

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met on December 5, 2025. Heitshusen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present are Degen, Heitshusen, Montross, Maas and Meyer.

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 November 21, 2025. All aye, motion carried.

Chair Notes: The board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 43311, 43312, 43475, 43476 & 43634. Claims paid with warrant numbers 43313 – 43474 and payroll paid with warrant numbers 43477 – 43633.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **approve liquor license** amendment for Casey's Market. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Degen to **approve Family Farm disallows** as presented by Iowa County Assessor. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Montross to pass, adopt and approve Resolution 2025-12-05 Naming Depositories for Iowa County as follows:

Resolution 2025-12-05

County Board of Supervisors approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories for the following funds. The said County Officials are hereby authorized to deposit the County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below as of 12-5-2025.

IOWA COUNTY AUDITOR		
Depository Name	Home Office	Maximum Deposits
Marengo Bank/GSB	Grinnell	\$10,000
IOWA COUNTY RECORDER		
Keystone Savings Bank	Keystone (Marengo)	\$75,000
IOWA COUNTY SHERIFF		
Keystone Savings Bank	Keystone (Marengo)	\$350,000
IOWA COUNTY TREASURER		
Marengo Bank/GSB	Grinnell	\$3,000,000
Farmers Trust & Savings	Williamsburg	\$4,000,000
MidwestOneBank (NE)	Oskaloosa	\$3,500,000
Chelsea Savings Bank	Victor	\$6,000,000
Fidelity Bank & Trust (W'burg)	Sigourney	\$4,000,000
Keystone Savings Bank	Keystone (Marengo)	\$20,000,000
First National Bank of Omaha		\$7,000,000

All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **authorize Chairman Heitshusen to sign engagement letter** between Iowa County and Northland Securities. All aye, motion carried.

The board recessed from 9:22 a.m. until 9:32 a.m.

The board discussed the different options for radio system bond financing. They will have Heidi Kuhl, with Northland Securities present December 12 at 10:15 a.m. via phone to confirm the options and proceed.

The board recessed from 9:36 a.m. until 9:45 a.m.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **go into public hearing** at 9:45 a.m. for Iowa County Ordinance #2 – General Relief Program. All aye, motion carried.

No written comments and no public comments were made.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **go out of public hearing** at 9:48 for Iowa County Ordinance #2 – General Relief Program. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Montross to **pass, adopt and approve Resolution 2025-12-05 A for Iowa County General Relief Program** and waive 2nd and 3rd readings of the ordinance #2 as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-12-05 A

Whereas, Iowa County Attorney's Office has submitted County Home Rule Ordinance #2, an ordinance amending and readopting the existing county code and repealing certain provisions therein, Iowa County, Iowa.

Whereas, a recorded vote was taken and passed by a majority vote of the supervisors present to waive the second and third reading of said ordinance and move to final passage of said ordinance;

NOW, THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED Iowa County, Iowa hereby waives the second and third reading of County Home Rule Ordinance #2 and shall move to final consideration and passage of said ordinance pursuant to Iowa Code section 331.302(6).
All aye, motion carried.

The board recessed from 9:50 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **go into public hearing #1** at 10:00 a.m. for Declaration of EMS as Essential Service in Iowa County. All aye, motion carried.

No written comment received.

Public Comment: Adam Rabe, Iowa County Ambulance Director presented a handout to the board explaining why Iowa County EMS is an Essential Service.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **go out of public hearing #1** at 10:09 a.m. for Declaration of EMS as Essential Service in Iowa County. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **pass Resolution 2025-12-05 B Declaration of EMS and Essential Service in Iowa County** as follows:

RESOLUTION 2025-12-05 B

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN IOWA COUNTY, IOWA AS AUTHORIZED BY IOWA CODE SECTION 422.D.1

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code 331.301(1) to “exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improved the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents”; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County supports EMS to its residents and seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services to all its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, ensuring sufficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of maintaining and advancing the level of care, capability, and coverage of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Iowa County; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615 was signed into law by Governor Reynolds, amending Iowa Code Section 422D.1, giving Iowa Counties the ability to declare EMS an essential service for their respective county, thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county’s voters at an election.

WHEREAS, Iowa County Board of Supervisors, on September 19th, 2025, directed that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution be made and any other actions be taken as necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code 422D.1 to declare EMS to be an essential county service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, that: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hereby declared an essential service in and for Iowa County, Iowa, and the Iowa County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Iowa County residents and provide for an sufficient and effective Iowa County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System that allows for quality care for the persons living, working, or traveling in Iowa County, Iowa. Exercising said necessary power and function includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of a Iowa County emergency medical services advisory council and the proposition of a local option income surtax and/or ad valorem property tax to fund EMS be voted upon by Iowa County voters.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that adoption of this resolution will allow 1) For an election to be offered for voter approval of an ad valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for EMS and 2) The creation of a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching/assessing the service needs of the county and guide implementation of the same under Iowa Code Section 422D.1.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax or ad valorem property tax, or some combination thereof, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least sixty percent of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.

Roll Call vote: Degen, aye; Heitshusen, aye; Maas, nay; Meyer, aye; Montross, aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **adjourn** at 10:13 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Kevin Heitshusen, Chairperson

Brandy Enochson, Auditor

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