

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 4th 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 update 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, Janu-

ary 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.

Department Head updates: Recorder Karen 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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ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOS • MINUTES 01.02.2026

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, Court House, 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 Dis-

trict Dept of Corrections;

Dennis "Corky" Keatley - County Social Services Board of Directors,

Northeast Iowa Response Group,

Board of Directors of Judicial Dis-

trict Dept of Corrections, Resource,

Conservation, & Development

Board (RC&D), RPA-1 DOT Policy

Board, Upper Explorerland Region-

al Planning Commission Board and

UERPC Executive Board, Emerg-

ency Management Commission,

Alternate: Northeast Iowa Region-

al Housing Trust Fund; Alternate:

Northeast Iowa Juvenile Deten-

tion Board.

All Board of Supervisors are rep-

resented on the following Boards/

Commissions/Committees - Allam-

akee County Conference Board,

Allamakee County Economic De-

velopment, Roadside Manage-

ment, 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.

Byrnes to approve resolution au-

thorizing 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 car-

ried. (Full text of resolution avail-

able in Auditor's office)

Board appointments were dis-

cussed 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 Pres-

ervation Commission for 3-year

terms; Vicki Peterson to Board of

Adjustment; and Fern Rissman to

Upper Explorerland Regional Plan-

ning Commission. Motion carried.

26.015-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to name the following as dep-

ties to the elected officials: **Treas-**

urer: Timothy Fish, 1st Deputy;

Rita Troendle, 2nd Deputy; Kimie

Berns, 3rd Deputy; Michelle Gress,

2nd Deputy; **Recorder:** Michele

Huinker, 1st Deputy; Lindsey Bie-

ber, 2nd Deputy; **Auditor:** Jane Eg-

Iseder, 1st Deputy; Lori Cahoon, 2nd

Deputy; Kim Engrav, 2nd Deputy;

Sheriff: Stuart Bloxham as Chief

Deputy; Karson Hennings, Barry

Olson, Steve Wilkes, Kevin Rein-

hardt, Ted Jacobsen, Chris McCa-

rtney, 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 Examin-

ers; Jacob Dougherty and Chris

Dahlstrom as Medical Examiner In-

vestigators. Motion carried.

Supervisors discussed setting

dates for 2026 meetings at Veter-

ans Museum and county libraries.

26.017-Motion Byrnes/Second

Keatley to have meetings at alter-

nate locations in 2026 as follows:

May - Veterans Museum; June 15

- Postville Library; July 20 - Water-

ville City Council Chambers; Au-

gust 17 - Lansing Library; Sep-

tember 21 - New Albin; October

19 - Harpers Ferry; November 16