

**May 6, 2026**

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Baier, Christoffersen, Hoadley, Walker and Wedemeyer. Also present: Mandy Berg, Tony Mensing, and Rob Mensing. Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph, Ric Hansen – KJAN, Mandy Billings – KSOM, and Heather Boustead – All Iowa Republican Women’s Club joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

**YEARS OF SERVICE AWARDS:** The Board recognized employees for years of service.

**MINUTES:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to approve the minutes from April 29, 2026, as amended. Approved.

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

AUXIANT	HRA INS TRUST CLAIMS	\$6,802.08
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,80.08</b>
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST		\$6,802.08
	<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,802.08</b>

Approved.

**MONTHLY REPORTS:** Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Hoadley to acknowledge receipt of the monthly reports. Approved.

**GENERAL RELIEF APPLICATION:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to approve the general relief application. Approved.

**HOMESTEAD/MILITARY DISALLOWANCES:** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to acknowledge receipt of the homestead and military disallowances and authorize the Chair to sign the disallowance letters. Approved.

**MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATES:** Moved by Baier and seconded by Christoffersen to acknowledge receipt of the manure management plan updates. Approved.

**BID FOR GRANDSTAND ELECTRICAL:** Two bids were received for the grandstand electrical project, including Wireman Electric in the amount of \$42,791.96 and Marquardt Electric in the amount of \$26,277.74. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Christoffersen to approve the low bid from Marquardt Electric per the Fair Board’s recommendation. Approved.

**DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE READING:** Heather Boustead, All Iowa Republican Women’s Club, requested use of the courthouse courtyard on June 19, 2026, from approximately 12:45 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. for a public reading of the Declaration of Independence. The reading will occur rain or shine and is expected to last approximately 30 minutes. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to approve the request. Approved. Nick Kauffman entered at 9:20 a.m.

**ENGINEER: Award Resolution –** Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to approve **Resolution #2026-31 –** Award of Bid for Project LFM-LRCBW26P-7X-01 Kent Ave.: This project involves replacing an existing corrugated metal pipe culvert with a reinforced concrete box culvert on Kent Avenue in Adair County, Iowa. The project will also include the placement of revetment, granular surfacing, and seeding. BE IT RESOLVED, by the Adair County Board of Supervisors, as follows: Section 1: That bid for LFM-LRCBW26P-7X-01 be awarded to the low bidder, GUS CONSTRUCTION co., INC., CASEY, IA for the total cost of \$171,260.60. 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: Hoadley, aye; Baier, aye; Wedemeyer, aye; Christoffersen, aye; Walker, aye. Approved. **Sign Final Voucher –** Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Christoffersen to approve and sign the final voucher for the N11 Lincoln Bridge Project L-LBRN11L—73-01. Approved. **Approval of New Hire:** Kauffman presented a request to hire Erin Ford as an engineering intern at a rate of \$18.00 per hour beginning May 18, 2026. Discussion included engineering licensure requirements following graduation. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Christoffersen to approve the hire. Approved. **Maintenance & Activities Report:** Engineer Kauffman updates on the following projects: Govig N27 Lincoln project, Gus Construction working on W9 Lincoln box culvert project, and Schildberg’s work associated with the rock contract on Brown. Kauffman also reported April bridge inspections had been completed and May inspections would begin. Gwen Johnston entered at 9:27 a.m. Nick Kauffman exited at 9:30 a.m.

**VETERANS’ AFFAIRS: Resignation of VA Assistant/New Hire Approval:** Gwen Johnston, Veterans’ Affairs Administrator, presented the resignation of the Veterans’ Affairs Assistant Denna Mitchell. Johnston requested authorization to begin the hiring process for a replacement office assistant. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Baier to accept the resignation and authorize the hiring process. Approved.

**MENTAL HEALTH ADVOCATE DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed mental health advocacy services and staffing needs. Discussion included the current advocate continuing to assist with court matters despite a previously accepted resignation and concerns regarding workload demands. Potential

opportunities involving public health and mental health nursing services were also discussed. The Board requested the matter be placed on a future agenda for further discussion of hiring a different mental health advocate.

**COUNTY REVENUE DISCUSSION:** The Board discussed county revenue sources and future financial considerations, including potential reallocation of LOST revenue, impacts of the 2% property tax cap, reductions in transfers from Rural Services to Secondary Roads, and future valuation concerns related to wind turbines. Additional discussion included emergency management staffing structure, public health responsibilities, and identifying future budget reductions and alternative revenue sources.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. Approved.

**ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:** \_\_\_\_\_ Jerry Walker, Chair

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