

Dickinson County Board of Supervisors
June 23, 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. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt to approve at the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning to the Board of Supervisors for Barry & Julie Van Iperen for a rezoning (adding Automotive Sales use) in the HC Highway Commercial District on the parcel identified as 0602126013, Section 2, Twp 99, R 37, Lakeville Twp, 1275.45' of E 1.2 NW W of RD EXC TRTS & EXC PAR C , 1515 Highway 86, Spirit Lake, Dickinson County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Time for the 9:15 a.m. Public Hearing. Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to approve at the recommendation from the Planning and Zoning Commission to the Board of Supervisors for Jim Venteicher from A-1 Agricultural to R-1 Suburban Residential on the parcel identified as 0723300009 Section 23 Twp 99 range 36 Center Grove Twp Lot 5 EXC TRTS, 0723300005 Section 23 Twp 99 Range 36 Center Grove Twp Lot 6 to exclude the south 1,320 feet and 0723400001 Section 23 Twp 99 Range 36 Center Grove Twp W 447' of S 1320 of Lot 7, Spirit Lake, Dickinson County, Iowa. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Megan Kardell and Steve Clark discussed with the board members the bids received for contracts to prepare the Comprehensive Land Use Plan in Dickinson County. After further discussion, it was moved by Clark, seconded by Dullard, to approve the Comprehensive Land Use Plan Contract with RDG. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Terry Heidebrink, VA Commissioner present. Moved by Dullard, seconded by Clark, to approve Jim Kessler as the Veterans Affairs Commissioner effective July 1, 2026. Roll call vote: Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

The Board reviewed the payroll changes by the departments for bi-weekly salaries and hourly wages beginning on July 1, 2026. Outside of individual merit increases requested, the Board has set 0% for the Board of Supervisors, and 3.5% for all other county employees for the Fiscal Year '27 increase. Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve and set the following bi-weekly salaries and hourly wages for Dickinson County Employees for FY'27, beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. All voted aye.

Attorney: Assistant-Jon Martin-\$5,129.20/bi-weekly, Assistant-Zachary Barish-\$3,370.70/bi-, Kris Andera-\$3,203.60/bi-weekly, Brandy Benson-\$3,641.10/bi-weekly, Regina Van Lenning-\$2,306.70/bi-weekly; Auditor: Jordan Moyer-\$31.31/hr, Kristin Wetzeler- \$32.52/hr; Community Service/Mental Health: Susan Duhn-\$2,983.00/bi-weekly, Beth Will-\$3,717.30/bi-weekly; Conservation: Director: Lee Sorenson-\$4,251.70/bi-weekly, Danika Cox-\$2,750.50/bi-weekly, Brian Cuperus-\$2,878.90/bi-weekly, Dominick Foley-\$2298.90/bi-weekly, Tim Frostestad-\$2,443.50/bi-weekly, Amy Heibult-\$2,546.50/bi-weekly, Clay Pavelko-\$2,660.90/bi-weekly, Ashley Tieden-\$2,316.10/bi-weekly, Charles Vigdal-\$2,823.40/bi-weekly, Will Anderson-\$18.50/hr, Albert Bartley-\$20.70/hr, Brody Gronau-\$18.50/hr, Sue Hyde-\$19.28/hr, Jack (John) Jones-\$17.00/hr, Julia Kanne-\$18.50/hr, Logan Koerselman-\$18.00/hr, Beryl Marra-\$17.00/hr, Colin O'Connor-\$18.50/hr, Chris Quiring-\$18.50/hr, Levi Wittrock-\$25.00/hr; Data Processing/GIS: Alissa Holtz-\$4,822.00/bi-weekly, Evan Prunty-\$2,934.30/bi-weekly, Amy Schmeling-\$2,906.90/bi-weekly; Recorder: Deputy-Lori Eggers-\$2,987.00.70/bi-weekly, Deputy-Gina Eygabroad-\$2,889.00/bi-weekly, Tana Nozka-\$23.81/hr; Secondary Roads: Engineer-Jeffrey Rose-\$5,987.90/bi-weekly, David Boicourt-\$3.29/hr, Chad Brouwer-\$28.98/hr, Jason Dalen-\$32.12/hr, Michelle Dodds-\$35.00/hr, Benjamin Ehlers-\$35.00/hr, Ryan Gembler-\$32.12/hr, Shon Gembler-\$34.30/hr, Michael Gremms-\$37.37/hr, Brian Harmening-\$32.12/hr, Ronald Holle-\$32.12/hr, Justin Jones-\$32.12/hr, Cole Knudson-\$39.91/hr, Joshua

Kujanson-\$32.12/hr, Bill Lehner-\$32.12/hr, Sawyer Marco-\$32.12/hr, Mason Mart-\$32.12/hr, Chad Matthiesen-\$32.12/hr, John Miller-\$49.99/hr, Benjamin Radcliffe-\$32.12/hr, Gary Thompson-\$35.00/hr, Lance Tungland-\$35.00/hr, Verlyn Vanderveen-\$35.00/hr, Todd Wee-\$40.72/hr, Dillon Wittrock-\$30.20/hr, Randall Wittrock-\$32.12; Sheriff: Chief-Anton Petersen-\$4,496.80/bi-weekly, Lieutenant-Matthew Grimmus-\$4,364.50/bi-weekly, Kacey Arrowood-\$27.19/hr, Jack Bartz-\$30.10/hr, Anthony Davis-\$30.33/hr, Jarrod Fischer-\$36.55/hr, Vernon Flack-\$30.33/hr, Christina Frederick-\$32.26/hr, Mike Garland Jr-\$30.33/hr, Scott Gries-\$45.93/hr, Sam Gruis-\$34.64/hr, Zakry Harrod-\$30.10/hr, Joshua Johnson-\$45.93/hr, Dennis Johnston-\$30.33/hr, Kandi Kolpin-\$30.00/hr, Evan Kooiker-\$45.93/hr, Tracy Kuiper-\$45.93/hr, Pablo Leal-\$30.33/hr, Joshua Lee-\$30.33/hr, Zachary Leitheiser-\$34.64/hr, Robert McElvaine-\$30.33, Douglas Nielsen-\$30.33/hr, Zach Pedersen-\$30.33/hr, Sarah Preston-\$32.26/hr, Marcus Smith-\$27.19/hr, Megan Smith-\$36.55/hr, Shawn Syverson-\$45.93/hr, Christopher Utesch-\$32.26/hr, Andrew Van Schepen-\$32.26/hr, Gerald Wagener-\$30.33/hr, Sierra Wall-\$30.33/hr, Cassie Whitacre-\$30.33; Trails Director: Erin Reed-\$3,459.90/bi-weekly; Treasurer: Deputy Emily Bossard-\$2,811.30/bi-weekly, Deputy Kendra Clayton-\$2,811.30/bi-weekly, Deputy Christina Ostovic-\$2,811.30/bi-weekly, Crystal Gilmore-\$22.63/hr, Keri Petersen-\$21.90/hr, Cheryl Wee-\$23.035/hr, Karey Winkel-\$21.90/hr; Veterans Affairs: Director-Spring Jones-\$2,093.20/bi-weekly, Kay Nelson- Miller-\$17.87/hr; Zoning/Sanitation/Silt/Environmental Health: Director: Megan Kardell-\$3,345.10/bi-weekly, Lee McKim-\$27.93/hr.

The Board reviewed the appropriations needed for the FY'27 Departmental Budgets and acted upon approved budgets. Moved by, seconded by, to approve 100% of the FY'27 certified and adopted budgets to the individual departments in the amounts as listed below, effective July 1, 2026 and to authorize the County Auditor to periodically transfer sums not to exceed the following; for FY'27 beginning July 1, 2026 and ending June 30, 2027. All voted aye.

	<u>Department</u>	<u>FY'27 Budget Expenditures</u>
01	Board of Supervisors	\$8,456,807
02	Auditor	\$544,985
03	Treasurer	\$810,146
04	County Attorney	\$935,306
05	Sheriff	\$3,350,290
07	Recorder	\$440,523
20	Engineer	\$11,612,530
21	Veteran Affairs	\$163,220
22	Conservation Board	\$4,216,629
23	Health Board	\$326,000
25	Human Services	\$23,900
27	Trails	\$3,225,544
28	Medical Examiner	\$60,000
31	District Court	\$66,000
33	County Library	\$115,320
34	Historical Society	\$40,000
36	Ambulance	\$3,500
39	Community Services	\$311,106
51	General Services	\$801,500
52	Data Processing	\$858,456
53	Physical Planning	\$387,590
60	Mental Health	\$5,000
99	Non-Departmental	\$764,276

FY'27 Transfer of Funds:

- 1) General Fund to Trails Maintenance Fund=\$150,000

- 2) General Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund=\$668,832
- 3) General Fund to Building and Grounds Fund=\$300,000
- 4) General Fund (IT) to Building and Grounds Fund=\$50,000
- 5) General Basic Fun to Economic Development Fun=\$42,500
- 6) Rural Basic Fund to Secondary Road Fund=\$4,125,314
- 7) DC/SL UR Fund to General Basic Fund=\$22,960
- 8) Francis Sites Wetland Fund to Environmental Maintenance Fund=\$5,000
- 9) Environmental Maintenance Fund to Supplemental Environmental Fund=\$5,000

Jarrold Fischer present to discuss the necessity for a backup to the current medical examiner. After further discussion, it was moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve Dr. Steve Vanderleest as a deputy Medical Examiner. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Markwardt, seconded by Clark, to approve Resolution 2026-14 Tatanka Ska Trace Phase C (a). Roll call vote: Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Resolution by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors

Resolution 2026-14

Whereas, Dickinson County has been a strong supporter of the development of the Dickinson County Recreational Trails System, and we recognize that recreational trails are beneficial to our residents;

Whereas, the Dickinson County Trails Board is proposing a recreational trail segment known as Tatanka Ska Trace – Phase V(a) along the former Iowa & Northwestern Railroad right of way;

Whereas, the proposed trail will begin at 252nd Avenue in the town of Orleans and continue east to 270th Avenue for a distance of 2.2 miles, and through existing trails, connect to the entire Great Lakes Trail system;

Now therefore, let it be resolved that the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors supports the efforts of the Dickinson County Trails Board in their application for all grants to which they qualify to fund the construction of this recreational trail and Dickinson County will provide the local match funds through the Dickinson County Trails Board development fund. Let it also be known that Dickinson County will be responsible for the maintenance funding of the trail, as administered by the Dickinson County Trails Board, and as determined necessary and appropriate by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors, for not less than twenty (20) years from the date of completion of the trail.

Passed, approved and adopted by the Dickinson County Board of Supervisors, Dickinson County, Iowa this 23 day of June, 2026.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to set the JTDD61 and JTDD61 Br 61 FEMA public hearing time and date to be held on July 28th, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Markwardt, seconded by Dullard, to approve the June 9, 2026 board meeting minutes. Roll call vote: Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Wermersen, to approve the claims as listed on the June 23, 2026, Claims Listing. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Vendor Name	Total Payments
ADVANTAGE ADMINISTRATORS	9224.32
AIRGAS USA, LLC	157.98
ALISSA HOLTZ	318.58

ALLIANT ENERGY	2037.74
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	2239.67
AMY'S SIGN DESIGN	60
ANTHONY J LEMKER	175
ASCEN TEK, INC	1636.47
BAN-KOE COMPANIES, INC	5722.64
BECK ENGINEERING INC.	59036.25
BECK EXCAVATING INC.	91814.33
BEN EHLERS	334.99
BLACK HILLS ENERGY	209.74
BOJI PORTABLE TOILETS	140
BOMGAARS SUPPLY INC.	1324.06
BUSINESS TODAY	4954
C & B OPERATIONS, LLC	860.02
CAPITAL ONE TRADE CREDIT	386.84
CARD SERVICE CENTER	1179.49
CARNEY DRAINAGE & EXCAVATING	3470
CAROL PIERCE	8.7
CERTIFIED TESTING SERV.INC.	468
CHAD BROUWER	200
CHAD MATTHIESEN	154.99
COOPERATIVE ENERGY COMPANY	42657.43
CRYSTEEL TRUCK EQUIP INC	244996.61
CUSTOM CREATIONS	5342.4
DAVE KUKER TRUCKING, LLC	249.51
DAVID BESCH	39.88
DC EM	12500
DEBRA M MCKEEVER,CSR,RPR	58.5
DEREK LEE	31.9
DERUYTER CLEANING & FLOOR CARE	1000
DICK.CO.SECONDARY ROAD DEPT.	642.73
DC TREASURER	22.74
DC PUBLIC HEALTH	16483.33
DC CLEANING & MAINTENANCE, LLC	18572.19
DC NEWS	1408.96
DISCOVERY HOUSE INC.	450
DOUGLAS PRINGNITZ	100
EMMET COUNTY AUDITOR	803
ERICA SCHULTES	58
ERIN REED	128.33
ESRI INC.	1825
ESTHERVILLE RED POWER	116.45
EVAN PRUNTY	292.9
FERGUSON'S GARDEN CENTER INC.	625.94
FRANK DUNN CO.	2994
FRIENDLY CHEVROLET	60390
GALLS, LLC	1706.95
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	1490
GREAT LAKES MOTOR COMPANY, INC	383.04
GREGORY L. BALOUN	270.4

HAWTHORNE RIVERS	200
HEARTLAND TIRE	755.65
HILLYARD/SIOUX FALLS	4769.88
HURLBURT TOOLS	3158.05
HY-VEE ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE	120.78
IA DEPT OF PUBLIC SAFETY-TB	1788
IA LAKES ELECTRIC COOP	3410.88
IOWA COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK	538.5
IOWA INFORMATION INC.	114.95
IOWA PRISON INDUSTRIES	1504.81
IOWA SECRETARY OF STATE	126.28
ISAC	900
ISCTA	250
ISG, INC.	1966.28
JACK JONES	8.03
JAMES BLUM	34.8
JARROD FISCHER	150
JCL SOLUTIONS/SPENCER OFFICE SUPPLIES	469.9
JENNINGS AUTO PARTS	8.5
JENNINGS TOW & REPAIR, LLC	535.59
JKP DESIGNS LLC	27
JOSHUA KUJANSON	200
K BRAND MARKETING, INC	9057.98
KEVIN MAUGHAN	1570.46
KNIGHT PROTECTION INC.	1300
KURITA AMERICA INC.	6024.8
LAKE PARK AUTO PARTS	319.72
LAKES AUTOCARE	118.39
LAKES REGIONAL HEALTHCARE	3684.58
LIBERTY TIRE RECYCLING LLC	330.86
MARCO TECHNOLOGIES, LLC	8328.37
MASON MART	200
MEDIACOM	132.12
MELVIN WERNIMONT	100
MIDSTATES AUDIO INC.	715.83
MIDWEST 911 CARS, INC	36693.76
MIKE GREMS	170
MILFORD COMMUNICATIONS	117.85
MILFORD ELECTRIC INC	65.84
MILFORD MUN UTILITIES	180.21
MUESKE ELECTRIC INC.	4863.32
NANCY MENKE	29
NEW COOPERATIVE, INC	3523.5
NEW TEC EQUIPMENT	31500
NIPPON SANSEI MATHESON, INC.	78.08
NORTHWEST FIRE, LLC	376
NORTHWEST GLASS LLC	2891.66
NUSS TRUCK & EQUIPMENT	538.01
O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE, INC	360.8
PLANTIN' POSIES	550

POLICE LEGAL SCIENCES, INC	494
PREMIER BIOTECH LLC	137.5
PRO COOPERATIVE	53.94
RAMY TURF PRODUCTS	3380
RDG PLANNING & DESIGN	50000
RELIANCE TELEPHONE SYSTEMS INC	20
RICOH USA INC.	34.12
ROCKMOUNT RESEARCH & ALLOYS, INC.	240.32
SAWYER MARCO	200
SHANE BAKKE	700
SHAWN SYVERSON	158.55
SPENCER HEYWOOD	13.05
SPIRIT LAKE, CITY OF	1531.91
STATE HYGIENIC LABORATORY	155.5
STEVE DULLARD	116
STIVERS FORD LINCOLN	48600
STIVERS MIDWEST PRO UPFITTERS	15922.26
STOREY KENWORTHY/MATT PARROTT	371.94
SUSAN CLARK	111.65
TALOS DYNAMICS LLC	6928.92
TITAN MACHINERY	268.14
TK ELEVATOR CORPORATION	305.88
TOWN & COUNTRY DISPOSAL	577.75
TRANE U.S. INC	14376.25
TRANSWEST	1738.94
TRI-STATE LITHO LTD	108
TRUE VALUE-MILFORD	54.93
US BANK	13818.83
US RECORDS MIDWEST LLC	5159
VANGUARD APPRAISALS INC	3600
VERIZON WIRELESS	38.47
WANDA WOODBURY	45
WM CORPORATE SERVICES, INC.	236.61
YMCA OF THE OKOBOJIS	20000
ZIEGLER INC.	178.89
TOTAL PAYMENTS	926289.37

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the drainage claim to ISG for DD19 MT in the amount of \$1,966.28. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Clark, to approve the request for repairs on DD62 tile and direct county forces to complete the repair. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the request for repairs on DD2 main ditch and direct county forces to complete the repair. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Markwardt-aye, Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Dullard, to Approve Beck Engineering, Inc, of Spirit Lake, IA in the amount of \$226,500 based on an estimated construction cost of \$3,000,000 to \$3,500,000. This building

improvement will be in the FY 2027 budget year. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Dullard-aye, Markwardt-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Jeff Rose, County Engineer, gave an update on the current county maintenance projects and who they were awarded to.

Moved by Wermersen, seconded by Markwardt, to approve the FY '27 insurance package renewal. Roll call vote: Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-aye, Dullard-aye, Clark-aye, and Leupold-aye.

Moved by Clark, seconded by Dullard, to approve the drainage levies for the districts that are in a negative balance that will be included on the September 2026 property tax statement that were previously approved payments or projects. Roll call vote: Clark-aye, Dullard-aye, Wermersen-aye, Markwardt-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 10:40 a.m.

_____ William Leupold, Chairperson

_____ Lori Pedersen, Auditor