

Waterloo, Iowa, January 13, 2026

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: Tavis Hall, Ritch Kurtenbach, Chris Schwartz and Linda Laylin, Chair.

Absent: Justin Brandt.

Unless otherwise noted, all actions were approved unanimously.

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

Hall moved the following resolution seconded by Schwartz.

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 settlement of such claims as allowed:

GEN BASIC FUND

LEGALSHIELD	othpay	1,065.22
ADV AUTO PARTS	eqp	9.29
AMAZON	supl	1,820.25
AQUATICS & EXOTICS	supl	40.21
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPL	supl	10.60
AT&T MOBILITY	util	50.04
BOECKMANN, DENNON	svc	22.50
BROOKSIDE VET HOSP	svc	112.80
CV REPORTING	svc	306.70
DELAWARE CO SHERIFF	shltr	2,300.00
DOC	alloc	40,000.00
DICKEYS PRINTING	supl	190.00
FIDLAR TECH	alloc	5,250.00
GORDON FLESCH	eqp	608.51
GUSTAFSON, M	svc	26.00
HAWKEYE ALARM	rpr	300.00
HAWKEYE FIRE & SAFETY	rpr	874.00
HENRY CO SHERIFF	svc	38.00
PAKOR INC	supl	554.43
IA CO REC ASSOC	dues	250.00
IA DEPT OF PUB SAFETY	svc	300.00
ISACS	conf	220.00
JASPER CO SHERIFF	svc	30.50
JONES CO SHERIFF	svc	141.00
LEXISNEXIS	svc	1,612.90
LYNCH DALLAS	svc	4,371.00
MAIL SVCS	svc	1,221.36
MERCYONE	trans	6,240.00
MID AM ENERGY	util	5,033.02
MID AM ENERGY	util	1,183.21

MID AM ENERGY	util	53.52
MID AM ENERGY	util	8.59
NORTHEAST FEED	supl	82.98
ODP BUSINESS	supl	191.98
OVERHEAD DOOR CO	rpr	274.30
PACE SYSTEMS	svc	17,960.00
POWESHIEK WTR ASSOC	util	299.00
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL	svc	2,075.39
STOREY KENWORTHY	supl	821.64
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STRATEGIC IMAGING	supl	1,441.00
SUSAN FRYE COURT REP	svc	8,033.60
TRI CO TREE PROS	svc	500.00
VAN VARK, JAY	svc	250.00
WLOO OIL CO	fuel	2,302.50
WLOO WATER WORKS	util	571.49
WERTJES UNIFORMS	unif	12.50
WEST PAYMENT CTR	svc	3,110.86
YOUNG PLUMB&HEAT	rpr	666.58
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	21,231.69
IPERS	ipers	292,075.91
COLLECTION SVC CTR	othpay	1,893.69
IRS	fedtax	75,448.69
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	11,084.03
NATIONWIDE RET SOL	defcom	3,575.01
SSI	fica	129,278.50
BHC LEA	othpay	267.00
CCCU	othpay	17,373.14
EBC	flex	1,537.95
FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	3,010.46
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	2,841.48
AHLERS & COONEY	svc	627.50
BICKLEY, MADELINE	svc	200.00
BICKLEY, MARK	svc	1,960.00
BREMER CO SHERIFF	svc	36.00
CFU	util	92.50
CFU	util	651.88
CFU	util	199.38
CFU	util	1,260.75
FASTENAL CO	supl	140.77
FORD, JILL	svc	309.00
FULLER, ANGELA	svc	1,200.00
GORDON FLESCH	svc	64.00
INQUIREHIRE	svc	133.75
INVISION ARCH	svc	5,910.98
IRUA	util	204.71

IA WORKFORCE DEV	svc	1,233.60
KARENS PRINT RITE	supl	7.30
MENARDS	supl	223.98
NAPHCARE INC	svc	214,283.65
PER MAR SECURITY	svc	2,326.40
RACOM CORP	rpr	150.00
WEX BANK	fuel	510.12
PRANGER, DANIEL	ilea	1,920.00
STOCKDALE MAUREEN	mile	35.50

GEN SUPP FUND

LEGALSHIELD	othpay	2.90
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	212.00
IPERS	ipers	3,184.58
IRS	fedpay	626.70
NATIONWIDE RET SOL	defcom	675.00
SSI	fica	1,378.74
FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	17.22
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	23.70
IA WORKFORCE DEV	othpay	596.00

RURAL BASIC FUND

LEGALSHIELD	othpay	29.28
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	1,435.25
IPERS	ipers	28,248.14
COLLECTION SVC CTR	othpay	888.46
IRS	fedpay	7,127.76
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	160.00
SSI	fica	9,409.61
BHC LEA	othpay	68.00
CCCU	othpay	4,099.86
FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	145.40
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	172.81
WEX BANK	fuel	48.87

SEC RDS FUND

LEGALSHIELD	othpay	72.60
AIRGAS NC	supl	100.68
AMAZON	eqp	97.98
ARNOLD MOTOR	supl	376.62
AT&T MOBILITY	util	1,936.16
BHC LANDFILL	svc	30.00
CAMPBELL SUPL	supl	285.37
CENTURYLINK	util	71.62
CENTURYLINK	util	76.08
COMPASS MINERALS	supl	10,948.36
FLEETIO	svc	13,500.00
IA PRISON IND	supl	1,174.00

LA PORTE MOTOR	supl	576.81
MID AM ENERGY	util	2,772.14
PHELPS UNIFORM	unif	456.02
RITE ENVIRONMENTAL	svc	240.75
SADLER POWER TRAIN	eqp	602.56
TRUCK CTR CO	rpr	275.70
VAN DIEST SUPL	supl	12,375.00
WHITE CAP LP	rpr	112.06
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	3,061.40
IPERS	ipers	36,062.10
IRS	fedpay	8,607.81
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	655.00
NATIONWIDE RET SOL	defcom	150.00
SSI	fica	15,733.48
CCCU	othpay	2,468.00
FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	458.23
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	395.72
CFU	util	7.75
MENARDS	supl	279.39
RACOM CORP	rpr	1,593.63
RAY MOUNT	svc	436.00
THOMAS JAMES	svc	19.00
WEX BANK	fuel	29,838.84
REC's MGT FUND		
IA CO REC ASSOC	svc	50.00
6TH DIST REC ASSOC	svc	30.00
JAIL COMM FUND		
LEGALSHIELD	othpay	26.00
MEDIACOM	util	555.42
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	50.00
IPERS	ipers	1,238.62
IRS	fedpay	186.88
SSI	fica	602.86
FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	19.81
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	6.57
BOB BARKER CO INC	supl	1,194.60
CONSERV TRUST		
UNI	svc	2,570.50
MENARDS	supl	160.97
LOST FUND		
BENTONS CONCRETE	svc	1,722.00
IRS	fedpay	206.57
SSI	fica	384.26
FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	6.70

MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	6.61
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GO BONDS FUND

SNYDER & ASSOCIATES	svc	6,709.00
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VERACITY EXCAVATING	svc	10,455.40
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INS TRUST FUND

COTTINGHAM & BUTLER	svc	11,500.00
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WELLMARK INC	ins	107,025.65
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NAVITUS HEALTH SOL	ins	35,199.63
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FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	28.42
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HKG INSURANCE SOL	ins	1,462.50
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MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	1,757.78
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WELLMARK INC	ins	112,450.22
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SOLID WASTE FUND

IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	130.00
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IPERS	iperes	1,515.14
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IRS	fedpay	925.84
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SSI	fica	728.16
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FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	19.81
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MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	12.54
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IA WORKFORCE DEV	svc	1,973.06
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E911 FUND

ALPINE COMM	util	506.93
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ARRAY DIG INFRASTRUCT	util	3,415.95
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BERGEN

PLUMBHEATCOOL	rpr	3,807.68
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HAWKEYE ALARM	eqp	978.00
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MID AM ENERGY	util	196.00
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MID AM ENERGY	util	206.03
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MID AM ENERGY	util	222.77
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US CELLULAR	util	47.30
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ZETRON	util	22,914.96
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BHC TREASURER	loan	25,625.00
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CFU	util	300.89
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CFU	util	102.50
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CTS LANGUAGELINK	svc	54.27
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E C IA RURAL ELEC	util	189.55
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RACOM CORP	rpr	1,437.50
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EMERG MGMT FUND

LEGALSHIELD	othpay	10.70
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AT&T MOBILITY	util	152.62
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IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	145.66
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IPERS	ipers	1,377.92
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IRS	fedpay	314.28
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SSI	fica	602.95
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FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	29.22
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	33.58
US BANK	svc	306.96

CONS COMM FUND

LEGALSHIELD	othpay	5.80
ACCESS SYSTEMS	svc	499.00
AMAZON	supl	84.33
ILEA	train	1,125.00
QUILL CORP	supl	157.46
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	2,086.00
IPERS	ipers	26,930.44
COLLECTION SVC CTR	othpay	320.76
IRS	fedapy	8,732.13
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	205.00
NATIONWIDE RET SOL	defcom	100.00
SSI	fica	13,910.04
BHC LEA	othpay	50.00
CCCU	othpay	655.00
FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	363.44
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	232.88

ASSESSOR FUND

LEGALSHIELD	othpay	66.50
AMAZON	supl	344.36
IICA	dues	300.00
IA DEPT OF REV	stpay	975.00
IPERS	ipers	12,103.75
IRS	fedpay	2,799.15
NATIONWIDE RET	defcom	1,432.00
NATIONWIDE RET SOL	defcom	165.00
SSI	fica	5,689.78
CCCU	othpay	1,875.00
FIDELITY SEC LIFE INS	ins	79.24
MADISON NTL LIFE INS	ins	134.71

AYES: Hall, Kurtenbach, Schwartz, Laylin.

NAYS: None.

Absent: Justin Brandt.

Resolution adopted.

RECEIVE PROJECT UPDATES FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS/ELECTED OFFICIALS

**Catherine Nicholas-Engineer**-Provided a road update.

**Mike Hendrickson – Conservation Director:** Timber stand improvement work will be done on 37 acres of the Black Hawk Creek Greenbelt north of Hudson and will begin once the ground is frozen. A Black Hawk County video will educate the public on the project, highlighting forest stewardship and efforts to promote forest health and diversity.

**Yolando Loveless – Veterans Affairs Director:**

- Iowa's Veterans Affairs Legislative 2026 priorities include property tax relief and protection of VA benefits, among other initiatives.
- It was reported that Iowa currently ranks 48th in delivering benefits to veterans.

- Veterans Affairs staff and the Veterans Affairs Commission discussed creative ideas for rural outreach aimed at improving that ranking.
- Loveless provided a report detailing services delivered, individuals assisted, and the total amount of funds distributed

**Karen Showalter – Auditor:** SF75 Supervisor Districts update. Plans to request term lengths to be drawn next Tuesday.

Moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Hall that the MINUTES of the Board Meeting held Regular Session on January 6, 2026 be and are hereby approved as submitted. Motion carried.

## CONSENT AGENDA

Schwartz moved the following RESOLUTION seconded by Hall.

### 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.

Transfer from Fund	Amount	Transfer to Fund	Amount
RURAL BASIC-SHERIFF	281,000.00	CONS COMM CENTER	281,000.00
	281,000.00		281,000.00

### B. TO RECEIVE AND PLACE ON FILE WITH THE COUNT AUDITOR

1. The electronic notice from the DNR for the electronic receipt and approval of the MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN update submitted by Happel Farms Lester Twp, ID #65097 located at 7642 Lester Road, Dunkerton, Iowa in Black Hawk County pursuant to 567 Code of Iowa §455B.
2. The electronic notice from the DNR for the electronic receipt and approval of the MANURE MANAGEMENT PLAN update submitted by Oran Pork, LLC, ID #71660 located at 6541 E Mt Vernon Road, Waterloo, Iowa in Black Hawk County pursuant to 567 Code of Iowa §455B.

AYES: Hall, Kurtenbach, Schwartz, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Absent: Justin Brandt.

## CONSENT AGENDA ENDS

Schwartz moved the following RESOLUTION seconded by Hall that the Memorandum of Understanding with Teamsters Local 238, adding eight hours of casual pay, be approved and direct the chair to sign for the same as recommended by Amanda Fesenmeyer, Human Resources Director.

AYES: Hall, Kurtenbach, Schwartz, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Absent: Justin Brandt.

Kurtenbach moved the following RESOLUTION seconded by Schwartz that the Memorandum of Understanding with the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 204, adding eight hours of casual pay, be approved and direct the chair to sign for the same as recommended by Amanda Fesenmeyer, Human Resources Director.

AYES: Hall, Kurtenbach, Schwartz, Laylin.

NAYS: None. Resolution adopted.

Absent: Justin Brandt.

Schwartz moved the following RESOLUTION seconded by Hall that the agreement with the Northeast Iowa Food Bank in the amount of \$50,000 to provide services to food-insecure households during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026, as approved during the FY26 budget process, be approved and direct the chair to sign for same.

AYES: Hall, Kurtenbach, Schwartz, Laylin.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

Absent: Justin Brandt.

Kurtenbach moved the following RESOLUTION seconded by Schwartz that the Agreement with Cerro Gordo County, Iowa for the sharing of Cerro Gordo County's License Reinstatement Client Management software (STORM software) including an initial one-time fee of \$20,000 and annual maintenance fees of \$1,500 per year thereafter, be approved and direct the chair to sign for the same, as recommended by Brian Williams, County Attorney.

AYES: Hall, Kurtenbach, Schwartz, Laylin.

NAYS: None.

Resolution adopted.

Absent: Justin Brandt.

Moved by Schwartz, seconded by Hall to approve the travel request for Al Yu, Information Technology Director, to attend the ISAC Spring Conference, March 11, 2026 through March 13, 2026, at a cost of \$610 be approved. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Kurtenbach that the APPOINTMENT of Travis Turpin to the Black Hawk County Conservation Board for a five-year term be approved, effective January 13, 2026. Motion carried.

At 9:30 a.m., a public hearing was held as provided by law in Board Room 201 of the Black Hawk County Courthouse, 316 E. 5th Street, Waterloo, Iowa at which time all interested persons could appear to file objections on the Project L-3011 proposed purchase of steel for Oxley Road Bridge #74825.

Moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Schwartz to receive and place on file proof of publication of notice of public hearing. Motion carried.

Moved by Hall, seconded by Schwartz to close the hearing after oral/written comments are received. Motion carried.

At 9:31 a.m. the Chair announced the time had arrived in accordance with prior action and as advertised, for the receiving and opening of bids for the purchase of steel to be used in the construction of Project L-3011 Oxley Road Bridge #75825.

The Board of Supervisors examined proof of publication of notice to bidders and determined that said notice had been published in the Waterloo/Cedar Falls Courier on December 30, 2025 in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Iowa.

The Chair announced the following sealed bids were all received by three o'clock (3:00) p.m. Monday, January 12, 2026, as stated in the Notice to Bidders. The time of announcement being 9:32 a.m., the following bids were opened and read: Engineers estimate was \$31,970.00.

NAME	CITY	BID
ODEN ENTERPRISES	WAHOO, NE	\$38,134.12

Moved by Kurtenbach, seconded by Schwartz that the Board of Supervisors receive and place on file the bids for the purchase of steel to be used in the construction of Project L-3011 Oxley Road Bridge #74825 to allow time to review said bids as recommended by Catherine Nicholas, County Engineer. Motion carried.



## WORK SESSION

### **Discussion – Consideration of all aspects of the FY27 Black Hawk County Budget.**

FY27 department budget presentations included: **Rural Libraries** – Jake Rochford-Volk, La Porte City Library Director, noting that the 50% local tax allocation cap should only apply if a city's tax appropriation exceeds \$100,000, ensuring large libraries are held to a fair standard while allowing small libraries to serve rural residents without restrictions; **General Assistance** – Koleen Schipper, Coordinator, reporting minimal changes from the last fiscal year; **Board Marketing** – Gabbi Dewitt, Marketing Coordinator, highlighting proposed increases for printing due to Waterloo Schools no longer printing for outside organizations, as well as software and social media costs for a new platform to improve accessibility and archiving of social media content; **Sheriff's Office** – Nate Neff, Black Hawk County Sheriff, noting increases over last fiscal year due to contracts, including a \$106,000 increase for the Naphcare (medical coverage) contract and a \$79,000 increase for the Summit (food) contract. The increases are built into the contract language, which provides for annual adjustments. **Board Selected Activities** – General Fund and Rural Fund – Michelle Weidner, Finance, highlighting contracts such as the Cedar Bend Humane Society contract, the CJIS Criminal Justice Information System contract, and community services donations.

### ANY REPORTS OR INFORMATION FROM THE BOARD

**Supervisor Kurtenbach:** Provided an update on the CJIS meeting, including discussion of the radio tower project. Announced upcoming town halls on understanding property assessments, scheduled for February 5 (CF) and February 25 (WL).

**Supervisor Hall:** Received a Grow Cedar Valley proposal and requested the group present to the board on January 20. Plans to submit an agenda item on January 20 for a work session with Galloway.

On motion and vote the meeting adjourned.

  
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Linda Laylin, Chair, Board of Supervisors  
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Karen Showalter, County Auditor