

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met on December 12, 2025. Heitshusen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Members present are Degen, Heitshusen, Maas, Meyer and Montross.

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

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **approve** the minutes from December 5, 2025. All aye, motion carried.

Chair Notes: The board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 43634 – 43638 and 43738; claims paid with warrant numbers 43639 – 43782.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Montross to **transfer \$2,000.00 from Hotel/Hotel Fund (14000) to Pioneer Cemetery Fund (08000) to be used for signage project for the cemeteries.** All aye, motion carried.

No action needed regarding the 911 Tower – H Avenue, Millersburg lease agreement, per Iowa County Assistant County Attorney, Tim Dille.

Recess at 9:05 a.m.

Meeting called back to order by Chairman Heitshusen at 9:10 a.m.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the board to present the department's weekly update of construction, road maintenance, the need to update/amend Ordinance 22 – Iowa County Snow and Ice Policy and office miscellaneous. Amelon also presented his departments 2025 End of Year report to the board.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Montross to **authorize Chairman Heitshusen to sign Funding Agreement -BROD-C048(108)—8J-48.** All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Maas to **authorize Chairman Heitshusen to sign Iowa DOT Detour Agreement** for US 6 from East of BB Avenue to West of D Avenue. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Degen to **authorize Chairman Heitshusen to sign Iowa DOT Detour Agreement** for US 6 from 0.3 miles West of T Avenue to T Avenue. All aye, motion carried

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **allow Secondary Roads Department to haul equipment to Cedar Rapids for the Iowa County Landfill**, in the future if scheduling allows. The Iowa County Landfill will be invoiced for service provided. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **go into Public Hearing** for Declaration of EMS an Essential Service in Iowa County at 10:00 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

No written comments received.

Public Comment: Scott Hamilin in support of the EMS being declared an essential service.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Montross to **close Public Hearing** for Declaration of EMS an Essential Service in Iowa County at 10:02 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Administrative/Procedural Correction made on 12-19-2025, per HR Attorney guidance (will also be recorded in 12-19-2025 minutes). Roll Call was taken, but need a motion and a second to comply with procedure.

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

RESOLUTION 2025-12-12

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.

Recess at 10:05 a.m.

Meeting called back to order at 10:07 a.m.

Dylan Healey, Building Maintenance met with the board for a brief department update.

Heidi Kuhl, Northland Securities met with the board via phone today to discuss the radio system project bonding schedule. No action items.

Courtney Hart, Prevention Specialist with Community & Family Resources, met with the board to update them on the Iowa Behavioral Health Realignment.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **adjourn** at 10:45 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Kevin Heitshusen, Chairperson

Brandy Enochson, Auditor

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