

August 3, 2026

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

Also present: Ruthie Smith, Jeff Vandewater Melissa Larson, and Tony Mensing. Nathan Baier, Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph, Mandy Billings – KSOM, and Caleb Nelson – Adair County Free Press joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

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

MINUTES: Moved by Christoffersen and seconded by Hoadley to approve the minutes from July 22, 2026. Approved.

RESOLUTION – SPECIAL PROSECUTORS: Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve **Resolution #2026-43** – Resolution Concerning Appointment Of Special Prosecutors. Pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331-754 concerning appointment of Special Prosecutors, and the need for the use of Special Prosecutors from time to time on an emergency basis, BE IT RESOLVED that the following entities and persons are hereby appointed by the Adair County Board of Supervisors as Special Prosecutors in and for Adair County, Iowa pursuant to Iowa Code Section 331.754, indefinitely or until further action by the Board on an as-needed basis. Each person shall sign a Qualification of Office Required to Give Bond and be sworn in as allowed by Iowa Code Section 63.10. Each shall also be covered under Adair County, Iowa's general liability umbrella pursuant to Iowa Code 64.8. Funds will also be available to reimburse them for expenses and reasonable compensation. These appointments are for criminal, juvenile, mental health and substance abuse hospitalization cases and the entity or persons are limited in their powers to only handle said criminal, juvenile, mental health and substance abuse hospitalization cases as may be necessary, and as allowed by law, role, or otherwise. This shall be effective August 3rd, 2026, at 9:00 a.m.

1. Iowa Attorney General's Office, Statewide Prosecutions Division, Keisha Cretsinger or designated attorney of said office;
2. Charles Abel, Guthrie County Attorney, Guthrie Center, Iowa, or designated attorney of said office;
3. Joel Baxter, Baxter & Wild, Guthrie Center, Iowa, or designated attorney of said office;
4. Douglas Eichholz, Warren County Attorney, Indianola, Iowa, or designated attorney of said office;
5. Jared Harmon, Marion County Attorney, Knoxville, Iowa, or designated attorney of said office;
6. Peter Johnson, Fremont County Attorney, Sidney, Iowa;
7. Johanna Olson, Clarke County Attorney, Osceola, Iowa, or designated attorney of said office;
8. Matt Schultz, Dallas County Attorney, Adel, Iowa, or designated attorney of said office;
9. Brandon Shelton, Lucas County Attorney, Chariton, Iowa;
10. Michael Wells, Taylor County Attorney, Bedford, Iowa; Ringgold County Attorney, Mt. Ayr, Iowa;
11. Meggen L. Weeks, Meggen L. Weeks, P.L.C., Afton, Iowa.
12. Alan Wilson, Decatur County Attorney, Leon, Iowa; Wayne County Attorney, Corydon, Iowa.

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

COUNTY ATTORNEY: Attorney Resignation: Melissa Larson, County Attorney, submitted her resignation effective August 14th, 2026. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to accept the resignation with regret. Approved. Discussion was held regarding the upcoming vacancy process and transition planning. The Board indicated the matter would return for further discussion at a future meeting regarding how to proceed with the vacancy.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Hoadley to adjourn at 9:15 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: _____ Jerry Walker, Chair

ATTEST: _____ Ruthie Smith, Auditor