

**Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
May 12, 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 Resolution 2026-8 Moratorium. Chairperson Leupold opened the public hearing. Constituents of the county started the discussion both for and against the moratorium. After further discussion, the public hearing was closed. After the board gave their comments, it was moved by Clark, seconded by Dullard, to approve resolution 2026-8. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-nay.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-8

RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS, OR ISSUING OF PERMITS, FOR APPROVAL OF BUILDING, PLANNING OR USE PERMITS FOR DATA COLLECTION/STORAGE FACILITIES, BIT COIN MINING CENTERS, SOLAR COLLECTION GENERATION FACILITIES AND BATTERY STORAGE INSTALLATIONS

WHEREAS, Iowa Code, Chapter 335 grants counties the ability to regulate land use within its jurisdictional boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2026, the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors contracted with an architectural firm to engage in a study and complete an updated Comprehensive Land Use Master Development Plan for the unincorporated lands within the county's boundaries; and,

WHEREAS, facilities used for storage, management, processing and transmission of digital data, which house computing hardware, servers, storage drives and network equipment used to store, process and distribute digital information, including but not limited to, High Density Computing Facilities ("Data Centers") have the potential to create an excessive burden on energy and water resources, and potential to create noise pollution, affecting nearby property owners, as well as all residents, who rely on the local power distribution grid for electricity or subterranean aquifers for potable water; and

WHEREAS, Bitcoin mining facilities, being industrial data centers housing numbers of computers that solve complex algorithms to secure the network and earn Bitcoin, have the potential to create an excessive burden on energy and water resources, and potential to create noise pollution, affecting nearby property owners, as well as all residents, who rely on the local power distribution grid for electricity or subterranean aquifers for potable water; and

WHEREAS, solar collection and storage facilities, being systems converting sunlight into electricity or heat, and storing excess energy for use during non-sunny hours, have the potential to create significant environmental and land-use effects including, but not limited to, habitat fragmentation, soil compaction, biodiversity loss, and negatively impact nearby residents. Further solar panels can contain hazardous materials that require proper recycling and disposal at the end of their lifespan; and

WHEREAS, battery energy storage systems facilities, being an installation used to store electrical energy, typically from lithium-ion batteries, have the potential to create fires that are extremely difficult to extinguish and release harmful gases that pose health risks to residents and first responders and require specialized procedures for cleanup and disposal; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, it is necessary and prudent to review and study county ordinances for necessary updates to ensure proper regulation, and the County and its partners understand the necessity to employ best planning principles and intent to complete the comprehensive planning process; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors will require time to further study, consult experts, and conduct the revision process to complete multiple amendments to the county Zoning Ordinance and/or the Dickinson County Code of Ordinances, consistent with the Comprehensive Land Use Master Development Plan; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of Dickinson County, Iowa:

1. **INSTITUTION OF MORATORIUM:** Upon the effective date of this resolution, no application for a building permit, use permit, zoning or rezoning permit shall be accepted by Dickinson County, or its offices, specifically for Data Centers, Bitcoin Mining Facilities, Solar Collection and Storage Facilities, or Battery Energy Storage System Facilities, nor shall any permit be issued for the same. However, applications and permitting may continue for any other legally permitted uses, including any other public utility structures which this resolution does not specifically address.
2. **DURATION OF MORATORIUM.** This Resolution shall be effective for a period of six (6) consecutive months from the date it becomes effective, unless extended by further action of the Board, to allow the above referenced changes to the Dickinson County Zoning Ordinance and/or Code of Ordinances to be duly considered by the Dickinson County Planning and Zoning Commission, where applicable, and the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors.
3. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Resolution shall be in effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this 12th day of May, 2026.

Ayes: 4 Nays: 1 Absent-Not Voting: 0

Moved by Markwardt, seconded by Wermersen, to approve pay Application #7 for 2024 DCTB Clay County Connection Trail, NRT-C030(68)--9G-30 in the amount of \$21,680.90. Roll call vote: Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Markwardt, seconded by Dullard, to approve the May 5, 2026 board meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the claims as listed on the May 12, 2026, Claims Listing. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Vendor Name	Total Payments
ADVANCED DRAINAGE SYSTEM	4064.52
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	15155.77
AGTERRA TECHNOLOGIES	700
AHLERS & COONEY P.C.	3001.42
ALLIANT ENERGY	10046.71
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	1991.09
AMY'S SIGN DESIGN	64

ARNOLD MOTOR SUPPLY	887.46
ARNOLDS PARK, CITY OF	1015.28
ASCEN TEK, INC	2712.98
AT&T MOBILITY	969.11
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	4206.84
BOB BARKER COMPANY INC.	285.21
BOERNSEN BEES	170
BRIAN HARMENING	200
CALHOUN-BURNS & ASSC INC	1731
CARD SERVICE CENTER	949.79
CHRISTENSEN BROS INC	84991.4
COOPERATIVE ENERGY COMPANY	49984.23
DANIEL & KIMBERLY STUDER	25355
DE JONG LAW FIRM, PC	1947.9
DERMATEC DIRECT	243.89
DICKINSON CO TREASURER	2485.13
DICKINSON CO TREASURER	23522.86
DICKINSON CO.PUBLIC HEALTH	7103.95
DICKINSON COUNTY CLEANING & MAINTENANCE, LLC	13866.05
DICKINSON COUNTY CONSERVATION BOARD	96257.6
DICKINSON COUNTY NEWS	1582.81
DISCOVERY HOUSE INC.	300
DISTRICT 3 TREAS.ASSOC.	120
ELECTION SOURCE	6226
EYECARE CENTRE	200
FERRELLGAS	48
FICK'S ACE HARDWARE	221.74
FRANK DUNN CO.	998
GMS INDUSTRIAL SUPPLIES INC.	63.3
GRAVES CONSTRUCTION CO.INC.	119120.81
GREGORY L. BALOUN	107.02
HARRIS SANITATION	108
HEARTLAND BUSINESS SYSTEMS, LLC	2113
HOMESTEAD SMALL ANIMAL PRACTICE, PC	274.76
IA LAKES REGIONAL WATER	363.3
IA LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY	150
IA NATURAL HERITAGE FOUNDATION	100
IACVS	50
ICS JAIL SUPPLIES, INC	253.1
IGL SANITARY DISTRICT	35500
IMAGING SPECTRUM, INC	567.78
INTERSTATE ALL BATTERY CENTER	142.1
ISAC	110
ISACA	250
JACK'S OK TIRE SERVICE	3606
JACOBSON WESTERGARD ASSC.INC.	897.75
James & Leah Studer	10500
JARROD FISCHER	150
JENNINGS TOW & REPAIR, LLC	784.4
JODI K. GILLESPIE-OFFICIAL COURT REPORTER	4.5

KIM WERMERSEN	194.3
LAKE PARK AUTO REPAIR INC.	635.95
LAKE PARK MUN UTILITIES	1046.25
LAKE PARK, CITY OF	400
LAKES NEWS SHOPPER	453.35
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	608.56
MATHESON TRI-GAS INC.	572.35
MEDIACOM	900
MEGAN SMITH	360.43
MIDWEST 911 CARS, INC	492.53
MIDWESTERN MECHANICAL, INC	790
MILFORD COMMUNICATIONS	377.05
MILFORD MUN UTILITIES	308.86
NEW COOPERATIVE, INC	468
NEW TEC EQUIPMENT	52.28
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	597.54
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC	154.32
OSCEOLA CO RURAL WATER SYS.INC	129.81
PIZZA RANCH	117.55
PLUMB SUPPLY CO LLC	54.86
PREMIER COMMUNICATIONS	330.73
PRO COOPERATIVE	109.19
QUADIENT LEASING USA, INC	1185.21
RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS INC	60
SARIS	3305
SHIELD TECHNOLOGY CORP.	1500
SPIRIT LAKE, CITY OF	708.34
STATE CHEMICAL SOLUTIONS	1615.91
STEVE CLARK	245.78
SUPERIOR, CITY OF	350
TERRIL TELEPHONE COOPERATIVE	45.95
TERRIL, CITY OF	461.04
TITAN MACHINERY	111.91
T-MOBILE	87.6
TOWN & COUNTRY DISPOSAL	2713.2
TYLER TECHNOLOGIES INC.	99623.1
US BANK	1590.2
VERIZON - VEHICLE TRACKING	488.13
VERIZON WIRELESS	198.5
VERLYN VANDERVEEN	195.27
VERNON FLACK	35.26
WALLECK LAW, PLLC	367.5
WEX BANK	1499.33
WINGERT LAW OFFICE	1003.84
ZACK LEITHEISER	120.34
ZIEGLER INC.	193.66
TOTAL PAYMENTS	665680.54

Moved by Clark, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the drainage claim for DD1 to Jacobson Westergard in the amount of \$880.70. All voted aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to approve the drainage claim for DD5 Br 126 to Jacobson Westergard in the amount of \$863.00. All voted aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the drainage claim for DD19 to Beck Engineering in the amount of \$783.75. All voted aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the drainage claim for DD45 to Goodwin Law Office in the amount of \$825.00. All voted aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the drainage claim for JT61 Br399W to Jacobson Westergard in the amount of \$3,944.05 and Goodwin Law Office in the amount of \$725.00. All voted aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Dullard, to approve the drainage claim for DD76 to Jacobson Westergard in the amount of \$351.55. All voted aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the drainage claim for JTDD1 D&O to Beck Engineering in the amount of \$1,616.25. All voted aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the drainage claim for JTDD2 D&O to Beck Engineering in the amount of \$783.75. All voted aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the drainage claim for JTDD3 D&O to Beck Engineering in the amount of \$783.75. Roll call vote: All voted aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Dullard, to approve the drainage claim for JTDD1 D&E to Steve Rasmussen in the amount of \$250.00. Roll call vote: All voted aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve changing 160th Avenue from 220th Street (A34) to 210th Street and 210th Street from 160th Avenue to 170th Avenue from Level "A" to Level "B" (no snowplowing). This change was requested by the contractor performing work for the DD19 improvements and the improvements are complete. This will return the roads to the original level of maintenance. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the Transfer of Jurisdiction agreement with the City of Lake Park which will address County Road M27 from the north side of Highway 9 to the center of 140th Street. The reconstruction project has been finalized and meets the requirements of Iowa Code 306.8. This agreement will supersede all previous transfer of jurisdiction agreements. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve a Quit Claim Deed for County Road M27 from the north side of Highway 9 to the center of 140th Street. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Markwardt, to approve resolution 2026-12 for temporary closure of the 2200 block of 28th Street/210th Street at the location of the IGLSD treatment plant. 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. The meeting adjourned to the call of the Chairperson at 10:17 a.m.

William Leupold, Chairperson

Lori Pedersen, Auditor