

April 9, 2025

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Baier, Hoadley, and Wedemeyer. Walker joined via phone. Christoffersen was absent. Also present: Mandy Berg, Kelly Mitchell, Nick Rassmussen, Caleb Nelson, Nina Utterback, Kayla Graham, Phil Kading, Lisa Carstens. Ric Hansen – KJAN, Mandy Billings – KSOM, and Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Walker to approve the agenda as posted. Approved.

RECORDER – OFFICE CLOSURE: Recorder Kelly Mitchell informed the Board that her and her staff will be attending ICUBE, a software training, on April 16, 2025 and she would like to close her office. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to approve the closing of the Recorder’s office on April 16, 2025 due to training. Approved. Mitchell exited at 9:02 a.m.

IOWA CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION PROGRAM: Nina Utterback, Kayla Graham, and Lisa Carstens discussed the ways they are promoting Iowa Child Abuse Prevention month. Carstens stated that they have teamed up with Tiger Drive In for blue ice cream and NV Nutrition for a blue drink to help spread the word. They will also be placing signs and pinwheels outside of the courthouse and asked the Board to sign a proclamation stating that April is recognized as Child Abuse Prevention Month. The group discussed their funding and stated that there is still a lot of uncertainty with the regions and how things will be end up. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley for the chair to sign the proclamation stating that April is Child Abuse Prevention Month in Adair County. Approved. Supervisor Jerry Walker joined via phone at 9:05 a.m. Utterback, Graham, and Carstens exited and Jotham Arber entered at 9:07 a.m.

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH UPDATE: Jotham Arber, Environmental Health, gave an update to the Board on the following projects: getting everything mapped out on GIS and will be talking with assessors to get things onto the County Beacon sites – they have met with Beacon Schneider to confirm that all counties have the capability to do so; started perc tests today; have a long wait for septic systems, but three of them will be going out to all four counties to try and get them done sooner; doing a big push this summer for water testing; getting the word out about being able to get \$1,000 of cost reimbursed for well rehabs; perc tests are about 9 weeks out, but they can move up tests for those systems that are failing. Arber exited and Melissa Larson, Jennifer Erbes, Abby Hansen, and Nick Kauffman entered at 9:14 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY26 BUDGET: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to open the public hearing for the FY26 budget at 9:15 a.m. No comments were received by the Supervisors or Auditor. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to close the public hearing at 9:17 a.m. **FY26 Compensation Resolution** – Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to approve **Resolution #2025-21** – WHEREAS, the Adair County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and WHEREAS, the Adair County Compensation Board met with the Board of Supervisors on December 18, 2024 and made the following salary recommendations to the Board of Supervisors for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Proposed Increase</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$70,344.30	5%	\$73,861.52
County Attorney (stay part-time)	\$91,663.55	5%	\$96,246.73
County Attorney (move to full-time)	\$91,663.55	5% + \$12,000	\$108,246.73
Recorder	\$70,344.30	5%	\$73,861.52
Sheriff	\$101,339.46	5%	\$106,406.43
Supervisors	\$31,477.47	5%	\$33,051.34
Supervisors, Add'l Chair Pay	\$1,200.00	-	\$1,200.00
Treasurer	\$70,344.30	5%	\$73,861.52

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Adair County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2025:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$73,861.52	5%
County Attorney (moved to full time)	\$106,246.73	5% + \$10,000
Recorder	\$73,861.52	5%
Sheriff	\$106,406.43	5%
Supervisors	\$33,051.34	5%
Supervisors, Add'l Chair Pay	\$1,200.00	-
Treasurer	\$73,861.52	5%

Roll Call Vote: Wedemeyer, aye; Hoadley, aye; Walker, aye; Baier, aye; and Christoffersen, absent. Approved. **Resolution Approving FY26 Budget** – Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to approve **Resolution #2025-22** – Approval Of FY26 Budget. BE IT RESOLVED by the Adair

County Board of Supervisors, that the budget for fiscal year 2026 be approved as published in the official newspapers of the county on March 26th & 27th, 2025 as required. A public hearing was held April 9th, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. The Adair County FY26 budget will hereby be certified and filed with the Iowa Department of Management by the Adair County Auditor and be filed in the office of the Adair County Auditor and a certification of taxes filed. Roll Call Vote: Wedemeyer, aye; Hoadley, aye; Walker, aye; Baier, aye; and Christoffersen, absent. Approved. **Sign FY26 Budget** – Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer for the Chair to sign the FY26 Budget. Approved. **SICOG Resolution** – Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to approve **Resolution #2025-21** – This Is a Resolution to Participate in the Planning and Development Programs of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments. Whereas, the Economic Development Administration was assigned to administer the provisions of the Public Works and Economic Development Act of 1965; and Whereas the Southern Iowa Council of Governments has been designated by the Economic Development Administration as an Economic Development District and Whereas the State of Iowa and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has designated the Southern Iowa Council of Governments as the area wide planning organization, and Whereas Adair County is a past member of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments and has participated in formulation of area wide plans and programs. Be It Therefore Resolved by the Adair County Board of Supervisors that Adair County desires to participate in the fiscal year 2023 planning and economic development programs of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments in Iowa Planning Area XIV, consisting of Adair, Adams, Clarke, Decatur, Madison, Ringgold, Taylor, and Union Counties. Be It Further Resolved by the Adair County Board of Supervisors that Adair County provides \$5,952.98 for the operation of the Southern Iowa Council of Governments’ planning and development programs. Roll Call Vote: Wedemeyer, aye; Hoadley, aye; Walker, aye; Baier, aye; and Christoffersen, absent. Approved.

TERMINATION OF EASEMENTS – PL566 STRUCTURES: County Attorney Melissa Larson stated she was approached by former Supervisor John Twombly back in the fall of 2023 regarding the 3-Mile Watershed Project. There was an MOU that was originally signed back in 1968 and further amended in 1985 between the County, landowners, DNR, and Soil and Water Conservation District regarding the maintenance of the PL566 Structures. The Agreement was good for 50 years and has since been “terminated” with letters sent to the landowners in 2018 stating that Adair County and the Adair SWCD no longer had any further legal obligation of the structures. This ended all financial obligations and inspections of the structures. However, since there is still an easement recorded on these structures, the structures still need to be inspected and maintained or taken out. In order to cease any obligations to the structures, the easements can be terminated, but in order to do so, all parties (County, Soil & Water Conservation District, DNR, and property owners) must all agree to terminate the easements. The SWCD has already agreed to terminate the easements. Larson is asking if the Board would also like to terminate the agreements. If so, the landowners and DNR will then be approached about terminating the easements. There are still a lot of questions that they will approach the DNR about including what the next steps will be if all parties agree to terminate. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Walker to move forward with terminating the easements for the PL566 Structures. Approved. Larson, Erbes, Hansen, and Kading exited at 9:34 a.m.

ENGINEER: Sign Front Page – Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to sign the front page of plans for the FY26 Pavement Marking Plans FM-C001(130)—55-01. Approved. Kauffman stated that P33 will still be painted this spring under last year’s contract. **Approve Performance Bond & Sign Contract** – Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the performance bond and sign the contract with GOVCO for the W1 Lee Bridge Replacement Project LFM-LBRW1L—7X-01. Approved. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – Engineer Kauffman gave an update to the Board on the following projects: started on bridge inspections; advertising to hire two people – had two resign in last two weeks; one of the motor graders lost an engine so doing a swap on it, have already done the transmission; started rock contract with Schildberg’s on Monday; Gus Construction is working on W12 Harrison; Murphy working on W22 Lee bridge deck; under budget so far with snow removal; and had a utility permit come in for fiber from Coon Valley. Dominic Johnson entered at 9:40 a.m. Kauffman exited at 9:43 a.m.

CONSERVATION UPDATE: Dominic Johnson, Conservation Director, gave an update to the Board on the following projects: parks are open with electric and water on in the campgrounds; will hopefully open up the shower houses by the end of next week; been cleaning up aluminum, fiberglass, wood, and other debris from the tornado at Ken Sidey, which will be wrapped up in the next couple of days; replaced all the Boards on the picnic tables this winter, but may have to look into replacing some of the tables in the next couple of years; have put down new wood chips at Mormon Trail and Orient playgrounds using grant funds from the Empowering Adair County Foundation; spring burns have been interesting with the burn bans in place but have been working with the fire departments on those; all water leaks at Mormon Trail have been fixed by Baudler Plumbing; Ashlynn Schubert will be coming back again as the Seasonal Naturalist starting June 2nd – the Greater Greenfield Foundation is helping with some of those expenses. Johnson exited at 9:52 a.m.

MINUTES: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to approve the minutes from April 2, 2025. Approved.

CLAIMS: Moved by Walker and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the following claims:

AUXIANT	HRA INS TRUST CLAIMS	\$5,746.82
	GRAND TOTAL	\$5,746.82
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST		\$5,746.82
	GRAND TOTAL	\$5,746.82

Approved.

MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to acknowledge receipt of the Manure Management Plan Update from Prestige Farms PI-269 Finisher. Approved.

SIGN MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE MOU: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to approve the Mental Health Advocate Memorandum of Understandings with Adams and Union Counties. Approved.

SET PUBLIC HEARING – RELOCATION OF ANHYDROUS AMMONIA TANKS: Auditor Mandy Berg stated that she was contacted by Agriland FS about the relocation of Anhydrous Ammonia Tanks at their Canby location and provided the Board with the map of their proposal. Agriland FS is required by the Department of Agriculture to notify the Board. After talking with the Department of Agricultural, Berg stated that the Board is required to hold a public hearing for anyone to come in and discuss this with Agriland and the Board. After the hearing, the Board will need to make a motion either in favor or against the relocation. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to set the public hearing for Agriland FS's relocation of their Anhydrous Ammonia tank for April 23rd at 9:05 a.m. Approved. Berg will publish a notice in the paper.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to adjourn at 9:56 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Nathan Baier, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Mandy Berg, Auditor