

**August 27, 2025**

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Baier, Hoadley, Christoffersen, Wedemeyer and Walker.

Also present: Mandy Berg, Scott Akin, Leland Shipley, John Huff, Mike Griglione, and Caleb Nelson. Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph, Mandy Billings – KSOM, Rick Hansen – KJAN joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

**MINUTES:** Moved by Walker and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the minutes from August 19, 2025. Approved. Scott Roberts entered at 9:01 a.m.

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

|                                |                    |                   |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|
| AUXIANT                        | INS TRUST CLAIMS   | \$4,441.77        |
|                                | <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$4,441.77</b> |
| 8500- ADAIR CO INSURANCE TRUST |                    | \$4,441.77        |
|                                | <b>GRAND TOTAL</b> | <b>\$4,441.77</b> |

Approved.

**TOWNSHIP CLERK WAGES:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Walker to approve the township clerk wages for Lorene Grubbs for \$120.00. Approved.

**TOURISM COUNCIL RESIGNATION:** Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to accept the resignation from the Tourism Council with regrets from Terri Queck-Matzie. Approved.

**IMWCA BOARD OF TRUSTEES BALLOT:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Walker to vote for the three candidates on the ballot for the IMWCA Board of Trustees. Approved.

**STUART URBAN RENEWAL PLAN AMENDMENT:** Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Hoadley to acknowledge receipt of the Stuart Urban Renewal Plan Amendment. Approved.

**OPIOID LITIGATION PARTICIPATION AGREEMENTS:** Moved by Walker and seconded by Wedemeyer to sign the Opioid Litigation Participation Agreements for Purdue Direct Settlement, the Generic Manufacturers (G8) Settlement, and the Sandoz Settlement. Approved.

**MIDAMERICAN – PROJECT UPDATES:** John Huff and Mike Griglione gave an updates on MidAmerican projects being done in Adair County: they have confirmed with landowners the locations for the replacement turbines in Orient and Arbor Hill for those that were damaged in the tornado and are hoping to start the foundation in October and finish placing them by the end of this year. These turbines will still be in line with the County's ordinances including setbacks; The Iowa Utilities Commission has accepted the application for the Orient Energy Center and landowners within a mile of the site will receive a copy of the application/letter. A wind turbine currently at the site will be moved to another site where a turbine was destroyed by the tornado. There is a window after applying to Iowa Utilities Commission before it is approved. Once approved, they will begin preliminary things like planting trees. Nick Kauffman entered at 9:12 a.m. Huff and Griglione exited and Brenda Wallace entered at 9:16 a.m.

**COURTROOM AC/HEATING UNIT:** Scott Roberts, Courthouse Custodian, explained that he went out for bids for the new A/C and heating unit for the courtroom, although he only received one bid back from Schultz Plumbing & Heating for \$21,985.50. Wedemeyer asked if it would look different and if it may be better to move the unit where it is not as visible and in the way. Roberts stated it would look a little different, but would ultimately be in the same spot as before. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Walker to approve the bid from Schultz Plumbing & Heating for \$21,985.50. Approved. A budget amendment will be needed for the unit. Roberts exited at 9:23 a.m.

**TAX ABATEMENT:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Walker to approved **Resolution #2025-47 – Abatement of Taxes.** WHEREAS, AS PER IOWA CODE 347.32, the Adair County Board of Supervisors, does hereby abate the taxes for the following parcels: Adair County Memorial Hospital

| District            | Parcel     | Year    | Taxes      | Interest | Cost   | Total             |
|---------------------|------------|---------|------------|----------|--------|-------------------|
| 01021               | 1108352001 | 2024 CT | \$2,804.55 | \$0.00   | \$0.00 | \$2,804.55        |
| 01021               | 1108351012 | 2024 CT | \$1,824.11 | \$0.00   | \$0.00 | \$1,824.11        |
| 01021               | 1108351010 | 2024 CT | \$1,012.74 | \$0.00   | \$0.00 | \$1,012.74        |
| <b>Grand Total:</b> |            |         |            |          |        | <b>\$5,641.40</b> |

Roll Call Vote: Christoffersen, aye; Wedemeyer, aye; Walker, aye; Hoadley, aye; and Baier, aye. Approved. Wallace exited at 9:25 a.m.

**SHERIFF – INTERNET CHANGE:** Mike Algreen, Chief Deputy Sheriff, discussed switching the Sheriff's internet to fiber with Windstream. Algreen stated that they are currently paying around \$816/month and this would take them down to \$649.81/month. It is a 36-month contract and there may

or may not be an upfront charge to bore and put it in. If the cost is too great to put it in, they can terminate the contract. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to approve the Windstream contract and allow the Sheriff's office to digitally approve the contract. Approved. Algreen exited at 9:32 a.m.

**ENGINEER: Adams County Sharing Agreement** – The Adams County Sharing Agreement was discussed with a focus on a potential engineering services partnership involving Engineer Kauffman. Previously, a temporary agreement had been in place, but both counties felt they weren't getting full value. Kauffman stated that after evaluating the numbers, he was surprised to find potential cost savings of \$90,000–\$100,000 by sharing an engineer. Kauffman proposed a 50/50 time and cost split, with his staff including the Assistant to the Engineer and Office Administrator assisting Adams County during the transition. The Assistant to the Engineer's support would be temporary until Adams trains someone to the same level. Other counties, like Decatur and Clarke, have similar arrangements. The agreement would allow both counties to split expenses such as traveling to conferences and would include a 30% salary increase for Kauffman, plus a \$2.50/hour raise for the Assistant to the Engineer, Sawyer Hansen. Kauffman emphasized that Adair County would remain his priority, and that this arrangement would be trial-based, possibly starting later this calendar year and reassessed by June 30 next year. If at any point the arrangement isn't working, any party can terminate it with 30 days' notice. Wedemeyer and Hoadley expressed concern about losing quality service in Adair County or overextending Kauffman. Walker expressed the same concerns, but recognized the need to support Adams County, which has struggled to hire an engineer and lacks the infrastructure that our County has. Kauffman assured that his current workload is manageable, and he is open to the trial, stressing it won't become permanent unless it continues to work well for both counties. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to digest the agreement and put back on the agenda on September 10, 2025. Approved. Shipley and Akin exited at 10:08 a.m. **Right-of-Way Contracts** – Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to approve the right-of-way contract with Bob Earhart for \$449.04 for the W18 Harrison Bridge Project L-LBRW18H—73-01. Approved. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – Kauffman gave updates to the Board on the following projects: Govig pouring bridge deck tomorrow on W1 Lee and will then move no N11; Herberger is on site; received \$351,000 check on Monday from FEMA and will get another \$117,000 check for donated resources and about \$23,000 in Cat Z projects for their administration time; new truck from Volvo this week will sit around until spring for box to be put on; and the new tower is up at the yard.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to adjourn at 10:12 a.m. Approved.

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

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