

The Worth County Board of Supervisors met pursuant to adjournment with Enos Loberg, Mark Smeby and A.J. Stone, present. All members voting “AYE” unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Smeby, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, to appoint Enos Loberg as Chairperson and A.J. Stone as Vice-Chairperson for 2026. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to approve today’s agenda and minutes from December 29, 2024 meetings. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone to engage Ryan Buske as Worth County Drainage Counsel. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, that the following appointments be made: County Board of Health (3-year) –Kathy Meyer; Commission of Veteran Affairs (3-year) – Paul Ferley; Weed Commissioner (1-year) – Michael Bode; Conservation Board (5-year) – Cody Winter; County Eminent Domain Compensation Board (1-year) – Realtor: Michael Romig, Julie Robb, Kris Gordon, Chad Nelson, Brett Heimbuch, Andrea Lee; Owner Operators of Agriculture Property: Andy Tenold, David Hengesteg, Steve Davidson, Arlo Rugland, Earl Trenhaile, Tim Enderson, Ron Davidson; Owners of City or Town Property: Dick Bruns, David Bang, Terry Steinmetz, Laura Sabby, Jane Podgorniak, Steve Wise, Roger Rustad; Persons Having Knowledge of Property Values: Jerry Olson, Tyson Robb, David Irons, Aaron Carman, Ben Tweeten, Dan Reeder, Larry M. Johnson; Zoning Board of Adjustment (5-year) – Joe Thompson; Central Iowa Detention Center (3-year) – Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone; Advisory Board – Second Judicial District – Department of Correctional Services (1-year) – Enos Loberg, A.J. Stone; Iowa Workforce Development (3-year) – Mark Smeby; North Iowa Regional Housing Authority (5-year) – Enos Loberg; NCRERC (3-year) – Mark Smeby, A.J. Stone; NIACOG (1-year) – A.J. Stone, Mark Smeby, Scott Heagel, Merlin Bartz; Transportation Policy Board (1-year) – Mark Smeby, Melissa Michaelis; NIACOG Revolving Loan Fund Committee (1-year) – Chad Nelson; Regional II Transit Advisory Committee (3-year) – A.J. Stone, Mark Smeby; Airport Zoning Ordinance Board of Adjustment – Michael Dierenfeld; City of Manly Board of Adjustment (5-year) – Marty Knudson; City of Manly Planning and Zoning Commission (5 year) – Mark Smeby; Shell Rock River Watershed Management Coalition (1-year) – A.J. Stone, Jim Hanson; Winnebago River Watershed Management Authority (1-year) – Mark Smeby; Southeast EMS Rural District (3-year) – Justin Kruger; West EMS Rural District (3-year) – Blayne Brunsvold. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone, to re-appoint Rich Brumm as County Engineer. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone, that Rich Brumm is hereby authorized and empowered on behalf of the Worth County Supervisors to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance with plans and specifications therefore in connection with all Farm to Market construction projects in the county, adopt a resolution to comply with provisions of the 1970 Uniform Relocation Assistance and Land Acquisition Policies Act as amended by Title IV of the Surface Transportation and Uniform Relocation Assistance Act of 1987; that in accordance with county engineer recommendation, that for secondary road projects, ROW payments be 3 ½ times the 100% valuation, fence removed be \$18.00/rod for barbed-wire and \$32.00/rod for woven wire, and crop damage to be \$1,400.00/acre for corn and \$850.00/acre for all other crops. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, that the County Auditor be authorized to pay the following bills during a meeting adjournment. Motion carried.

1. Salaries and payroll previously approved by the board.

2. Insurance payments and unemployment quarterly report payments.
3. Emergency expenses deemed necessary by the County Auditor.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby to approve salary change for Joseph Beyer at \$67,404.54/year as submitted by the sheriff. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone, to approve #2026-01. Roll call: Smeby – Aye; Stone – Aye; Loberg – Aye. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION #2026-01 CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

WHEREAS, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

WHEREAS, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

WHEREAS, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF WORTH COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Adopted this 2nd day of January 2026.

Enos Loberg, Chair, Worth County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Jacki A. Backhaus, Worth County Auditor

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, to approve that \$16.00 will be the hourly rate paid by the courthouse for Fiscal Year 2027, effective July 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion Smeby/Second Stone that the Northwood Anchor and Manly Junction Signal be designated the official county newspapers for 2026. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, to approve \$.725/mile as the mileage rate for 2026, effective January 1, 2026. Motion carried.

Motion Loberg/Second Stone, to approve the county daily meal reimbursement rate at \$42/day for 2026. Motion carried.

Motion Stone/Second Smeby, carried to adjourn at 9:14 A.M. Motion carried.

Jacki A. Backhaus
Auditor

Enos Loberg
Chairperson