

**July 30, 2025**

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Baier, Hoadley, Christoffersen, and Walker. Wedemeyer joined via conference call. Also present: Mandy Berg, Jeff Vandewater, and Nick Rasmussen. Mandy Billings – KSOM, Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph, Caleb Nelson, Adair County Free Press and Ric Hansen - KJAN joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

**MINUTES:** Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Christoffersen to approve the minutes from July 23, 2025. Approved.

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

AUXIANT	HRA INS TRUST CLAIMS	\$6,313.90
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,313.90</b>
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST		\$6,313.90
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,313.90</b>

Approved.

**MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE:** Moved by Walker and seconded by Christoffersen to acknowledge receipt of the manure management plan updates Thompson Pork. Approved. Nick Kauffman and Erin Ford entered at 9:04 a.m.

**ISAC – VOTING REPRESENTATIVES RESOLUTION:** Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to approve **Resolution #2025-41** – To Designate Voting Representatives for the Iowa State Association of Counties. WHEREAS, Adair County (“County”) is a member of the Iowa State Association of Counties; and WHEREAS, the ISAC Articles of Incorporation were updated in November 2024 to require the County to designate, through resolution by its Board of Supervisors, its County Voting Representatives; and WHEREAS, only the designated County Voting Representatives have the power to vote on behalf of the County at ISAC; and WHEREAS, the County Voting Representatives must be either elected county officials or the principal officer for each county department represented by an Affiliated Association of ISAC. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Adair County Board of Supervisors, effective immediately, hereby designates the following persons as County Voting Representatives for ISAC: Iowa State Association of County Supervisors: Jerry Walker, Jodie Hoadley, Matt Wedemeyer, Nathan Baier, Michael Christoffersen; Iowa State Sheriffs’ and Deputies’ Association: Jeff Vandewater; Iowa County Attorneys Association, Inc.: Melissa Larson; Iowa State Association of County Auditors: Mandy Berg; Iowa State County Treasurers Association: Brenda Wallace; Iowa County Records Association, Inc.: Kelly Mitchell; Iowa County Engineers Association: Nick Kauffman; Iowa State Association of Assessors: Tiffany Warrior; Iowa Community Services Association: Mary Sturdy-Martin; Iowa Emergency Management Association: Jeremy Cooper; County Conservation Directors Association of Iowa: Dominic Johnson; Iowa Environmental Health Association, Inc.: Jotham Arber; Iowa Counties Public Health Association: Stephanie Claussen; County Zoning Officials of Iowa: N/A; Iowa Counties Information Technology Organization: N/A; Iowa Association of County Commissioners and Veterans Service Officers, Inc.: Gwen Johnston The County shall forward a copy of this Resolution with the names of the designated County Voting Representatives to [support@iowacounties.org](mailto:support@iowacounties.org). Roll call vote: Christoffersen, aye; Walker, aye; Hoadley, aye; Baier, aye; and Wedemeyer, absent for vote. Approved.

**COMPREHENSIVE PLAN – STEERING COMMITTEE:** The Board discussed different options for creating the committee. This will be put back on the agenda next week to finalize the list and return it to SICOG.

**SHERIFF: Hospital Meal Contract** – Sheriff Jeff Vandewater presented an agreement with the Adair County Hospital for jail meals. Vandewater stated that the last increase in price for the meals was back in 2019. This year, the meals will raise from \$7.50/meal to \$8.50/meal and going forward the price will automatically increase 5% every July 1<sup>st</sup>. The agreement will automatically renew every year unless on party terminates 30-days prior to the contract end date. Supervisor Hoadley stated she was concerned with the automatic 5% increase every year and the auto-renewing contract. Vandewater stated that there really is no other competition to providing the meals for inmates. The hospital will accommodate all dietary restrictions and medical conditions, as well as, any meals that must accommodate different religions. Moved by Walker and seconded by Christoffersen to approve the inmate meal agreement with the Adair County Hospital. **Opioid Funds** – Sheriff Vandewater stated that Lisa Carstens from Zion contacted him about the County possibly using some of the Opioid Settlement Funds to place a Narcan drop box in the County. Vandewater stated that Carstens would get some numbers around for the cost and that they would come back in at a later date with more information. Vandewater exited and Gwen Johnston and Steve Jorgensen entered at 9:23 a.m.

**VETERANS AFFAIRS:** Gwen Johnston, Veterans Affairs Administrator, presented the FY25 Veterans Affairs Annual Report: The entire State VA Grant was used effectively and a detailed report was completed outlining how the funds were spent. The Veterans’ Affairs budget was adequate to meet the needs of their program. Over the course of the year, 266 hours of volunteer service were provided to veterans. Outreach efforts have continued to grow, including monthly *Coffee with Comrades* events, which are seeing increased attendance. In response to the Governor’s call for greater suicide awareness, coasters with crisis contact information were distributed to local bars and restaurants. Additionally, a tornado relief fund of \$2,800 was used to assist veteran families affected by severe weather. The office held three grave-marking ceremonies and participated in mobile outreach five times throughout the year. Staff completed the required 20 hours of continuing education through virtual training. Despite federal budget cuts in other areas, the VA office has not been negatively affected. Community members can now contact Johnston to have names added to the

Veterans Memorial. In total, the office helped secure approximately \$7.89 million in federal benefits and medical expenses for our County's veterans. The Veterans Resource Fair, was held on September 11 at the fairgrounds, featuring numerous vendors from the Department of Veterans Affairs and complimentary lunch for attendees. Johnston and Jorgensen exited and Brenda Wallace, Melissa Larson, and Marilee Kerber entered at 9:34 a.m.

**TREASURER – TAX ABATEMENT:** Brenda Wallace, County Treasurer explained that since 1999, there has been an ongoing effort to collect taxes on a specific property, with limited success. The last collection occurred in 2011, despite assistance from multiple County Attorneys over the years. Complications such as bankruptcy and changes in ownership—from Nextel to Sprint—have made collection efforts increasingly difficult. The property sits on leased land, which makes it ineligible for tax sale, and the type of property is now considered non-taxable. Recently, the County Assessor removed the property's value from the tax rolls. After working with County Attorney Melissa Larson, it was determined that tax abatement is the only viable course of action left. While the tower on the site is now being taxed and paid for, the delinquency relates solely to the leased land, and all efforts have been made to minimize outstanding tax balances. Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to approve **Resolution #2025-42 – Abatement Of Taxes**. Whereas, As Per Iowa Code 445.16, the Adair County Board of Supervisors, does hereby abate the taxes for the following parcels:

<i>Parcel #</i>		<i>Base Taxes</i>	<i>Interest</i>	<i>Cost</i>	<i>Due</i>
Summit Anita					
0106400008	2011 DT	\$ 2134.00	\$ 4705.00	\$4.00	\$ 6843.00
	2012 DT	\$ 1948.00	\$ 3945.00	\$4.00	\$ 5897.00
	2013 DT	\$ 1890.00	\$ 3487.00	\$4.00	\$ 5381.00
	2014 DT	\$ 1786.00	\$ 2974.00	\$4.00	\$ 4764.00
	2015 DT	\$ 2092.00	\$ 3106.00	\$4.00	\$ 5202.00
	2016 DT	\$ 2066.00	\$ 2697.00	\$4.00	\$ 4767.00
	2017 DT	\$ 2032.00	\$ 2286.00	\$4.00	\$ 4322.00
	2018 DT	\$ 2040.00	\$ 1928.00	\$0.00	\$ 3968.00
	2019 DT	\$ 1060.00	\$ 874.00	\$4.00	\$ 1938.00
	2020 DT	\$ 898.00	\$ 579.00	\$4.00	\$ 1481.00
	2021 DT	\$ 876.00	\$ 407.00	\$4.00	\$ 1287.00
	2022 DT	\$ 400.00	\$ 114.00	\$4.00	\$ 518.00
Walnut A-C					
0211200008	2011 DT	\$ 1632.00	\$ 3599.00	\$4.00	\$ 5235.00
	2012 DT	\$ 1570.00	\$ 3179.00	\$4.00	\$ 4753.00
	2013 DT	\$ 1492.00	\$ 2753.00	\$4.00	\$ 4249.00
	2014 DT	\$ 1398.00	\$ 2327.00	\$4.00	\$ 3729.00
	2015 DT	\$ 1502.00	\$ 2230.00	\$4.00	\$ 3736.00
	2016 DT	\$ 1458.00	\$ 1903.00	\$4.00	\$ 3365.00
	2017 DT	\$ 1444.00	\$ 1625.00	\$4.00	\$ 3073.00
	2018 DT	\$ 1464.00	\$ 1384.00	\$0.00	\$ 2848.00
	2019 DT	\$ 682.00	\$ 563.00	\$4.00	\$ 1249.00
	2020 DT	\$ 580.00	\$ 374.00	\$4.00	\$ 958.00
	2021 DT	\$ 596.00	\$ 277.00	\$4.00	\$ 877.00
	2022 DT	\$ 298.00	\$ 85.00	\$4.00	\$ 387.00
Lincoln/Stuart Fire					
0409200007	2011 DT	\$ 1790.00	\$ 3947.00	\$4.00	\$ 5741.00
	2012 DT	\$ 1726.00	\$ 3495.00	\$4.00	\$ 5225.00
	2013 DT	\$ 1650.00	\$ 3044.00	\$4.00	\$ 4698.00
	2014 DT	\$ 1564.00	\$ 2604.00	\$4.00	\$ 4172.00
	2015 DT	\$ 1692.00	\$ 2512.00	\$4.00	\$ 4208.00
	2016 DT	\$ 1686.00	\$ 2200.00	\$4.00	\$ 3890.00
	2017 DT	\$ 1708.00	\$ 1921.00	\$4.00	\$ 3633.00
	2018 DT	\$ 1710.00	\$ 1616.00	\$0.00	\$ 3326.00
	2019 DT	\$ 796.00	\$ 656.00	\$4.00	\$ 1456.00
	2020 DT	\$ 650.00	\$ 419.00	\$4.00	\$ 1073.00
	2021 DT	\$ 544.00	\$ 253.00	\$4.00	\$ 801.00
	2022 DT	\$ 250.00	\$ 71.00	\$4.00	\$ 325.00
<b>Grand Total</b>		<b>\$49,104.00</b>	<b>\$70,139.00</b>	<b>\$132.00</b>	<b>\$119,375.00</b>

Roll call vote: Christoffersen, aye; Wedemeyer, aye; Walker, aye; Hoadley, aye; and Baier, aye. Approved. Larson, Wallace, and Kerber exited at 9:42 a.m.

**ENGINEER: Sign Contract & Approve Performance Bond** – Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Christoffersen to sign the contract and approve the performance bond for the N11 Lincoln Bridge Project L-LBRN11L—73-01. Approved. **Sign ROW Contract** – Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to sign the right-of-way contract with Senivac Inc for \$449.04 for the W18 Harrison Bridge Project L-LBRW18H—73-01. Approved. **Award Contract Resolution** – Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Christoffersen to approve **Resolution #2025-43** – Award of Bid for Project L-LBRN27L-73-01 1 40th St.: - Project includes removing the existing single span 42' x 24' bridge and replacing with a single span 55' x 24'-6" steel girder bridge. Project also includes the supply and placement of revetment. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Adair County Board of Supervisors, as follows: Section 1 : That bid for L-LBRN27L-73-01 be awarded to the low bidder, GOVCO, INC., Red Oak, IA for the total cost of \$287,880.25. Section 2: That the chair be authorized to sign the contract documents on behalf of the board. Section 3: That this resolution shall take effect immediately. Roll call vote: Christoffersen, aye; Wedemeyer, aye; Walker, aye; Hoadley, aye; and Baier, aye. Approved. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – Engineer Kauffman gave an update to the Board on the following projects: patches on N72 and G61; IN6 Summerset bridge is done and taking down the signs; believes the bid for the Orient property will be formally accepted and approved at the Orient meeting for August; cracked sealing on G61; have had water issues on 259<sup>th</sup> West of Fontanelle in the past and two weeks ago more water was coming up – have dug it up and put some tile along the road and it keeps moving further east, have now put a tile line in above the water main; will be needing to update the urban renewal plan at some point; has received a complaint about an intersection and has been approached about making it a 4-way stop – Kauffman presented information stating that traffic has not increased and accidents reported have not increased at the location from 2014 to 2023 and he doesn't see a need to put up two more signs, especially since the stop signs up now are being run.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to adjourn at 10:02 a.m. Approved.

**ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** \_\_\_\_\_ Nathan Baier, Chair

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_ Mandy Berg, Auditor