

Iowa County Conference Board Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, January 28, 2026

Kevin Heitshusen called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. at the East Courthouse Annex, Marengo, Iowa.

Those present were:

Supervisors: Kevin Heitshusen
Jon Degen
Seth Meyer
Chris Montross

School Boards: Mark Armstrong - Williamsburg
Jillissa Chvala – Iowa Valley
Maria Hawkins - HLV
Susan Schaefer – English Valley
Rick Hergert - CCA

Mayors: Adam Grier - Williamsburg
Kyle Shaull - Ladora
Eric Refer – Victor
Rick Rodgers - Parnell

Also present were Liz Kriegel, Assessor, Marcy DeMeulenaere, Chief Deputy Assessor, Laura Dietrich, Field Appraiser and Ashlea Mente, Office Manager

A quorum was declared present.

Motion by Jon Degen and seconded by Eric Refer to **approve the agenda**. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Seth Meyer and seconded by Mark Armstrong to **approve the minutes** of February 26, 2025. All aye, motion carried.

Liz Kriegel gave an office update including:

1. Overview of Conference Board and Assessor's Office duties and responsibilities
2. Discussion
 - IPIB training requirements for all newly elected and appointed members
 - New value increases throughout each property classification
 - New home construction
 - Proposed legislative changes and effects it could have in the Assessor's Office
 - Kinze and Whirlpool District Court cases update

Motion by Adam Grier and seconded by Rick Hergert to set the public hearing for FY 2025/2026 budget amendment for February 25, 2026 at 6 p.m., at the East Annex, Marengo, IA. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chris Montross and seconded by Maria Hawkins to authorize the hiring of outside legal counsel in the event of a commercial/industrial protest to PAAB or District Court, currently Ted Craig with . All ayes, motion carried.

Liz Kriegel, Assessor, presented the proposed FY 2027 budget amounts. Proposed salary increases reflected a 6% salary increase for the Assessor and Chief Deputy Assessor. Motion by Mark Armstrong and seconded by Adam Grier to **approve a 6% salary increase for the Assessor, Chief Deputy Assessor and office staff. Assessor salary set to \$96,797 and Chief Deputy salary set to \$82,276**. Motion carried.

Motion by Jon Degen and seconded by Maria Hawkins to set the public hearing for FY 2027 budget for February 25, 2026, at 6 p.m., at the East Annex, Marengo, IA. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Chris Montross and seconded by Kyle Shaul **to adjourn** at 6:39 p.m. All aye, motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Kriegel
Iowa County Assessor