

**Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
January 2, 2025**

9:00 A.M. Present are Supervisors Kim Wermersen, Stephen Dullard, Levi Markwardt, Steve Clark Vice-Chairperson, and Chairperson Bill Leupold.

The pledge of allegiance to the flag was recited by those present.

County Supervisor Bill Leupold gave the Oath of Office to the newly appointed officials whose terms begin January 2, 2025, namely County Auditor Lori Pedersen, County Attorney Steve Goodlow, County Supervisor District 3 Stephen Dullard, and County Supervisor District 5 Levi Markwardt. Judge John Sandy gave the Oath of Office to the newly appointed official County Sheriff Greg Baloun.

Time for the organizational items for the calendar year 2025.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to appoint William Leupold as Chairperson. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to appoint Steve Clark as Vice- Chairperson of the Board of Supervisors for the calendar year 2025. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, Leupold-aye.

Moved by Dullard, seconded by Clark, to make the following appointments to various board and committees of the board of supervisors. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Leupold-aye.

Housing Task Force- Markwardt
Industrial Development- Markwardt, Wermersen (alternate)
Upper Des Moines Opportunity- Dullard
Recycling Comm.- Wermersen, Dullard (alternate)
911 Service Board- Leupold
Emergency Management Commission- Leupold
Early Child Iowa- Dullard
RIDES-Leupold
Third Judicial District- Clark
NWIPDC-Leupold, Clark (alternate)
Workforce Development- Markwardt, Dullard (alternate)
MHI Citizens Advisory Board- Dullard
YES Center- Clark
REAP-Leupold, Dullard (alternate)
SHIELD Commission- Wermersen
LEPC- Wermersen
DNR Contact for HF2494- Kardell, Wermersen
Water Quality Commission-Leupold, Clark
DeCat Empowerment Board- Markwardt
Sioux Rivers Governance Board-Wermersen
ISTEA Representative-Leupold, Wermersen (alternate)
NWI Regional Housing Authority- Markwardt
Little Sioux Headwaters Comm.- Leupold, Clark
State Criminal & Juvenile Justice Advisory Council- Clark
State Public Safety Advisory Board- Clark
County Safety & Security Committee- Wermersen, Dullard
County Wellness Committee- Wermersen
Trails Board Liaison- Markwardt
Conservation Board & Foundation- Clark
Board of Health Liaison- Markwardt

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to appoint Douglas Westerman to the Board of Adjustment. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-nay, Markwardt-nay, Leupold-aye. A second motion was given by Markwardt, seconded by Dullard to appoint Curtis Rouse. Roll call vote: Wermersen-nay, Clark-nay, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Leupold-nay. Douglas Westerman has been appointed to the Board of adjustment.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to appoint Connie Bjornstad to the Board of Health. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-nay, Markwardt-nay, and Leupold-aye. Moved by Dullard, seconded by Markwardt, to appoint Dr. James Gamache, MD to the Board of Health. Roll call vote: Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-nay, Clark-nay, and Leupold-nay. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to appoint Denise Wunn to the Board of Health. Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-nay, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye. Moved by Markwardt, seconded by Dullard, to appoint Kris VanKleek to the Board of Health. Roll call vote: Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Wermersen-nay, Clark-nay, and Leupold-nay. Connie Bjornstad and Denise Wunn were appointed to the Board of Health.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to appoint Catherine Wegehaupt to the Conservation Board. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-nay, Markwardt-nay, Leupold-aye. Moved by Dullard, seconded by Markwardt, to appoint Chip Wittrock to the Conservation Board. Roll call vote: Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-nay, Clark-nay, and Leupold-nay. Catherine Wegehaupt has been appointed to the Conservation Board.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to appoint Derek Lee to the Planning and Zoning Board for the full five-year term. The second portion of adding his term was motioned by Dullard and seconded by Markwardt on 1/7/2025; all voted aye. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-nay, Markwardt-nay, Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to appoint Spencer Haywood to the Planning and Zoning Board. Haywood is replacing Teresa Garvey, that resigned from the position. He will serve the remainder of the two-year term. This was motioned on 1/7/2025 by Dullard and seconded by Markwardt; all voted aye. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-nay, Markwardt-nay, Leupold-aye.

Moved by Markwardt, seconded by Dullard, to appoint Tyson Kern to the Planning and Zoning Board. Roll call vote: Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Wermersen-nay, Clark-nay, Leupold-nay.

Moved by Dullard, seconded by Markwardt, to appoint Christine Murphy to the Planning and Zoning Board. Roll call vote: Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-nay, Clark-nay, Leupold-nay. Derek Lee and Spencer Haywood have been appointed to the Planning and Zoning Board.

The Board reviewed their appointment to others boards and the need to be gender balanced.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to reappoint the following to the Dickinson County Eminent Domain Commission. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Leupold-aye.

OWNERS/OPERATORS OF AGRICULTURAL PROPERTY

Dylan Titterington	PO Box 485	Milford, IA 51351
John Boettcher	1200 215 th Ave	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Tim Hemphill	2270 180 th Ave.	Milford, IA 51351
Hugh Thompson	1556 310 th Ave.	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Norvin Johnson	2790 200 th St.	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Jay Johnson	3084 130 th St	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
William Johnson	1397 320 th Ave	Estherville, IA 51334
Jeff Jones	1161 Hwy 71	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Melvin Wernimont	2910 140 th St	Spirit Lake, IA 51360

CITY PROPERTY OWNERS

Norman Meinking	11670 Hwy 276	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Jerry Duhn	RR Box 5655	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Dale Palmberg	PO Box 448	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Mel Zevenbergen	PO Box 412	Lake Park, IA 51347
Bill Murphy	PO Box 918	Okoboji, IA 51355
Richard Mataloni	367 202 nd St	Arnolds Park, IA 51331
Kelvin Sawyer	309 E Miller Ave	Terril, IA 51364

LICENSED REAL ESTATE SALESPERSONS/BROKERS

Marilyn Strickland	4208 Lakeshore Dr.	Okoboji, IA 51355
Erica Schultes	1250 320 th Ave	Estherville, IA 51334
Richard Ortman	713 Q. Ave.	Milford, IA 51351
Brad Sanderson	24750 140 th St	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Deb Goetzinger	16456 255 th Ave	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Greg Tritle	2753 160 th St	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Travis Johnson	3409 Kuchel Trl	Milford, IA 51351

BANKER, AUCTIONEERS, LOAN OFFICERS

Greg Nattress	1545 200 th St.	Milford, IA 511351
Bill Wetzeler	805 25 th St.	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Seth Vogel	701 38 th St	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Brett Johnson	2907 Keokuk Ave	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Steve Lindeberg	710 Lake Street	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Dallas Brown	2714 Keokuk Ave	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Brad Jungers	1005 38 th St	Spirit Lake, IA 51360
Joe Conover	2007 200 th St	Milford, IA 51351
Tom Nelson	2121 Okoboji Ave	Milford, IA 51351
Brad Simington	1412 13 th St	Milford, IA 51351

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to appoint Tanner Bouchard as Dickinson County Weed Commissioner. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to adopt Resolution 2025-1 Construction Evaluation Resolution. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Leupold-aye.

**RESOLUTION #2025-1
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, 2025 and January 31, 2026 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 DICKINSON COUNTY that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the calendar year 2025 standard mileage rate as recommended by the IRS at \$0.70/mile. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to designate Dickinson County News as the official newspaper for Dickinson County. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the December 23, 2024 minutes as presented. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Wermersen started the discussion on the wage increase of Elected Officials. Meetings with the compensation board and as well as the District 3 supervisor's meeting produced numbers where other counties were at as far as percentage of wages. Markwardt also provided discussion on his thoughts of what the increase should be as well. After further discussion, it was moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the FY '26 Elected Officials wage increase of Sheriff at 16% for Back the Blue and all other elected officials at 3.5%. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-nay, Markwardt-nay, Leupold-aye.

Clark started discussion on trying to figure out a wage that instead of it being straight across the board, but each office may have different percentages. After further discussion it was moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to approve the FY '26 non-elected wage increase of 3.5%. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-nay, Markwardt-nay, Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the request for repairs on DD6 open ditch and direct county forces to complete the removal of a beaver dam. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Markwardt, to adopt resolution 2025-2 for the A-34 Construction Project. The resolution verbiage can be found in the Auditor's or Engineer's Office. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, and Leupold-aye.

The Board gave their board and committee reports and continued into general discussion. There being no further items presented to the board, moved by Dullard, seconded by Markwardt to adjourn. All voted aye. Meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairperson at 10:03 a.m.

William Leupold, Chairperson

Lori Pedersen, Auditor