

May 20, 2026

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Christoffersen, Baier, Walker, and Wedemeyer. Hoadley joined via conference call. Also present: Mandy Berg, Ruthie Smith, Tony Mensing, Rob Mensing, and Nick Kauffman. Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph, Ric Hanson – KJAN, and Mandy Billings – KSOM, and Caleb Nelson – Adair County Free press joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

MINUTES: Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Baier to approve the minutes from May 13, 2026. Approved.

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

AUXIANT	HRA INS TRUST CLAIMS	\$1,721.67
	GRAND TOTAL	\$1,721.67
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST		\$1,721.67
	GRAND TOTAL	\$1,721.67

Approved.

TIF Transfer Resolution: Moved by Baier and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve **Resolution #2026-33 – TRANSFERS FY2026. BE IT RESOLVED** by the Adair County Board of Supervisors to direct the Adair County Auditor to transfer \$90,672.01 from the NW Wind Farm UR Debt Service Fund (0032) to the General Fund (0001) for TIF Project Expenditures incurred and certified as debt in November 2024; Roll Call Vote: Walker, aye; Baier, aye; Christoffersen, aye; Hoadley, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Approved. Supervisor Hoadley entered at 9:08 a.m.

LOST Revenue Discussion: Discussion was held regarding the use of LOST (Local Option Sales Tax) revenue and the impact of the 2% revenue cap on county funding. Supervisor Hoadley stated the county needs additional flexibility to help fund unfunded mandates, law enforcement, Public Health, and other county services. She explained that LOST funds are currently restricted to Secondary Roads and stated placing the issue on the ballot would allow residents to decide how the funds should be used. Supervisor Walker noted there are still approximately 44 bridges needing repair or replacement. Engineer Kauffman stated Road Use Tax funding has historically supported snow removal, wages, and infrastructure projects, and if he loses the LOST funds, he will then have to shift the Road Use Tax funds to cover for bridges. He also explained that some federal bridge funding requires updated traffic counts and that roads outside TIF districts have limited funding options. Supervisor Wedemeyer expressed concern about redirecting funds away from Secondary Roads and stated the county should first consider reducing expenses elsewhere. He also noted uncertainty regarding future TIF revenue and stated the county budget could worsen next year. Supervisor Baier discussed concerns regarding maintaining funding for Public Health, EMA, Veterans Affairs, the Sheriff’s Office, and other county services. Discussion was held regarding future funding uncertainties, deteriorating infrastructure, and the need to maintain county services while balancing road and bridge needs. Engineer Kauffman stated the county has made significant infrastructure progress through LOST and TIF funding and noted surrounding counties have been forced to close bridges. Supervisor Hoadley stated the discussion was not necessarily about increasing property taxes, but about maintaining flexibility to continue county services. Supervisor Hoadley made a motion to take steps to determine the legal process necessary to place the LOST revenue issue on the November ballot. Auditor Berg explained that the ballot measure would require over 50% voter approval to pass, and if the measure fails the LOST funds will return to what they were voted on previously. The motion died for lack of support.

PUBLIC HEARING – FY26 BUDGET Amendment: Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Hoadley to open the public hearing for the FY26 Budget Amendment at 9:20 a.m. Approved. No comments were received by the Auditor’s office or the Board. Auditor Berg went through the changes in the budget. Moved by Baier and seconded by Hoadley to close the public hearing at 9:22 a.m. Approved. Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Baier to approve **Resolution #2026-34 – Approval of FY26 Budget Amendment BE IT RESOLVED** by the Adair County Board of Supervisors, that the amended budget for fiscal year 2026 be approved as published in the official newspapers of the county on May 6th and May 7th, 2026. Roll Call Vote: Walker, aye; Baier, aye; Christoffersen, aye; Hoadley, aye; and Wedemeyer, aye. Approved.

SIGN FY26 BUDGET AMENDMENT: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Christoffersen to authorize the Chair to sign the FY26 Budget Amendment. Approved.

APPROPRIATIONS RESOLUTION: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Christoffersen to approve **Resolution #2026-35 – FY2026 APPROPRIATIONS** Increases as per Budget Amendment 05/20/2026. BE IT RESOLVED by the Adair County Board of Supervisors this 20th day of May, 2026 that the following increases in the following departments:

05	Sheriff	\$2,591,220	+	\$29,650	=	\$2,620,870
21	Veterans’ Affairs	\$81,296	+	\$13,477	=	\$94,773
0023-22	REAP	\$0	+	\$10,000	=	\$10,000
0027-22	Conservation Land Acq	\$51,500	+	\$5,000	=	\$56,500
28	Medical Examiner	\$35,000	+	\$15,000	=	\$50,000
99	Non-Departmental	\$5,249,601	+	\$450	=	\$5,250,051

Roll Call Vote: Walker, aye; Baier, aye; Christoffersen, aye; Hoadley, aye; Wedemeyer, aye. Approved.

Auditor Appointment Discussion: Discussion was held regarding the upcoming vacancy and appointment process. Auditor Clerk Ruthie Smith expressed interest in the position. Auditor Berg stated she would need to know when to schedule publication notices related to the appointment. Discussion was held regarding making the appointment on June 17th. Supervisor Wedemeyer stated that if someone currently working in-house is willing to step into the position, that would likely be the preferred option, but ultimately the decision would follow the political process. Supervisor Hoadley stated having someone already working in the office would be beneficial because they already understand how the position operates. She also suggested having Mandy assist during the transition period after the current employee leaves. Supervisor Walker stated interviews would need to be conducted for the payroll position. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Christoffersen to publish notice in the paper with the intention to appoint an Auditor June 17th, 2026. Approved.

SHARED PUBLIC HEALTH DISCUSSION: Discussion was held regarding the future of the Public Health Department and the hiring of a new director. Supervisor Hoadley stated she had spoken with Jotham Arber, Guthrie County/Adair County Environmental Health/Public Health Director, regarding options to maintain Public Health services within the county and noted he may be willing to temporarily oversee operations while assisting the county in locating needed resources and services. She stated Arber plans to attend the following week's meeting to discuss the position further. Supervisor Wedemeyer raised concerns regarding minimum department requirements, funding for a full-time director, office location, and uncertainty about the department's future structure. He also stated the county may potentially partner with Guthrie County for services. Supervisor Hoadley stated advertising the position would have minimal cost. Supervisor Walker requested additional information from Arber before moving forward and made a motion to table the discussion until the following week. Supervisor Baier stated the county should first develop a clear job description and better understand the county's needs before advertising the position. Discussion was also held regarding possible interim arrangements, assistance from neighboring counties, and potential office locations in Greenfield or Fontanelle after the hospital indicated it no longer wished to house Public Health services. Supervisor Baier asked whether the position would require a Registered Nurse (RN), and Supervisor Wedemeyer stated that an RN is the minimum requirement for the position. Supervisor Wedemeyer exited at 10:07 a.m.

ENGINEER: Sign Final Voucher – Moved by Baier and seconded by Christoffersen to sign the Final Voucher for the FY26 FM Rock Contract FM-C0001(135)-5501. Approved. **Maintenance & Activities Report:** Engineer Kauffman stated work has been delayed by a fiber optic line while crews finish installing the remainder of a culvert. He stated the county is hoping to have asphalt laid the following week. Work on the Prussia/Kent Avenue project began Monday and that crews have completed removal of the old roadway materials. He stated it is uncertain whether concrete work will begin this week. Approval was received for the project estimate increase, noting the additional amount approved was up to \$37,000 over the original estimate. Also discussed a repair quote received for a motor grader requiring a new transmission.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Baier to adjourn at 10:14 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Jerry Walker, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Ruthie Smith, Auditor Clerk