

**Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
April 14, 2026**

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.

Time for the 9:00 a.m. Public Hearing on the Proposed Property Tax Levy for Fiscal Year '27. Chairman Leupold opened the Public Hearing then turned the discussion over to Mike Fergen from the Dickinson County Taxpayers Association (DCTA) who presented a Presentation highlighting county spending, levies, property valuation assessments, and county carry-over balances. DCTA would like to see the county prioritize expenses when applicable. Several other members of the audience spoke as well, voicing concerns such as deficit spending, surplus in carry-over, acceleration of valuations, and accountability. Chairman Leupold then closed the public hearing.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve resolution 2026-6 Compensation of Elected Officials. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

**RESOLUTION 2026-6
Compensation of Elective Offices**

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Compensation Board meets annually to recommend a compensation schedule for elected officials for the fiscal year immediately following, in accordance with Iowa Code Chapters 331.905 and 331.907, and

WHEREAS, the Dickinson County Compensation Board met on December 1, 2025 and made the following salary recommendations for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Current Salary</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Auditor	\$89,995.00	5.0%	\$94,495.00
County Attorney	\$153,984.00	0.0%	\$153,984.00
Recorder	\$88,619.00	5.72%	\$93,688.00
Sheriff	\$133,409.00	5.0%	\$140,079.00
Supervisors	\$46,387.00	5.0%	\$48,706.00
Supervisor Chair	\$47,387.00	5.0% (+1000.00)	\$49,706.00
Treasurer	\$88,619.00	5.0%	\$93,050.00

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors approves the following salary adjustments for the following elected officials for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2026:

<u>Elected Official</u>	<u>Approved Salary</u>	<u>Approved Increase</u>
Auditor	\$93,145.00	3.5%
County Attorney	\$159,373.00	3.5%
Recorder	\$91,721.00	3.5%
Sheriff	\$138,078.00	3.5%

Supervisors	\$46,387.00	0.0%
Supervisor Chair	\$47,387.00	0.0 (+\$1000.00)
Treasurer	\$91,721.00	3.50%

Approved this 14th day of April 2026.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve resolution 2026-7, approval of the FY '27 County Budget. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

RESOLUTION 2026-7

APPROVAL OF FY'27 COUNTY BUDGET

BE IT RESOLVED by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors, that the proposed DICKINSON COUNTY BUDGET for FY '27 as published in the county's official newspaper on April 2, 2026, and Official Public Hearing being held April 14 2026, be approved and adopted as published. The Dickinson County FY '27 Budget will hereby be certified and filed with the Iowa Department of management.

Approved by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors on April 14, 2026.

Moved by Dullard, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the April 7, 2026 board meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Markwardt, seconded by Wermersen, to approve the claims as listed on the April 14, 2026, Claims Listing. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Vendor Name	Total Payments
ABC	1080
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	9267.54
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	3294.83
ALLIANT ENERGY	8422.12
ALPHA WIRELESS COMM CO	630
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	685.95
ANDREW VAN SCHEPEN	85.37
ANN DITSWORTH	50
ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	695.79
ARNOLDS PARK, CITY OF	750
ASCEN TEK, INC	1557.92
AT&T MOBILITY	969.35
BECK ENGINEERING INC.	27382.33
BEYOND TRUST CORPORATION	4283.49
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	11334.98
BLUE VALLEY PUBLIC SAFETY, INC	3465.2
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC.	412.38
C & B OPERATIONS, LLC	197.94
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSC INC	3415.25
CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	10.43
CARD SERVICE CENTER	2092.07
CENTURYLINK	157.1

CHRISTINA FREDERICK	81.1
COLEMAN AUTOMOTIVE SPIRIT LAKE LLC	1039.17
COOPERATIVE ENERGY COMPANY	34746.69
COST ADVISORY SERVICES INC.	4450
CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIP INC	350
CULLIGAN OF SPENCER	1.25
DAVE KUKER TRUCKING, LLC	331.24
DC TREASURER	3129.08
DC TREASURER	23522.86
DC PUBLIC HEALTH	18559.08
DC CLEANING & MAINTENANCE, LLC	18632.62
DICKINSON COUNTY NEWS	843.75
FICK'S ACE HARDWARE	638.42
GALEN'S PRO-MOW LLC	236.49
GALLS, LLC	539.2
GRAVES CONSTRUCTION CO.INC.	23786.37
H&N CHEVROLET BUICK CO	602.85
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS, LLC	398
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	375
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	452
IOWA INFORMATION INC.	114.95
IOWA STATE SHERIFFS' & DEPUTIES' ASSOC	125
IP PATHWAYS	11247.56
J & B AUTO SERVICES, INC	25.25
J & S DENTAL ENTERPRISES, LLC	853
JACK'S OK TIRE SERVICE	7128.4
JACOBSON WESTERGARD ASSC.INC.	4940.25
JENNINGS TOW & REPAIR, LLC	246.02
JIM KESSLER	38.28
JORDAN MOYER	146.45
KUOO RADIO	1801.8
LAKE OKOBOJI CATERING AND EVENTS	171.2
LAKE PARK AUTO PARTS	51.95
LAKE PARK AUTO REPAIR INC.	271.15
LAKE PARK MUN UTILITIES	1576.06
LAKE PARK, CITY OF	400
LAKES AREA MUSEUM ALLIANCE	100
LAKES AUTOCARE	1668.82
LAKES MARKETING & PRINT	12756.02
LAKES NEWS SHOPPER	437.4
LAKES REGIONAL HEALTHCARE	5626.48
LBR ENTERPRISES	800
MAINSTAY SYSTEMS OF IOWA, LLC	354
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	729.04
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.	39.35
MEDIACOM	900
MICHELLE CASKEY	21.46
MID-STATES ORGANIZED CRIME	100
MIDWEST 911 CARS, INC	2581.94
MILFORD COMMUNICATIONS	520.21

MILFORD MUN UTILITIES	76.37
MUESKE ELECTRIC INC.	652.6
NEW COOPERATIVE, INC	4788.59
NEW TEC EQUIPMENT	346.37
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	425.32
OKOBOJI, CITY OF	962.53
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC	341.7
OSCEOLA CO RURAL WATER SYS.INC	164.59
PENGUIN MANAGEMENT INC.	2352
PLUMB SUPPLY CO LLC	470.67
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	2504.08
PROFESSIONAL OFFICE SERVICES, INC	861.93
RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS INC	70
ROBERT W THORP	71167.7
SARAH PRESTON	200.27
SECURE SHRED SOLUTIONS, LLC	54
SPIRIT LAKE, CITY OF	518.27
STERICYCLE	205.54
STEVE CLARK	859.15
SUPERIOR, CITY OF	350
TERRIL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	55.95
TERRIL, CITY OF	461.04
TERRY HEIDEBRINK	5.08
TITAN MACHINERY	405.11
T-MOBILE	110.8
TOWN & COUNTRY DISPOSAL	1435.62
TRANE U.S. INC	4623.68
TRANSWEST	869.84
TRUE VALUE-MILFORD	50.94
UPPER DES MOINES OPPORTUNITY, INC	5250
US BANK	5110.2
VERIZON - VEHICLE TRACKING	773.57
VERIZON WIRELESS	796.93
VERNON FLACK	14.96
WEX BANK	241.56
WILLIAM C. LEUPOLD	183.86
ZACHARY BARISH	256.65
ZACK LEITHEISER	202.48
ZENOR LAW, PLLC	1209
TOTAL PAYMENTS	378156.2

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Dullard, to approve the drainage claim for DD19 to ISG in the amount of \$7,646.93 and to Beck Engineering in the amount of \$1,658.75. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the drainage claim for JT61 Br399W to the Dickinson County Treasurer in the amount of \$99.16, Jacobson Westergard in the amount of \$1,788.24, and Goodwin Law Office in the amount of \$725. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Dullard, to approve the drainage claim for DD92 to B&B Farm Drainage in the amount of \$1,800. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the drainage Claim for JT1 D&O to Beck Engineering in the amount of \$1,561.25. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the drainage Claim for JT2 D&O to Beck Engineering in the amount of \$1,643.75. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Dullard, to approve the drainage Claim for JT3 D&O to Beck Engineering in the amount of \$1,600. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the DD5 Annexation Report and set the public hearing time and date to be held on June 9th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Dullard, to approve the DD5 Br 126 Reclassification Report and set the public hearing time and date to be held on June 9, 2026 at 9:10 a.m. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to award the contract for the DD6 Main Open Ditch Improvement Project to Joshua's Excavation out of Estherville, IA in the amount of \$35,462.80. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Jeff Rose, County Engineer, present for discussion with Ivan Simpson and Pat Mohning of Mohning Land Surveying regarding the outlet pipe for DD45 across West Okoboji Harbor property. After further discussion, it was moved by Wermersen, seconded by Dullard, for Jon Martin, Assistant County Engineer, and Rose to pursue and find a resolution working with Bob Goodwin on this continued waterway issue. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to approve the FY '27 Iowa DOT budget. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve FY '27-'31 5-Year Construction Program. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Discussion on resolution 2026-8 was started by Clark stating his request for a moratorium was to pause any new applications in the county until further work was done with the Comprehensive Use Plan. Wermersen and Leupold were hesitant to pass this for the fifteen month duration but stated they would consider a lesser time. Megan Kardell, P&Z Director, present and stated there should be discussion at the P&Z meeting on Monday to discuss this further before any action was taken. After further discussion, this resolution was tabled until April 28th, 2026.

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. The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairperson at 10:44 a.m.

William Leupold, Chairperson

_____ Lori Pedersen, Auditor