

March 11, 2026

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Baier, Christoffersen, Hoadley, Walker and Wedemeyer. Also present: Mandy Berg, Scott Roberts, Rob Mensing, Dan Deluhery, and Elizabeth Earhart. Mandy Billings – KSOM, Ric Hanson – KJAN, Caleb Nelson – Adair County Free Press, and Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

MINUTES: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to approve the minutes from March 4, 2026. Approved.

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

Auxiant	HRA Ins Trust Claims	\$19,032.11
Wex Bank	Gas Co Cars, Feb	\$39.53
Windstream	Telephone, Feb 2026	\$196.70
	GRAND TOTAL	\$19,268.34
0001 - GENERAL FUND		\$196.70
0011 - RURAL SERVICES		\$39.53
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST		\$19,032.11
	GRAND TOTAL	\$19,268.34

Approved.

TOWNSHIP CLERK WAGES: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to approve the township clerk wages for Amanda Pickrell for \$80.00. Approved.

COURTHOUSE MAINTENANCE: On-Call Maintenance/Snow Removal Wage – Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to raise the wage for Nathan Reed as the on-call maintenance/snow removal person to \$20.00/hour effective immediately. Approved. **Treasurer’s Office Update Bids** – Scott Roberts, Courthouse Maintenance, shared the bids for the updates to the treasurer’s office for the ceiling, flooring, electrical updates and paint with the lowest bids coming up to \$16,600. The bids given are for a dropped ceiling which would take an inch or so off the crown molding on the windows in order to cover the pipe running to the ceiling. This project is currently not budgeted for– the Board decided to study the bids and bring it back in at a later date. Leonard Shelley entered at 9:08 a.m. Roberts exited at 9:11 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – PROPOSED ORDINANCE #40: Moved by Baier and seconded by Christoffersen to open the public hearing at 9:11 a.m. for proposed Ordinance #40 – An Ordinance Repealing the Ordinance Regulating the Placement of Hazardous Liquid Pipelines on Property Located in the Unincorporated Areas of Adair County. Approved. No comments were received. Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to close the public hearing at 9:12 a.m. **Consideration of 2nd and 3rd Readings** – Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to waive the 2nd and 3rd readings of proposed Ordinance #40. Roll Call Vote: Walker, aye; Baier, aye; Christoffersen, aye; Hoadley, aye; and Wedemeyer, aye. Approved. **Resolution** – Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to approve **Resolution #2026-23** – Approval of Ordinance Number 40 an Ordinance Repealing the Ordinance Regulating the Placement of Hazardous Liquid Pipelines on Property Located in the Unincorporated Areas of Adair County, Iowa. WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Adair, State of Iowa, after public notice and hearing as prescribed by law; and WHEREAS, the purpose of the ordinance is to repeal Adair County Ordinance 39 that had established appropriate conditions and safeguards of any use of land for the purpose of a Hazardous Liquid Pipeline in Adair County, Iowa. THEREFORE, the Board hereby adopts Ordinance 40, with the ordinance to be effective immediately since final publication of said ordinance was published on March 4th and 5th, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Walker, aye; Baier, aye; Christoffersen, aye; Hoadley, aye; and Wedemeyer, aye. Approved. **Sign Ordinance** – Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier for the Chair to sign Ordinance #40 – An Ordinance Repealing the Ordinance Regulating the Placement of Hazardous Liquid Pipelines on Property Located in the Unincorporated Areas of Adair County. Approved. Nick Kauffman and Sawyer Hansen entered at 9:15 a.m.

PUBLIC HEARING – VACATE PORTION OF 115TH STREET: Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Hoadley to open the public hearing at 9:15 a.m. for vacating a portion of 115th Street. Leonard Shelley spoke against vacating 115th Street stating with the increased traffic in the area and the potential for more traffic with the truck stop being built, there are more hazards and safety concerns to driving equipment on the blacktop. Dan Deluhery spoke for vacating 115th Street stating that there have been multiple vehicles that have gotten stuck this year and that the County spends more time on the mud road than needed with the ruts from people tearing it up. Rob Mensing asked the Board for their reasoning in vacating the road. Engineer Kauffman and the Board stated that it was originally requested by the landowners after the engineer’s office reached out to them about closing it during construction on a nearby project. The Board discussed their options and the cost of rocking and widening the road. Supervisor Walker stated that the only comment he received was the question of why the road wasn’t being closed clear up to the driveway. Moved by Baier and seconded by Wedemeyer to close the public hearing at 9:29 a.m. **Resolution to Vacate a Portion of 115th Street:** The Board continued to discuss their options agreeing that at minimum the road should be closed during construction. Opinions varied, with some supporting the road closure at the landowners’ requests and others preferring it remain open due to other landowners wanting access to stay off of the blacktop with equipment. Concerns included the road condition, potential improvements, and enforcement of closures. Moved by Baier and seconded by Wedemeyer to not vacate the portion of the 115th

Street. Hoadley, aye; Baier, aye; Wedemeyer, aye; Christoffersen, nay; and Walker, nay. Approved. The Board agreed that it should be closed during construction. Shelley, Deluhery, and Earhart exited at 9:44 a.m.

ENGINEER: Sign Contract – Moved by Baier and seconded by Christoffersen to sign the contract for the FY26 FM Rock Contract FM-C001(135)—55-01. Approved. **Sign Performance Bond** – Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Hoadley to sign the performance bond for the FM-C001(135)—55-01. Approved. **ROW Contract** – Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Baier to sign the right-of-way contract with Weinheimer Farms for \$1,334.49 for the W26 Prussia RCB Culvert Project LFM-LRCBW26P—7X-0. Approved. **Front Page** – Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to approve the front page of plans for the W26 Prussia RCB Culvert Project LFM-LRCBW26P—7X-01. Approved. **Front Page** – Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to approve the front page of plans for the W36 Lincoln Bridge Project L-LBRW36L—73-01. **Maintenance & Activities Report** – Engineer Kauffman gave an update to the Board on the following projects: according to Madison County Pitzer Road should hopefully open by mid-April, distributed a map showing the DOT projects within the next five years, N27 Lincoln, W18 Harrison bridge, met with Gus on Monday for a preconstruction meeting with an anticipated start date of March 16th – message boards will be up for a couple of weeks and there will be a marked detour, equipment has been moved down the Orient Energy Center. Dan Deluhery re-entered at 9:53 a.m. Deluhery stated that he would put the barricades back into place when needed when 115th Street is closed for construction. Deluhery exited at 9:53 a.m. Kauffman and Hansen exited at 10:00 a.m.

DATA CENTER ORDINANCE DISCUSSION: Supervisor Hoadley discussed the proposed transmission line project running from Arbor Hill to Hebron and beyond, noting its large scale and potential connection to wind energy and a possible data center requiring significant electricity and water use. Hoadley is concerned about the impact a data center could have on the County, including infrastructure, environmental factors, and proximity to residences and livestock. Due to the lack of zoning, Hoadley discussed using home rule authority to establish an ordinance to protect public health, safety, and welfare, potentially addressing setbacks, water usage, road use agreements, decommissioning, noise, emergency planning, and financial assurances. Reference was made to HF2001 and its reporting requirements. The Board was in general agreement on the need to explore drafting an ordinance, though members expressed interest in further research, legal review, and input from other counties before finalizing details. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to move forward with the process to get an ordinance in place. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to adjourn at 10:20 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Jerry Walker, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Mandy Berg, Auditor