

Waterloo, Iowa, August 26, 2025

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Black Hawk, in the State of Iowa, met in regular adjourned meeting at the Courthouse in Waterloo, County Seat of said County, and electronically via Microsoft Teams, at nine o'clock (9:00) a.m., pursuant to law, to the rules of said Board, and to adjournment. The meeting was called to order and on roll call there were present: Justin Brandt, Ritch Kurtenbach, Linda Laylin, Chris Schwartz and Tavis Hall, Chair.

Absent: None.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

Moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Laylin that the AGENDA as amended be received and placed on file with the County Auditor as approved. Motion carried.

Schwartz moved the following resolution seconded by Brandt.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Black Hawk County, that the Board of Supervisors APPROVE EXPENDITURES, and that the County Auditor be authorized and directed to ISSUE PAYMENTS, against the various settlements of such claims as allowed:

GEN BASIC FUND		
ABD PROPERTY MGMT	rent	1,050.00
ADVANTAGE FS	fuel	3,546.23
ALLIED SYSTS	eqp	2,586.60
AMAZON CAPITAL	supl	2,136.44
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPL	util	270.73
AT&T MOBILITY	util	150.00
BABIC PROPS	rent	275.00
BHC LANDFILL	svc	174.15
BOECKMANN, DENNON	svc	33.00
BROWNELLS	supl	1,082.62
CALIBRE PRESS	train	169.00
CAPITAL SANITARY SUPL	supl	41.06
CEDAR VALLEY REPORTING	svc	482.40
CERRO GORDO CO AUDITOR	svc	50.00
CFO DEVELOPMENT	rent	250.00
CHRISTOPHERSON & SONS	rpr	460.00
CLEAR VIEW SVC	svc	500.00
COMM ENGINEERING	eqp	4,864.13
CONSTELLATION NWENERGY	util	1,727.05
COOK'S OUTDOORS	supl	4.25
COURIER	publ	393.60
CRESCENT ELECTRIC SUPL	supl	1,933.98
CROSSROADS AUTO	supl	2,260.02
CTK GROUP	train	500.00
DCI-SOR	train	170.00
DICKEYS PRINTING	supl	567.50
ECHO GROUP	eqp	15.16
ELEC ENGINEERING & EOP	rpr	1,000.00
FERGUSON ENT	rpr	466.00
FILE SAVERS DATA RECOV	40,000.00	
GALLAGHER BENEFIT SVCS	svc	3,500.00
GRAINGER	eqp	681.00
GUSTAFSON, MICHELE KAY	svc	6.50
HARTUNG DANIEL	supl	418.00
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYST	svc	15,085.86
IDEMIA IDENTITY & SECURITY	svc	1,783.00
ILEA	svc	450.00
IA PRISON INDUSTRIES	supl	595.95
JAYTECH	svc	1,320.83
JUNKMAN KNOEBEL CTR	rent	200.00
KLEMKIE, JASON	rent	200.00
LIXINEXIS MATTHEWBNDIR	rent	289.31
LFG PROPS	rent	275.00
LINDGREEN GLASS	rpr	418.00
LINN CO	svc	2,083.33
LOWES HOME CTRS	supl	111.99
LPC CONNECT	util	477.44
MAIL SVCS	post	4,275.06
MALAISE SUSAN	svc	20.50
MID AM ENERGY	supl	200.00
MID AM ENERGY	util	11.43
MID AM ENERGY	util	771.77
MILLER FENCE CO	rpr	247.15
NEGOV	svc	21,454.00
N IA JUV DENT SVC	trans	338.07
NORTH SOUTHERN SAFETY CO	supl	87.95
ODP BUSINESS SOLS	supl	8.92
OLWEN PUBLISHING	advt	157.00
OPERATION THRESHOLD	rent	500.00
ORTMAN, HOLLY	svc	8.00
PAGE CO SHERIFF	svc	32.00
PATHWAYS BEHAVIORAL	supl	6,972.31
SCHUELS	unif	128.97
SNYDER AUTO GLASS	rpr	325.00
SPEE DEE DELIVERY SVC	svc	10.45
STOKES WELDING	supl	286.52
STOREY KENWORTHY	eqp	400.55
SUMMIT FOOD SVC	food	15,297.74
SUNSHINE CEDAR	rent	200.00
TEDS HOME HARDWARE	supl	27.50
TERMINIX PRESTO-X	svc	38.72
THE SHRED MASTER	svc	185.40
TITAN MACHINERY	supl	285.72

TRAETOW, CHRIS	rent	200.00
USPO	post	300.00
UNITQ SO TOWNHOMES	rent	300.00
US CELLULAR	util	1,669.58
VERIZON WIRELESS	util	214.12
WLOO AUTO PARTS	util	250.00
WLOO WATER WORKS	util	800.00
WVAVERLY TIRE CO	rpr	1,110.00
WEST PYMT CTR	svc	1,310.86
WHITNEY REPORTING SVCS	supl	244.75
WILSON RESTAURANT SUPL	svc	99.99
WI ENV HEALTH ASSOC	conf	400.00
IA DEPT OF REV	supl	20,890.34
AFLAC	othpay	666.87
COLLECTION SVC CTR	othpay	1,893.74
IRS	fedpay	72,006.36
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	5,715.83
NATIONWIDE RET SOLS	defcom	3,790.01
SSI	fica	123,868.97
BHC SHERIFF	garn	227.55
CVUW	othpay	128.00
CCCU	othpay	17,255.06
EBC	flex	4,641.05
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	2,001.44
BASEPOINT BLDG AUTO	svc	1,531.00
BICKLEY, MARK	svc	1,380.00
BH RENTAL	eqp	339.88
C&S REAL ESTATE	rent	300.00
CFU CITY OF	rent	150.00
CFU	util	75.00
CFU	util	831.00
CFU	util	96.37
CFU	util	939.04
CFU	util	459.38
CFU	util	58.41
CUREMD.COM	svc	1,255.82
DONS TRUCK SALES	supl	586.03
DUNCAN, TARA	svc	2,000.00
EPM IA	rent	1,000.00
FIRESTONE PYMT CTR	rpr	144.87
FORD JILL S	svc	123.50
GORDON FLESH CO	svc	88.94
HERNANDEZ, JASON	svc	850.00
JOHNSON CONTROLS	rpr	2,764.00
KARENS PRINT RITE	supl	68.30
KLENK, BRENDA L B	rent	15.00
KUCHENBERG, RANDALL	svc	200.00
KONNEN MEDICAL SURG	supl	709.81
MELANIN MUNCHKIN DOULA	svc	733.34
MENARDS CFU	supl	200.38
MENARDS WLOO	supl	62.96
MENARDS WLOO	eqp	92.97
NAREY KARI O CSR	svc	144.00
PER MAR SECURITY	svc	3,577.81
PROPIO LS	eqp	786.14
ROCK STAR REAL ESTATE	rent	250.00
SCHNEIDER GEOSPATIAL	23,664.00	
SLED SHED	rpr	87.27
US BANK	svc	14,462.88
VALLEY PROPERTY ALLIANCE	rent	200.00
WLOO COMM SCHOOLS	supl	94.40
DEWITT GABRIELLE	mile	56.93
GEN SUPPL FUND		
AT&T MOBILITY	util	281.40
CODC	restit	875.84
CRITTENTON CTR	shltr	419.85
ELLIPSIS	shltr	2,425.80
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	210.00
IRS	fedpay	659.87
NATIONWIDE RET SOLS	defcom	675.00
SSI	fica	1,379.00
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	23.60
US BANK	svc	30.00
RURAL BASIC FUND		
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	1,399.60
COLLECTION SVC CTR	othpay	888.41
IRS	fedpay	5,734.47
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	140.00
SSI	fica	8,154.43
CCCU	othpay	3,606.94
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	134.36
SEC RDS FUND		
AMAZON CAPITAL	supl	931.63
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPL	eqp	5,605.54
ASPEN EOP CO	supl	1,400.34
DENCO HWY CONS CORP	svc	48,533.60
HOPKINS TILING	svc	3,509.60
LA PORTE MOTOR SUPL	supl	495.00
LPC CONNECT	util	42.77
MID AM ENERGY	util	10.42
MID AM ENERGY	util	14.77
MID AM ENERGY	util	84.37
MID AM ENERGY	util	22.84
MITCHELL I	fuel	531.30
MURPHY TRACTOR & EQP	eqp	960.00
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	rpr	131.87
PHELPS UNIFORM	svc	80.27
ROLAND MACHINERY CO	supl	987.97
SADLER POWER TRAIN	rpr	73.60
TRUCK CTR CO	rpr	1,263.00

VAN DIEST SUPL CO	supl	10,025.10
WVAVERLY TIRE CO	eqp	960.00
WENDLING QUARRIES	supl	1,342.31
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	2,686.66
AFLAC	othpay	44.92
IRS	fedpay	8,456.69
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	690.00
NATIONWIDE RET SOLS	defcom	195.00
SSI	fica	15,248.95
CVUW	othpay	30.00
CCCU	othpay	2,293.95
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	251.88
ASPRO	supl	287.28
BH RENTAL	eqp	96.99
BMC AGGREGATES	svc	56,341.98
CFU CITY OF	svc	613.21
CFU	util	56.02
CFU	util	9.10
CFU	util	9.10
FIX TIRE CO	eqp	908.36
INRCOG	svc	626.50
NORTHLAND PRODUCTS CO	supl	1,181.24
US BANK	supl	1,687.52
RES/ENHNC/PROT FUND		
ELEC ENG & EOP	rpr	2,227.82
JAIL COMM FUND		
DICKEYS PRINTING	supl	825.00
ECOLAB	eqp	423.35
TURNKEY CORRECTIONS	food	3,318.30
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	48.00
IRS	fedpay	211.92
SSI	fica	608.44
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	6.57
BOB BARKER CO	supl	3,745.12
US BANK	eqp	240.50
CONSERV TRUST		
CEDAR VALLEY MONUMENT	eqp	76.00
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	58.00
IRS	fedpay	162.80
SSI	fica	669.40
MENARDS CFU	supl	66.95
US BANK	svc	127.67
LOST FUND		
BLACKTOP SVC CO	svc	116,170.32
WHITE CAP LP	svc	740.36
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	119.15
AFLAC	othpay	20.78
IRS	fedpay	700.63
SSI	fica	1,283.07
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	21.99
BMC AGGREGATES	supl	2,146.51
G.O.BONDS-CAP FUND		
AECOM	svc	6,144.21
VERACITY EXCAVATING	svc	8,144.26
CAP IMPROV-CAP FUND		
STEW HANSEN DODGE	svc	42,604.00
SECTOR TECH GROUP	svc	8,607.35
RURAL SEWER FUND		
AECOM	svc	8,169.02
MICROBAC LABS	svc	138.00
INS TRUST FUND		
WELLMARK	ins	72,675.79
NAVITUS HEALTH SOLS	ins	24,571.71
NAVITUS HEALTH SOLS	ins	2,549.25
SOLID WASTE FUND		
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	192.00
IRS	fedpay	1,027.03
SSI	fica	1,062.16
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	18.05
E911 SVC COMM FUND		
AM TOWER CORP	util	9,056.68
CENTURYLINK	util	126.10
DUNKERTON TELEPHONE	util	943.80
LIBERTEL ASSOC	util	737.92
LPC CONNECT	util	506.93
MID AM ENERGY	util	265.33
MID AM ENERGY	util	264.21
MID AM ENERGY	util	453.64
US CELLULAR	util	47.25
ALTORFER	util	9,459.00
CFU	util	1,200.00
CFU	util	102.50
CTS LANGUAGELINK	util	41.60
E C I A RURAL ELEC	util	234.35
RACOM CORP	rpr	341,239.28
US BANK	svc	254.27
EMERG MGMT FUND		
RAPIDS REPRODUCTIONS	eqp	130.00
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	138.25
AFLAC	fedpay	352.65
COLLECTION SVC CTR	fica	623.52
IRS	ins	10.72
CONS COMM FUND		
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	2,151.00
AFLAC	othpay	177.20
COLLECTION SVC CTR	othpay	320.76
IRS	fedpay	7,160.50
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	205.00
SSI	fica	11,914.62

2. THE PERMIT FOR UTILITY WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY for Aureon Network Services of West Des Moines, Iowa for placement of underground fiber utility on County right-of-way under S Raymond and Young Road as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.

AYES: Brandt, Kurtenbach, Laylin, Schwartz, Hall. NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

CONSENT AGENDA ENDS

Brandt moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED to approve the Investment Advisory AGREEMENT to change the County's 457(b) plan fiduciary services provider under Nationwide's Freedom Pro Series platform from Morningstar Associates, LLC to Creative Planning, as recommended by the Deferred Compensation Committee. Human Resources Director Amanda Fesenmeyer reported on the transition from Morningstar to Creative Planning for investment advisory services. She noted that if the County chooses to opt out of this transition, the Board would then be responsible for managing the County's retirement plan investments. She added that the standard fees would be paid by plan participants and emphasized the potential for higher returns on investments under the proposed arrangement.

AYES: Brandt, Kurtenbach, Laylin, Schwartz, Hall. NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

County Engineer - Catherine Nicholas

- Bridge update: Eagle Road will be closed starting this week for approximately three weeks.
- Final round of mowing on paved roads is currently underway.

Facilities Director - Rory Geving

- VA Building: Construction is complete and the facility is move-in ready. Open house scheduled for September 4.
- Jail Project: Kitchen operations have resumed. HVAC system upgrades are in progress.
- Pinecrest Building: Two of the four restrooms are currently operational. Elevator project is now underway.
- 1st Floor Annex: Lighting, carpeting, and painting are underway. HVAC work is also in progress.
- Old VA Space: Demolition is scheduled to begin next week in preparation for future clinic space.

Public Health Director - Kaitlin Emrich

- Environmental Health staff conducted temporary food inspections throughout the summer at farmers markets and food truck events to ensure compliance with food safety regulations.
- Mosquito Surveillance: Continued monitoring for West Nile virus; public education efforts are being enhanced due to confirmed local presence.
- The nursing team is now fully staffed for the first time in two years.
- Mobile Clinic: Arrived August 15; staff training is in progress. Planned launch is September 24 at 9:30 AM. First public event scheduled for October 1 in partnership with the Food Bank and Operation Threshold.

Conservation - Mike Hendrickson

- Parks: Overall park systems are in good condition heading into the holiday weekend.
- Black Hawk Park: Campground remains closed due to road damage from recent flooding. The park itself will remain open.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Laylin that the MINUTES of the Board Meeting held August 19, 2025, be and are hereby approved as submitted. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Brandt moved the following RESOLUTION seconded by Kurtenbach.

A. TO APPROVE, RECEIVE, PLACE ON FILE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

1. The Board of Supervisors APPROVE INTERGOVERNMENTAL JOURNAL ENTRIES, and that the County Auditor be authorized and directed to TRANSFER monies within the various funds as submitted. (None)

2. THE CERTIFICATE OF INSURANCE for Axon Enterprise Inc., Blacktop Service Co, Cost Advisory Services, Dewberry Architects Inc, Etringer Electric LLC, Green Resource Management, Johnson Plumbing & Heating, Koch Building Co, Midwest Wheel Companies Inc, Spice of Egypt, Technical Specialty Systems, and Totally Rolled Ice Cream.

B. TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE WITH THE COUNTY AUDITOR

1. THE PERMIT FOR UTILITY WORK WITHIN THE RIGHT-OF-WAY for Cedar Falls Utilities of Cedar Falls, Iowa for placement of underground fiber utility on County right-of-way under N Butler Road as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer.

AYES: Brandt, Kurtenbach, Laylin, Schwartz, Hall. NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

Moved by Schwartz seconded by Brandt to authorize Amanda Fesenmeyer, Human Resources Director, and Michelle Weidner, Finance Director, as signatories on behalf of Black Hawk County for administrative or procedural documents provided by Nationwide related to the plan adoptions approved by the Board on August 26, 2025. Motion approved.

Kurtenbach moved the following resolution seconded by Brandt.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED to approve the Black Hawk County Strategic Plan 2025-2027, which establishes a new Mission Statement, Core Values, and designated Strategic Priorities guiding the future direction of Black Hawk County.

AYES: Brandt, Kurtenbach, Laylin, Schwartz, Hall. NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

Schwartz moved the following resolution seconded by Laylin.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT submitted by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer, be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same: to purchase one (1) 2025 Vermeer Woodchipper in the amount of \$86,805.82 from Vermeer Iowa & North Missouri, Pella, Iowa. Nicholas added that the budgeted amount was \$90,000, noting that the current woodchipper is 30 years old. The roadside biologist successfully secured a \$15,000 grant to help offset the cost.

AYES: Brandt, Kurtenbach, Laylin, Schwartz, Hall. NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

Kurtenbach moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the REQUEST FOR PURCHASE OF CAPITAL EQUIPMENT submitted by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer, be approved and direct the Chair to sign for same: to purchase one (1) 20-foot crane boom section in the amount of \$20,100 from Cleveland Crane and Shovel Sales, Bedford Heights, Ohio. Nicholas added that this purchase is part of a larger need to acquire a more automated crane. The current crane is highly manual, which has been manageable due to the operator's extensive experience. However, with the operator's impending retirement, the department must transition to a more automated machine.

AYES: Brandt, Kurtenbach, Laylin, Schwartz, Hall. NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

Moved by Laylin seconded by Brandt to direct the county auditor to advertise for a PUBLIC HEARING to be held at 9:05 a.m. on Tuesday, September 9th, in Board Room 201 of the Black Hawk County Courthouse, 316 E. 5th St., Waterloo, Iowa on the proposed Ordinance No. 148, an Ordinance establishing the election precincts in Black Hawk County, Iowa, replacing in its entirety the present election Precinct Ordinances No. 144 and 145, Code of Ordinances. Motion approved.

ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

Supervisor Kurtenbach

- Provided an update on the recent ISAC (Iowa State Association of Counties) conference.
 - Counties should be on alert for planning and zoning requests related to secondary dwellings on residential properties, such as separate homes for elderly parents or special needs children. This increased attention is due to the passage of Senate File 592 (SF592), which promotes flexible housing arrangements to support family care situations.
 - Raised questions about the need for ordinances related to:
 - Cryptocurrency/bit mining operations.
 - Private water pressure tanks.
 - Pipelines and related infrastructure.
 - Reported on a meeting with the District 7 representative for mental health services and requested a future update to the full Board.
 - Noted ongoing concerns regarding the E911 surcharge and the state's access to those funds.

Supervisor Schwartz

- Expressed concern over the growth of cryptocurrency/bit mining operations and their significant electricity usage and environmental impact.
- Recommended exploring a **temporary moratorium** on crypto mining activities in the county pending further review.
- Highlighted potential risks to local data centers and infrastructure due to high energy demands.

On motion and vote the meeting adjourned.

Tavis Hall, Chair, Board of Supervisors

Karen Showalter, County Auditor