

May 4, 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 27, 2026 were read and approved.

Approved claims for payment.

Dani Eisentrager presented the County with a commemorative flag in recognition of America's 250th anniversary from the Iowa State Bar Association and the Iowa State Bar Foundation.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Kluss to approve the Courthouse Grounds Use for First Citizens Bank on July 24, 2026. Motion carries.

Discussion was held regarding the Master Matrix for the Buffalo Site in Vernon Township. Ellis explained that even with points taken away, the site would still pass the DNR scoring. The DNR will be issuing the permit for the Buffalo site.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Ellis to open the public hearing on the Wright County Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 at 9:15 a.m. Motion carries.

There were no written comments.

Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to close the public hearing on the Wright County Budget Amendment for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 at 9:16 a.m. Motion carries.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to approve Resolution 2026-15 to adopt the Fiscal Year 2025-2026 Wright County Budget Amendment and appropriation to various departments. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Resolution 2026-15 duly passes and reads as follows:

Resolution 2026-15
2025-2026 Budget Amendment #1

WHEREAS, the Wright County Board of Supervisors met on May 4, 2026 for the purpose of amending the county budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026; and

WHEREAS, no written objections were filed

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the amendment of the county budget for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 shall be adopted and published.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriations for Fiscal Year 2025-2026, which were adopted on June 23, 2025 and amended on May 4, 2026 shall now be appropriated as follows:

EXPENSES	FROM	TO	DIFFERENCE
Supervisors	4,344,519	4,351,432	6,913
Attorney	409,163	409,163	0
Drainage	59,000	169,000	110,000
Engineer	8,588,513	8,054,262	-534,251

Conservation	1,451,190	1,504,094	52,904
Public Health	800,970	823,524	22,554
Data Processing	420,190	456,859	36,669
TOTAL EXPENSES			-305,211

By Fund Expenses

General Basic	96,205
Public Health Basic	12,100
ARPA	-1,383
Opioid Settlement	10,264
General Supplemental	1,664
Public Health Supplemental	190
Secondary Roads	-534,251
Drainage	110,000

Revenues were decreased by \$73,492.

Passed and approved this 4th day of May, 2026.

Loux had concerns that the shoulder of the road where the guardrail was removed from the Taylor Avenue bridge, was also removed. Loux stated that he called the Iowa DOT regarding the shoulder and was informed that there is no reason, rational or requirement that would necessitate removal of the shoulder due to removal of the guardrail. Clemons shared an email from the same Iowa DOT representative stating that when Loux called they had not reviewed the area and after reviewing it, concurs with the logic that the guardrail blister should have been removed at the same time, as it creates a travel portion where a person could hit the bridge end section, which is not a crash worthy end section. Bosch asked Jay LeFevre with ICAP to attend via Zoom to answer any questions regarding liability. LaFevre said that there could be liability if an accident occurred and the County removed a safety feature such as the guardrail. Clemons stated that the bridge was installed per the approved plans of the Board of Supervisors and the Iowa DOT. Loux will meet with LeFevre at the bridge to go over the situation.

Adam Clemons, Wright County Engineer, presented the FY 26 Iowa DOT Secondary Roads Budget Amendment. Motion by Kluss and seconded by Rasmussen to approve the FY 26 Iowa DOT Secondary Roads Budget Amendment. Motion carries.

Clemons then gave an update on the secondary roads department.

Motion by Ellis and seconded by Loux to go into closed session at 9:50 a.m. in accordance with Iowa Code Chapter 21.5(c) to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation in regard to the Legge claim. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Motion carries.

Motion by Rasmussen and seconded by Ellis to come out of closed session at 10:53 a.m. By roll call vote: Ayes – Kluss, Rasmussen, Bosch, Loux, and Ellis; Nays – none. Motion carries.

There was no action taken regarding the closed session.

In new business, Rasmussen informed the board that he was contacted by Tom Ford regarding a leak in the Agribusiness pumphouse that needs to be fixed.

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

Ashley Bosch, Chairperson
Wright County Board of Supervisors

Deb Nesheim, Wright County Deputy Auditor