

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met January 17, 2025. Heitshusen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Degen, Heitshusen, Maas, Montross and Meyer were present.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **approve the agenda**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **approve the minutes** from January 10, 2025. All aye, motion carried.

**Chair Notes:** The board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 36504 – 36507 and 36677 – 36678 and payroll paid with warrant numbers 36509 - 36679.

Matt Amelon, Iowa County Engineer met with the board to discuss construction, road maintenance, projects, and Engineer's office miscellaneous.

Adam Rabe, Iowa County Ambulance Director met with the board to present monthly department report.

Recess at 9:38 a.m.

Chairman Heitshusen call meeting back to order at 9:43 a.m.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **approve the correction to January 2, 2025, appointment of Marilyn Austin as Mental Health Advocate**. Iowa County currently has a 28E Agreement with Johnson County to share Mental Health Advocate. All aye, motion carried.

Lincoln Township Clerk replacement appointment consideration. No action taken.

Rob Rotter, Iowa County Sheriff and Jeff Krotz, Iowa County Jailer met with the board to present U.S. Marshall Jail updated contract increasing the Per Diem rate from \$60.00 to \$85.00 and transport rate from \$20.00/hourly rate to \$30.00/hourly rate to the board for consideration. Sheriff Rotter also discussed the possibility of increasing the number of Federal inmates and the advantages and disadvantages. This matter will be formally presented at a later date for consideration.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Meyer to **approve and authorize Sheriff Rotter to sign U.S. Marshall Jail contract** updating the per diem rate to \$85.00 and \$30.00/hourly rate for transportation to assist in covering increasing costs to the Sheriff's Department. All aye, motion carried.

Tracey Achenbach, ECIHTF – East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund met with the board to present their FY26 local match request of funds totaling \$3,900.00 for the next fiscal year.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **approve FY26 local match request** of \$3,900.00 from East Central Iowa Housing Trust Fund. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **approve Iowa County Treasurer's clerk and salary**. All aye, motion carried.

Recess at 10:43 a.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called meeting back to order at 10:54 a.m.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Maas to **approve the appointment of Hartford Township Clerk A.J. Schnebbe**. This appointment will fill the vacancy and fulfil the term of Betty Harp, due to her recent passing. All aye, motion carried.

**FY26 Budget** work session.

The board discussed home health care, current levy rates for FY25 and maximum levy limits for General Basic and Rural Basic Funds for FY26, also discussed was moving specific allowable expenditures from General Basic to General Supplemental. No final decisions have been made regarding the budget, raises etc. The Board will contact all departments asking them to review their budgets and add a 2.5% salary increase, the Sheriff will calculate at 4% for union employees and the Secondary Roads union employees 3%.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **adjourn** the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

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Kevin Heitshusen, Chairman

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Brandy Enochson, Auditor

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