

ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOS • MINUTES 12.22.2025

MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONDAY, DECEMBER 22, 2025 (UNOFFICIAL)

Board members present: Byrnes, Keatley and Clark. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Byrnes followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

25.431- Motion Keatley/Second Clark to approve today's agenda and minutes from December 15, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Present at different times throughout the meeting: Joseph Moses – Waukon Standard, Denise Beyer – Clerk to Supervisors, Todd Blake, Nicki Smedsrud, Val Reinke, Benita Gossman, Mike Hohenbrink – Postville Herald, Trisha Wilkins, Laurie Moody, Corey Snitker, Brian Ridenour.

Public Comment: Todd Blake with Iowa DOT presented information regarding putting a permanent snow fence at the county farm to help with drifting snow on Highway 9; would require about 0.75 acres and the state does pay the county for placing the snow fence. Supervisors will place this on next week's agenda. Val Reinke updated on local events and meetings including the demolition of the BlackHawk bridge in Lansing last Friday and open house at the new apartment buildings in SW Waukon.

Trisha Wilkins, Northeast Iowa Community Action Corp CEO, reviewed services offered and provided to Allamakee residents by NEICAC and made FY27 budget request.

Treasurer Nicki Smedsrud presented the Allamakee County Investment Policy for review. No changes; it has to be reviewed and signed every 2 years. Supervisors reviewed and noted no changes.

25.432-Motion Clark/Second Keatley to approve the Allamakee County Investment Policy. Motion carried.

Auditor Beyer presented liquor license renewal application.

25.433-Motion Keatley/Second Clark to approve liquor license renewal application for KKG Performance Horses. Motion carried.

Auditor Beyer spoke about the option for setting space heater policies at other county buildings. Supervisors agree that this policy is for the courthouse.

25.434-Motion Clark/Second Keatley to approve the Allamakee County space heater policy for the courthouse building. Motion carried.

Payroll and claim schedules for 2026 were presented.

25.435-Motion Keatley/Second Clark to approve 2026 Claims and Payroll schedules as presented with claims due to Auditors office by noon the Wednesday prior to the Monday claims will be paid. Motion carried.

Clark Mellick reviewed quotes for lights for courthouse parking lots. Quote for lights is \$1,341.60; Ken Kerr estimates about \$3,000 labor for install. Benita Gossman, Clerk of Court, asked about adjusting the light on the pole to ensure the move will provide the light intended. Plan is for new floodlight on building to cover front 2 rows and the light on the pole would light the back 2 rows once it is moved. If the lighting is still not sufficient, then the issue can be revisited.

25.436-Motion Clark/Second Keatley to approve the request for lighting of the north parking lot up to \$4,500. Motion carried.

Corey Snitker gave update from last security meeting – north staircase will be marked for employees only; working with fire marshal on

some door placement questions; removal of bars from 4<sup>th</sup> floor office windows for fire escape/safety reasons.

Brian Ridenour requested approval of hiring Head Mechanic to fill a vacancy.

25.437-Motion Keatley/Second Clark to approve hiring Scott Panos full time as Head Mechanic, starting January 5, 2026 at \$26.05/hour. Motion carried.

Ridenour presented bids for Patterson Creek truss bridge project – bids taken through DOT.

Brennan Construction Co - \$847,586.10; Minnowa Construction - \$875,335.50. Engineer's estimate is \$742,245.80. Low bid Brennan is about 14.19% over Engineer's estimate. Ridenour recommends approval.

25.438-Motion Clark/Second Keatley to approve Brennan Construction Co low bid of \$847,586.10 for Patterson Creek truss bridge replacement project. Motion carried.

Department Head updates: Corey Snitker gave department and budget updates. Treasurer Nicki Smedsrud gave department update including busy end-of-year renewals and trainings for new systems. Engineer Ridenour updated on Lansing Blackhawk bridge implosion, interviews for vacancies and other department updates. Sheriff Mellick gave update on construction of water tank building and other department updates. Auditor Beyer gave update on valuations process.

25.439-Motion Keatley/Second Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dan Byrnes, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Denise Beyer - Auditor

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MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MONDAY, DECEMBER 29, 2025 (UNOFFICIAL)

Board members present: Byrnes, Keatley and Clark. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Byrnes followed by Pledge of Allegiance.

25.440- Motion Keatley/Second Clark to approve today's agenda and minutes from December 22, 2025 meeting. Motion carried.

Present at different times throughout the meeting: Joseph Moses – Waukon Standard, Denise Beyer – Clerk to Supervisors, Todd Blake, Karen Mathis.

Public Comment: Auditor Beyer reminded Supervisors of 2026 organizational meeting on Friday, January 2 at 9am.

Todd Blake with Iowa DOT reviewed the handout regarding placement of snow fence at county farm. Discussion included construction expense of the fence; amount of land to be taken out of the farm lease contract; the state could seed and mow between the snow fence and the road; Iowa DOT pays \$1/foot; 10-year lease requested; cropland renter could plant as close to the snow fence as they want as long as they don't interfere with it. Supervisors will consult the county attorney and cropland tenant regarding any changes to the lease and contact Blake before approval.

Recorder Karen Mathis requested approval of appointing Lindsey Bieber as 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy with Increase

to 60% of Recorder's salary in Recorder's office, effective January 11.

25.441-Motion Clark/Second Keatley to approve Lindsey Bieber as 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy in Recorder's office at 60% of Recorder's salary. Roll call – Clark-aye; Byrnes-aye; Keatley-aye. Motion carried.

Department Head updates: Recorder Mathis gave department update. Auditor Beyer gave update on Valuation process.

25.442-Motion Keatley/Second Clark to adjourn. Motion carried.

Dan Byrnes, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Denise Beyer - Auditor

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MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FRIDAY, JANUARY 2, 2026 (UNOFFICIAL)

Board members present: Byrnes, Keatley, and Clark. All members voting "AYE" unless noted.

Meeting called to order by Auditor Denise Beyer, followed by Pledge of Allegiance. Beyer asked for motion to appoint 2026 Chairperson and Chairperson Pro-Tem.

26.001-Motion Clark/Second Keatley to appoint Tom Clark as Chairperson of Board of Supervisors for 2026. Motion carried.

26.002-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to appoint Dan Byrnes as Chairperson Pro Tem for 2026. Motion carried.

26.003-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to approve today's agenda and minutes from December 29, 2025. Motion Carried.

Chairperson Clark took over as Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

The following people were present at various times throughout the meeting in person or via Zoom: Joseph Moses – Standard newspaper, Denise Beyer – Auditor and Clerk to Supervisors, Clark Mellick, Ross Geerdes, Val Reinke, Nicki Smedsrud, Mike Hohenbrink – Postville Herald.

Public Comment: Val Reinke gave update on events. Ross Geerdes announced he has a new employee starting Monday.

26.004-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes for Board of Supervisors to meet on Mondays at 9:00 a.m. in 2026 with the first 10 minutes for Public Comment time. Motion carried.

Supervisors reviewed the list of their Board/Commission appointments.

26.005-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to appoint Board of Supervisors as members to boards/commissions/committees as follows –

**Dan Byrnes** – Chairperson Pro-Tem, Allamakee County Revolving Loan Fund, Allamakee County Board of Health, Allamakee County Substance Abuse Board, Iowa Workforce Development Chief Elected Officials Board, Northeast Iowa Community Action Transit Board, Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund, Regional Upper Explorerland Revolving Loan Fund, Allamakee County Farm, Alternate: Emergency Management Commission, Alternate: RPA-1 DOT Policy Board, Alternate: County Social Services Board of Directors;

**Tom Clark** – Chairperson, Courthouse, Allamakee County E911 Board, Upper Explorerland Regional Housing Authority, Allamakee County Economic Development Executive Board, Allamakee County Conservation Board, 28E Board, DECAT Empowerment, Northeast Iowa Behavioral Health Board, Northeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Board, Alternate: Emergency Management Commission, Alternate: Board of Directors of Judicial District Dept of Corrections;

**Dennis "Corky" Keatley** - County Social Services Board of Directors, Northeast Iowa Response Group, Board of Directors of Judicial District Dept of Corrections, Resource, Conservation & Development Board (RC&D), RPA-1 DOT Policy Board, Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission Board and UERPC Executive Board, Emergency Management Commission, Alternate: Northeast Iowa Regional Housing Trust Fund; Alternate: Northeast Iowa Juvenile Detention Board.

**All Board of Supervisors are represented on the following Boards/Commissions/Committees** – Allamakee County Conference Board, Allamakee County Economic Development, Roadside Management, Allamakee County Solid Waste; Allamakee County Planning & Zoning Board, Allamakee County Historical Society.

Motion carried.

26.006-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to name the Postville Herald and Waukon Standard as official newspapers of Allamakee County for 2026. Motion carried.

26.007-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to approve resolution to set county mileage reimbursement rate for 2026 at fifty-five cents (\$0.55)/mile. Roll call: Keatley-aye; Byrnes-aye; Clark-aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in Auditor's office)

26.008-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to approve 2026 bounties for coyotes at \$5.00 each and gophers at \$0.50 (fifty cents) per pair for front feet, and feet must be in clear bags with no more than 10 pair per bag. Motion carried.

26.009-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to appoint Corey Snitker as alternate voter for Board of Supervisors on NE Iowa Response Group. Motion carried.

26.010-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to appoint Laurie Moody as Allamakee County's 2026 Weed Commissioner. Motion carried.

26.011-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to approve paying the following 2026 wages for Precinct Election Officials: \$15 per training for election trainings; regular PEOs \$200 per day and precinct Chairpersons \$250 per day; alternate PEOs \$15 per training and \$50 on-call pay if they are not called to work; Health Care Facility team and Absentee Board members \$12/hour and HCF and Absentee Chairpersons \$15/hour with minimum pay of 2 hours for all HCF and Absentee Board members each time they are required to report; plus mileage for all positions. Motion carried.

26.012 -Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to adopt the Construction Evaluation Resolution/Master Matrix for February 1, 2026 to January 31, 2027 for Allamakee County. Roll call: Keatley-aye; Byrnes-aye; Clark-aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in Auditor's office)

26.013-Motion Keatley/Second

Byrnes to approve resolution authorizing Engineer to execute the Certification of Final Completion of Work for all Farm-to-Market and federal or state aid construction projects. Roll Call: Keatley-aye; Byrnes-aye; Clark-aye. Motion carried. (Full text of resolution available in Auditor's office)

Board appointments were discussed and applications reviewed.

26.014- Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to appoint Janet Ellingson to Board of Health for 3-year term; David Blocker to Conservation Board for 5-year term; Marcia Rush and Carolyn Clark to Historic Preservation Commission for 3-year terms; Vicki Peterson to Board of Adjustment; and Fern Rissman to Upper Explorerland Regional Planning Commission. Motion carried.

26.015-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to name the following as deputies to the elected officials: **Treasurer:** Timothy Fish, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy; Rita Troendle, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy; Kimie Berns, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy; Michelle Gress, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy; **Recorder:** Michele Huinker, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy; Lindsey Bieber, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy; **Auditor:** Janel Egleseder, 1<sup>st</sup> Deputy; Lori Cahoon, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy; Kim Engrav, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy; **Sheriff:** Stuart Bloxham as Chief Deputy; Karson Hennings, Barry Olson, Steve Wilkes, Kevin Reinhardt, Ted Jacobsen, Chris McCartney, Ed Schoenthal, Jarrod Olson and Jacob Dougherty as Deputy Sheriffs. Motion carried.

26.016 -Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to appoint Dr Schwartz and Dr. McMullan as Medical Examiners; Jacob Dougherty and Chris Dahlstrom as Medical Examiner Investigators. Motion carried.

Supervisors discussed setting dates for 2026 meetings at Veterans Museum and county libraries.

26.017-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to have meetings at alternate locations in 2026 as follows: May – Veterans Museum; June 15 - Postville Library; July 20 – Waterville City Council Chambers; August 17 – Lansing Library; September 21 – New Albin; October 19 – Harpers Ferry; November 16 – Robey Library, Waukon. Motion carried.

Department Head updates: Ross Geerdes thanked Supervisors for their appointment to the Conservation Board; new staff Melissa Hermesen starting Monday. Treasurer Nicki Smedsrud gave department update including mailing elderly credit forms this month. Sheriff Mellick reported a smooth holiday for his department; water project building has been constructed with progress to continue. Auditor Denise Beyer gave update on valuations being filed and upcoming meetings.

26.018-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to adjourn. Motion carried.

Tom Clark, Chairperson

ATTEST:

Denise Beyer - Auditor

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