended Northeast Iowa Workforce Development & Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the hiring of Gilberto Luna as Sheriff Deputy and set his wage at \$31.92 per hour for FY2026 and \$32.62 per hour for FY2027. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Sheriff reviewed his budget amendment request with the Supervisors.

Russell Wood, CICS CEO, was unable to attend for his department update. It will be rescheduled.

Heather Bushbaum, Recorder, met with the Supervisors to provide them with an update on her department.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a 28E Agreement with Wright County Conservation Board for a shared employee. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Auditor updated the Supervisors on the credit card change. She and the HR Director have been working together to separate out the financial aspects of the existing policy from the HR aspects. They will be back next week with an updated version of both for the Supervisors to review.

Battery Storage Facilities – Supervisor McVicker wanted it to be kept at the front because he has received lots of comments. The Auditor & Jay Waddingham have both been in contact with people from Alliant. Waddingham is working with them on a road use agreement that will be both retroactive and for any future projects. McVicker suggested a moratorium regarding any future battery expansion, but Planning & Zoning is meeting at the end of May and the Auditor expressed that it would be difficult to get a moratorium in place prior to that because of the publication requirements, etc.

The Auditor & Supervisors reviewed the FY2026 budget amendment requests. This will hopefully be the last amendment.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:15AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a public hearing pertaining to a FY2026 budget amendment. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a Non-Profit Agreement with Greater Franklin County Chamber of Commerce for FY2027. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a Community Resource Center Lease Agreement for FY2027 with 43 North Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a Community Resource Center Lease Agreement for FY2027 with Onward Therapy PLLC. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between CICS and Franklin County for the employment of Josh Henderson. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve Pay Application #2 for Carl A Nelson & Co for the Courthouse Electrical Upgrade Project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acting as Drainage Trustees, motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the drainage minutes from 4/28/2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:05AM until Tuesday, May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2026, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:

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Chris Vanness, Chairman

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Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board