

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met on June 13, 2025. Heitshusen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Degen, Heitshusen, Maas, Meyer, and Montross were present.

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

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **approve** minutes for June 6, 2025. All aye, motion carried.

**Chair Notes:** The board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 39598, 39755 – 39757 and claims paid with warrant numbers 39599 – 39754.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **approve pay increase** for Lawrence Fekkether and Doug Emerson, due to their obtaining Class C – CDL Certification/Licensing. Pay will be increased to \$16.08 for each of these employees. All aye, motion carried.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the board with an update on construction, road maintenance, and office miscellaneous. Mr. Steve Pohlman was present to discuss the possible vacation of a portion of M Ave located near 1092 M Ave, Marengo, Iowa.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Degen to **approve and authorize Chairman to sign Final Pay Voucher: BROS-C48(96)—8J-48**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Degen to **pass, adopt and approve Resolution 2025-06-13** as follows:

**Resolution 2025-06-13  
Bridge Embargos**

WHEREAS; the Board of Supervisors is empowered under authority of Code of Iowa Sections 321.236 Sub.(8), 321.255 and 321.471 to 321.473 to prohibit operation of vehicles or impose limitations as to the weight thereof on designated highways or highway structures under their jurisdictions, and

WHEREAS; the Iowa County Engineer has caused to be completed the Structure Inventory and Appraisal of certain Iowa County bridges in accordance with the National Bridge Inspection Standards, and it has determined that they are inadequate for two-lane legal loads at allowable operating stress.

WHEREAS; the Iowa County Supervisors approved a list of bridges with vehicle and load limits and said list needs to be revised due to recent inspections or bridge replacements.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors to approve the following vehicle and load limit changes, and that signs be erected advising of the permissible maximum weights or closures thereof:

- Bridge ID# 190811; HA-1700; Post at 10 Tons All Vehicles.

- Bridge ID# 190790; HA-4800; Post at 10 Tons All Vehicles. (Keep One Lane)
- Bridge ID# 191790; HC-0058; Post at 23 Tons All Vehicles.
- Bridge ID# 189680; P-1059; Close Structure

All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Degen to **pass, adopt and approve Resolution 2025-06-13 A** as follows:

**Resolution 2025-06-13 A**

**Resolution approving Iowa County Participation in the Iowa Department of Transportation Traffic Safety Improvement Program**

WHEREAS, Safety is a major concern of Iowa County Board of Supervisors and Highway Safety is a major aspect of safety, and

WHEREAS, funding is insufficient to provide all appropriate safety components on our roadways, and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has identified the curve on F46, at the intersection with T Ave, as a location where vehicular safety could be improved and funded with the TSIP grant, and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the board of Supervisor to apply for safety funding on County Road F46 for curve and intersection realignment near T Ave. It is also assured by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors that any funded improvements will be adequately maintained. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **approve the Engineer's office to hire a new office manager that may overlap with the current office managers retirement date.** Approved to up to two weeks. All aye, motion carried.

Dylan Healey, Iowa County Building Maintenance met with the board to present a department update. He mentioned to the board that he would like to dissolve the contract with US Cellular for the Building Maintenance cell phone; Chairman Heitshusen will go to US Cellular to have the line discontinued. Also, discussed was discontinuing the use of Cintas as the mat provider for the courthouse campus, due to poor quality of the rugs they provide.

Motion by Maas, seconded by **to go into Public Hearing at 10:00 a.m. for Iowa County FY25 Budget Amendment #3.** All aye, motion carried.

No written comments

No public comments

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross, to **go out of Public Hearing at 10:01 a.m. for Iowa County FY25 Budget Amendment #3.** All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **approve Iowa County FY25 Budget Amendment #3**. All aye, motion carried.

Recess at 10:02 a.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called the meeting back to order at 10:06 a.m.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **approve Quarterly Transfer from Rural Basic to Secondary Roads of \$328,750.00**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **go into Closed Session Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 21.5(j)**, to discuss the purchase or sale of particular real estate only where premature disclosure could be reasonably expected to increase the price the governmental body would have to pay for that property or reduce the price the governmental body would receive for that property. The minutes and the audio recording of a session closed under this paragraph shall be available for public examination when the transaction discussed is completed. at 10:17 a.m. Roll call vote: Heitshusen, aye; Degen, aye; Montross, aye; Maas, aye; Meyer, aye. All aye, motion carried.

Closed Session Minutes sealed and secured.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **exit Closed Session at 10:49 a.m.** All aye, motion carried.

The board discussed with Josh Humphrey, Iowa County EMA Director, a request for payment from Presbyterian Homes that was received from Humphrey on June 10, 2025, Payment request is for Highland Ridge conveyances. The board is disputing the request for payment as these charges were not approved by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, the Iowa County Attorney has reviewed the unredacted invoice and it appears that many of the charges do not appear to be the responsibility of Iowa County. EMA commission is responsible for payment due to no permission given to pay such expenditures by the Board of Supervisors.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **adjourn** at 11:17 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

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Kevin Heitshusen, Chairperson

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Brandy Enochson, Auditor

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