

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met on July 10, 2026. Heitshusen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Degen, Heitshusen, Maas, and Meyer were present. Montross was absent.

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

Motion by Maas, seconded by Degen to **approve the minutes** from June 26 & June 30, 2026. All aye, motion carried.

Chair notes: The board approved Payroll with warrant numbers 48114 – 48154 and 48164 – 48329. Handwritten claims paid with warrant number 48109 – 48113, 48155 – 48163, 48320 – 48331 and 48463. Claims paid with warrant numbers 48332 – 48462. Manaure Management Plans received by Deep River Pork South, # 58596; Morrow 1 Site # 68591; Mark Kovar, # 67886; Teggetz North # 64375; Teggetz South # 63143. Balance Sheet received from Iowa County Sheriff for quarter ending June 30, 2026.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer, met with the board to present weekly department updates.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Maas to **approve and authorize the chairman to sign** DOT Fillets (Hwy 149) Funding Agreement as presented. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **approve liquor licenses** for Mark Olson Receivership, DBA-Amoco Williamsburg; Positive Friday Investments, LLC., DBA-Philip Dickel Baskey Museum; Positive Friday Investments, LLC., DBA-Safe Have of Iowa County; Investments on Brando Streit. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **approve** mileage reimbursement policy update as follows:

Mileage Reimbursement Policy Update

Mileage will be reimbursed by the County when the use of a personal vehicle is required for official County business and the total reimbursable travel is five (5) or more miles. Reimbursable mileage shall be calculated only from the employee's regular work location (County office) to the authorized work destination and return, as applicable. Mileage between work locations during the workday is also reimbursable when required for County business.

Mileage for personal errands, meal breaks, restaurants, commuting beyond the authorized starting point, or any other non-County business travel is not reimbursable. Employees must submit the date of travel, destination(s), business purpose, and total reimbursable miles with their claim. Mileage will be reimbursed at the rate established annually by the Board of Supervisors at its January organizational meeting.

All aye, motion carried.

Accident Reporting Policy update, no action required. The policy is already in place and will be resent to departments as a reminder of the policy.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Degen to **approve** to proceed with the RenoDry Project Estimate for \$39,500.00 and will be paid from the Building Maintenance budget. All aye, motion carried

No action taken on Insurance Broker bid process, this item will remain on the agenda.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Maas to **approve** the scrapping of old non-functioning generator. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Meyer to **approve Road Closure** request for Iowa Model A Day on August 15, 2026, 47th Ave in the Village of Amana. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **pass, adopt and approve HF2490 Open Records and Open Meeting Law Resolution 2026-07-10** as follows:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07-10
A RESOLUTION DESIGNATING THE PLACE AT WHICH NOTICE OF
MEETINGS OF THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS SHALL BE
POSTED PER HF2490 OPEN RECORDS AND OPEN MEETINGS LAW

WHEREAS, the Iowa Legislature has amended Iowa's Open Meetings statute to require every governmental body to designate annually a prominent and conspicuous place for posting notice of its meetings;

WHEREAS, beginning on July 1, 2026, such notice must always be visible for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting for which notice is being given; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has previously adopted an Open Meetings Policy expressing the Board's commitment to both transparency and public participation in government;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR IOWA COUNTY, IOWA:

Section 1. At least one full business day prior to the commencement of each meeting of the Iowa County Board of Supervisors from July 10, 2026, through and including January 4, 2027, the Iowa County Auditor shall post a meeting agenda, including the time, date, and place of the meeting, facing outward, on the bulletin board visible from outside of and at East Courthouse main entrance, 901 Court Avenue, Marengo, IA, the bulletin board at East Courthouse Annex, 970 Court Avenue, Marengo, IA and on the county website www.iowacounty.iowa.gov

Section 2. On January 4, 2027, organizational meeting, and at every annual organizational meeting thereafter, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors shall designate the place at which notice of its meetings shall be posted for the following year.
All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **approve and authorize the chairman to sign** HIPAA Business Associate Agreement for Wellmark Self-Funded Accounts. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **pass, adopt and approve FY26-27 Interfund Temporary Operating Loan for \$10,000.00 from General Fund** to Flex Fund Resolution 2026-07-10-A as follows:

RESOLUTION 2026-07-10-A

RESOLUTION FOR INTER-FUND TEMPORARY OPERATING LOAN

WHEREAS, Fund 86000 (Flex Fund) is funded by employee payroll deductions, and

WHEREAS, Initial Funding for the Flex Fund is required but has not been yet collected from payroll deductions, and

WHEREAS, it is desired to temporarily loan monies from the Fund 01000 (General Basic) to Fund 86000 (Flex Fund), and

WHEREAS, said temporary operating loan is in accordance with Section 331:432 of the Code of Iowa.

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Iowa County, Iowa, as follows:

The sum of Ten Thousand Dollars (\$10,000.00) is ordered to be transferred from Fund 01000 (General Basic) to Fund 86000 (Flex Fund).

The above and foregoing resolution was adopted by the Board of Supervisors of Iowa County, Iowa, on July 10, 2026. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Meyer to **appoint** Todd Sauerbrei as Iowa County Sheriff to fill current vacancy immediately by Resolution 2026-07-10-A as follows:

**IOWA COUNTY RESOLUTION NO. 2026-07-10-B APPOINTING
TODD SAUERBREI AS IOWA COUNTY SHERIFF**

A resolution by Iowa County to Appoint Todd Sauerbrei as Iowa County Sheriff created by the resignation of Sheriff Robert Rotter.

WHEREAS, a vacancy exists in the office of Iowa County Sheriff effective June 2, 2026, due to the resignation of Sheriff Robert Rotter who was appointed as U.S. Marshall for the Northern District of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, the office of Iowa County Sheriff is an elective county office pursuant to Iowa Code § 39.17(1) and Iowa Code § 331.651(1), with a four-year term, and under Iowa Code § 69.2(1)(d), a vacancy in a civil office occurs upon the resignation of the incumbent; and
WHEREAS, Pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.8(3), vacancies in county offices shall be filled by the board of supervisors, unless an election is called as provided in Iowa Code § 69.14A; and

WHEREAS, Iowa Code § 69.14A(2)(a) governs the filling of vacancies in offices listed in the Iowa Code § 39.17, including the office of sheriff, and provides that such vacancies shall be filled by one of two procedures: appointment by the board of supervisors or special election; and WHEREAS, under Iowa Code § 69.14A(2)(a). If the board of supervisors chooses to proceed by appointment, the appointment shall be for the period until the next general election and shall be made within 40 days after the vacancy occurs, which in this case is by July 12, 2026; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors published notice in the manner prescribed by Iowa Code § 331.305 stating that the board intends to fill the vacancy by appointment but that the electors of the county have the right to file a petition requiring that the vacancy be filled by special election, and no such petition meeting the requirements of Iowa Code § 331.306 was filed with the county auditor within fourteen days after publication of the notice; and

WHEREAS Chief Deputy Todd Sauerbrei, who has been exercising the powers and duties of the office as the First Deputy Sheriff pursuant to Iowa Code § 331.651(1) since the vacancy arose; and

WHEREAS Todd Sauerbrei is qualified to serve as Iowa County Sheriff, has resided in Iowa County for sixty days prior to appointment as required by Iowa Code § 69.14A(2)(a)(1), and meets all other legal requirements for the office; and

WHEREAS pursuant to Iowa Code § 69.10, any appointment must be in writing and filed in the office where the oath of office is required to be filed, and under Iowa Code § 69.11, an appointee filling a vacancy in an elective office shall continue to hold until the next election at which such vacancy can be filled, as provided in Iowa Code § 69.12. and until a successor is elected and qualified; and

WHEREAS, the next general election is scheduled for November 3, 2026, and the appointment of Todd Sauerbrei will serve the public interest by ensuring continuity in law enforcement services for Iowa County; and

WHEREAS, following the board of supervisor's vote appointing Todd Sauerbrei as Iowa County Sheriff, he took the oath of office on this date, July 10, 2026, in accordance with Iowa Code § 331.651(3) and Iowa Code § 63.10, thereby qualifying him to assume the duties of the office immediately.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, Iowa County hereby appoints Todd Sauerbrei as Iowa County Sheriff to fill the vacancy in the office of Iowa County Sheriff, effective immediately, for the period until the next general election on November 3, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Todd Sauerbrei shall give bond as required under Iowa Code § 64.8, and that this appointment shall be filed as required by Iowa Code § 69.10.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors this 10th day of July, 2026.

Roll call vote: Degen, aye; Heitshusen, aye; Maas, aye; Meyer, aye; Montross, absent.
All aye, motion carried.

Tim McMeen, Iowa County Attorney, met with the board to discuss Data Center Regulations, the board agreed that the process of a moratorium should be started immediately. County Attorney will move forward with action to place a moratorium on future Data Centers.

Recess at 10:15 a.m.

Chairman called meeting back to order at 10:30 a.m.

Garet Dozark and John Gahring were present to discuss Ordinance #40, Iowa County Flow Control Ordinance.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Meyer to **approve** moving forward with the Iowa County Ordinance #44, Iowa County Flow Control Ordinance, with revision to be made, Dozark to email the revision to the Auditor. The board will publish and waive readings. All aye, motion carried. No action taken regarding the Pleasant Ridge Baptist Cemetery at this time, will be placed back on the agenda once a survey has been completed.

Recess at 10:52 a.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called meeting back to order at 10:54 a.m.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **go into Drainage Districts 10 & 12** at 10:55 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Travis Schlabach, Iowa County Drainage Districts 10 & 12 Superintendent met with the board regarding contract renewal and a Levee update.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Maas to **approve Drainage** Districts 10& 12 Employee Contract between Travis Schlabach and Iowa County Drainage Districts 10 & 12. Wage will increase to \$2,182.50 monthly and mowing increases to \$3,000.00 per mowing if the levee requires three mowing in one mowing season. Any additional mowing will require the approval of the Drainage District. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Meyer to **adjourn** at 11:07 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Kevin Heitshusen, Chairman

Brandy Enochson, Auditor

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

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