

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

Motion by Degen, seconded by Meyer to **approve** the agenda. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Meyer to **approve** minutes for May 2, 2025. All aye, motion carried.

Chair Notes: The board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 38817 – 38820 and payroll paid with warrant numbers 38821 – 38980.

Tabled item: Weed Commissioner Appointment remains tabled until further research can be done by the Iowa County Engineer regarding the pay, for time performing Weed Commissioner duties vs. other duties non-related to Weed Commissioner.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the board with an update on construction, road maintenance, office miscellaneous and Main Amana parking concerns.

Sandy Newkirk, an Amana business owner, was present to discuss issues with parking in Main Amana with Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer and the Iowa County Board of Supervisors. And suggestions to resolve the concerns, this will be on the next agenda to continue discussions and will be scheduled on May 30, 2025, for possible action.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **pass, adopt, and approve Resolution 2025-05-09-A** for Johnson – Iowa Rd – Speed Limit as follows:

SPEED LIMIT RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2025-05-09-A

REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON JOHNSON-IOWA RD TO 45 MPH.

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS: Approximately 50% of the roadway consists of residential frontage. There are approximately 20 driveways, 2 subdivisions (consisting of approximate 20 homes and 5 homes), and a railroad crossing.

WHEREAS: There have been 3 crashes in this stretch over the past 10 years.

WHEREAS: Iowa County Board of Supervisors wishes to slow down traffic approaching the intersection with Hwy 6.

WHEREAS: Such investigation has been requested and completed by the Iowa County Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that speed limits be established and appropriate signs erected at the locations described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Hwy 6 and Johnson-Iowa Rd then proceeding south on Johnson-Iowa Rd approximately 4,530 ft. to the intersection of Johnson-Iowa Rd and 180th St, a speed limit of 45 miles per hour be established.

All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Montross to **pass, adopt, and approve Resolution 2025-05-09 V-52 – Speed Limit** as follows:

SPEED LIMIT RESOLUTION

Resolution # 2025-05-09

REDUCE SPEED LIMIT ON V52 TO 45 MPH

WHEREAS: The Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Sections 321.255 and 321.285 of the Code of Iowa to determine upon the basis of an engineering and traffic investigation that the speed limit of any secondary road is greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing, and may determine and declare a reasonable and proper speed limit, and

WHEREAS: The population of the City of Ladora is less than 500 and V52 is a Farm-to-Market Route.

WHEREAS: Iowa Code 306.4 subsection 3.a. states, “Effective July 1, 2004, jurisdiction and control over a farm-to-market extension or road transferred pursuant to section 306.8A within a city with a population of less than five hundred shall be vested in the county board of supervisors of the respective county.”

WHEREAS: There have been 0 crashes in this zone over the past 10 years.

WHEREAS: Iowa County wishes to slow down traffic entering the City of Ladora and traffic approaching the intersection with Hwy 6.

WHEREAS: Such investigation has been requested and completed by the Iowa County Engineer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that speed limits be established and appropriate signs erected at the locations described as follows:

Beginning at the intersection of Hwy 6 and V52 (East St/G Ave) then proceeding south on V52 approximately 1,120 ft., a speed limit of 45 miles per hour be established.

All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **open Public Hearing** at 10:00 a.m. for Iowa County FY25 Budget Amendment #2. All aye, motion carried.

No written comments received.

No public comments.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **close Public Hearing** at 10:01 for Iowa County FY25 Budget Amendment #2. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Maas to **approve Iowa County FY25 Budget Amendment #2** as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Dylan Healey, Iowa County Building Maintenance met with the board to go over the department monthly update and the consideration of the purchase of Knox Box container to be placed on

specific locations, these containers would be in case of an emergency Law Enforcement and Fire Departments to make access to these specific locations more effective and efficient.

Rob Rotter, Iowa County Sheriff presented his suggestion for amendment to Policy SO 001, sock leave donations. The board will have our HR Attorney review the updates to policy and will also ask if a revision of the policy that mimics the State of Iowa donation of leave time would be an effective approach going forward.

Rob Rotter, Iowa County Sheriff and Josh Humphrey, Iowa County Emergency Management Director, met with the board to discuss radio equipment purchase and contracts.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **approve liquor license** for Midwest Festivals, LLC. All aye, motion carried.

The consensus of the board was to move forward with the processes required to sell Iowa County owned property, Parcel # 163501042. Montross will contact the Iowa County Attorney regarding the next steps.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Degen to **accept Pioneer Cemetery Commission resignation** from Becky Birch, effective immediately. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **appoint Bowen Yoder to vacant Pioneer Cemetery Commission seat**. All aye, motion carried.

No action taken on the second appointment Pioneer Cemetery Commission seat at this time.

No action taken on appointment of Weed Commissioner.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **adjourn** at 10:58 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Kevin Heitshusen, Chairperson

Brandy Enochson, Auditor

*****Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next Board Meeting. *****