

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met on September 19, 2025. Heitshusen, Chairman called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Degen, Heitshusen, Maas (via phone), Meyer and Montross were present.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **approve** the agenda. Degen, Heitshusen, Meyer and Montross, Aye, Maas, Nay, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Montross to **approve** the minutes for September 12, 2025. All aye, motion carried.

Chair Notes: The board approved handwritten claims paid with warrant numbers 41795 and claims paid with warrant numbers 41797 – 41939. Manure Management Plan received from Axmear AG # 62539.

Pioneer Cemetery Commission appointment, no action taken will be on next agenda.

Montion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **accept Tony Hocamp's resignations** from ECICOG Board of Directors and ECICOG Loan Review Committee. All aye, motion carried.

ECICOG Board of Directors and ECICOG Loan Review Committee appointments, no action taken will be on next agenda.

Region 10 Transportation TAC – Citizen appointment, no action taken will be on next agenda.

ECIGOC Region 10 Trails Advisory Committee (RTAC) appointment, no action taken will be on next agenda.

Motion by Maas, seconded by Degen to **approve wage scale for part-time dispatch and jail staff as follows:** A newly hired employees pay will be dependent upon experienced and left to the discretion of the Sheriff to be paid within the hourly pay schedule set by the County The probationary periods for the new hires will remain the same with or without prior experience. All aye, motion carried.

Road closure request for 220th Trail between 44th and 45th Avenue on October 4, 2025, the hours of 9:45 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. No action taken and will be removed from future agendas.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer met with the board to discuss construction, road maintenance, and the Engineer's office.

Local steel letting bids received from Oden Enterprises for \$100,367.32 and Peterson Contractors for \$111,846.30.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Maas to **approve local steel letting bid of \$100,367.32** from Oden Enterprises. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **go into Public Hearing at 9:15 a.m.** for Y Avenue Road Vacation. All aye, motion carried.

No written comments received
No public comments were received.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **go out of Public Hearing at 9:16 a.m.** for Y Avenue Road Vacation. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Montross to **pass, adopt and approve Resolution 2025-09-19 A** as follows:

Resolution 2025-09-19 A

Approving Vacation of Right of Way and Disposition of Real Estate

Whereas, Iowa County, Iowa proposed to vacate right of way described as follows:

A portion of Y Ave located on the west line of Section 25 of Greene Township, Township-78N, Range-9W of the 5th Principal Meridian, Iowa County Iowa, more particularly describes as follows:
COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF F67 (320TH St) AND Y AVE. IN SECTION 25 OF GREENE TOWNSHIP AND THENCE SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 60 FT, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY ROW LINE FOR F67, ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE SOUTH AND VACATING 3,735 FT OF Y AVE. (See attachment)

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors (i) set a time and place for a public hearing on the proposed vacation of the above-described property and (ii) directed that notice of such hearing be given in accordance with the requirements of Iowa Code Sections 354.23, 306.12 and 306.23

Whereas, notice of the proposed vacation and the time and place for the public hearing was given as required by law by letters and the Proof of Publication attached hereto as Exhibit "A".

Whereas, a public hearing on the proposed vacation of the above-described property was held as scheduled on the 19th day of September, 2025 at 9:15 o'clock a.m. in the East Annex Building located in Marengo, Iowa, at which hearing a quorum of the Board of Supervisors was present.

Whereas, after providing time for comment on the proposed vacation by all who indicated a desire to comment, the public hearing was closed.

Whereas, upon consideration of the comments made in the public hearing and upon determination that the Board of Supervisors finds that the above described parcel is of no benefit to the public.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Iowa County, Iowa that the vacation of the right of way described as:

A portion of Y Ave located on the west line of Section 25 of Greene Township, Township-78N, Range-9W of the 5th Principal Meridian, Iowa County Iowa, more particularly describes as follows:
COMMENCING AT THE INTERSECTION OF F67 (320TH St) AND Y AVE. IN SECTION 25 OF GREENE TOWNSHIP AND THENCE SOUTH APPROXIMATELY 60 FT, TO A POINT ON THE SOUTHERLY ROW LINE FOR F67, ALSO BEING THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE SOUTH AND VACATING 3,735 FT OF Y AVE.

Roll call vote:

Degen, aye; Heitshusen, aye; Maas, aye; Meyer, aye; Montross, aye.
All aye, motion carried.

No actions taken on BROS-C048(103)—8J-48 and BROS-C048(104)—8J-48 Funding Agreements.

Motion by Maas, seconded Montross to **approve** Millstream Brewing Co. – Oktoberfest Keg Tapping Parade in Amana, October 3, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. road closure. All aye, motion carried.

Adam Rabe, Iowa County Ambulance Director, met with the board to present the monthly update for the department.

Motion by Meyer, seconded by Montross to **pass, adopt and pass Resolution 2025-09-19** as follows:

Resolution 2025-09-19

A RESOLUTION TO DECLARE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) TO BE AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN IOWA COUNTY, IOWA AS AUTHORIZED BY IOWA CODE SECTION 422.D.1

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code 331.301(1) to “exercise any power and perform any function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improved the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents”; and

WHEREAS, Iowa County supports EMS to its residents and seeks to provide Emergency Medical Services to all its citizens and visitors; and

WHEREAS, ensuring sufficient and effective EMS coverage is essential for maintaining the health and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors recognizes the importance of maintaining and advancing the level of care, capability, and coverage of Emergency Medical Services (EMS) in Iowa County; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2021, Iowa Senate File 615 was signed into law by Governor Reynolds, amending Iowa Code Section 422D.1, giving Iowa Counties the ability to declare EMS an essential service for their respective county, thereby making it possible for counties to propose additional funding sources for EMS to the county’s voters at an election.

WHEREAS, Iowa County Board of Supervisors, on September 19, 2025 directed that notice of the first meeting to consider this resolution be made and any other actions be taken as necessary to proceed with the process under Iowa Code 422D.1 to declare EMS to be an essential county service.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Iowa County Board of Supervisors, that: Emergency Medical Services (EMS) is hereby declared an essential service in and for Iowa County, Iowa, and the Iowa County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Iowa County residents and provide for an sufficient and effective Iowa County Emergency Medical Services (EMS) System that allows for quality care for the persons living, working, or traveling in Iowa County, Iowa. Exercising said necessary power and function includes, but is not limited to, the establishment of a Iowa County emergency medical services advisory council and the proposition of a local option income surtax and/or ad valorem property tax to fund EMS be voted upon by Iowa County voters.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that adoption of this resolution will allow 1) For an election to be offered for voter approval of an ad valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents per thousand dollars of assessed value for EMS and 2) The creation of a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching/assessing the service needs of the county and guide implementation of the same under Iowa Code Section 422D.1.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, if a proposition to fund EMS through either a local option surtax or ad valorem property tax, or some combination thereof, fails to receive a favorable vote by at least sixty percent of those voting on the question, this resolution shall be deemed null and void.

NOW, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors will hold public hearings declaring EMS an essential service in Iowa County will be held on December 5th, 12th, and 19th, 2025 at 10:00 am.

Roll call vote:

Degen, abstain; Heitshusen, aye; Maas, nay; Meyer, aye; Montross, aye.
Motion carried.

Recess at 9:49 a.m.

Maas participating via phone left the meeting at 9:49 a.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called meeting back to order at 9:55 a.m.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Meyer to **approve and authorize the chairman to sign Domestic Violence Awareness Proclamation**, Proclaiming October 2025 Domestic Violence Awareness Month in Iowa County. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **adjourn** at 10:11 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Kevin Heitshusen, Chairperson

Brandy Enochson, Auditor

*****Minutes are unofficial until approved at the next Board Meeting. *****