

The Iowa County Board of Supervisors met on July 24, 2026. Heitshusen called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. Degen, Heitshusen, Meyer and Montross were present. Maas was absent.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **approve** the agenda. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Heitshusen to **approve** minutes from July 24, 2026. Heitshusen and Montross, aye. Degen and Meyer abstain, motion carried.

Motion by Degen, seconded by Meyer to **approve** minutes from July 28, 2026. All aye, motion carried.

Chair notes: The board approved handwritten claims with warrant numbers 48771 – 48773 and payroll paid with warrant numbers 48774 – 48937. Manaure Management Plan received from Cornfed Farms, LLC., facility # 69533.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **approve** liquor license applications for Ronneburg Restaurant and Amana Colonies Golf Course. All aye, motion carried.

No action taken on Meal Reimbursement Policy update. Will remain on the agenda for next week.

Recess at 9:09 a.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called the meeting back to order at 9:15 a.m.

Nick Amelon, Iowa County Engineer met with the board to present the departments weekly updates.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **approve and authorize** the chairman to sign Federal Aid Agreement for Congressionally Directed Funding for W21, Project HDP-C048(112)—6B-48. All aye, motion carried.

Recess at 9:25 a.m.

Chairman Heitshusen called meeting back to order at 9:43 a.m.

Tim McMeen, Iowa County Attorney and Tim Dille, Iowa County Assistant Attorney met with the board with Resolution 2026-07-31 – Moratorium for Data Centers.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Degen to pass, approve and adopt Resolution 2026-07-31 Establishing a Twelve(12) Month Moratorium as follows:

Resolution 2026-07-31

**A RESOLUTION OF THE IOWA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
ESTABLISHING A TWELVE (12) MONTH MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE,**

PROCESSING, AND APPROVAL OF APPLICATIONS FOR ALL CLASSES OF DATA CENTERS WITHIN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF IOWA COUNTY, IOWA

WHEREAS, the Iowa County Board of Supervisors (“Board”) is vested with the authority to protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of county residents, and to regulate land uses within the unincorporated areas of the County pursuant to Chapters 331 and 335 of the Code of Iowa; and

WHEREAS, data centers have begun to emerge nationwide as large-scale industrial facilities that vary significantly in size, operational intensity, environmental impact, water and energy demand, noise generation, and compatibility with surrounding land uses; and

WHEREAS, such facilities may involve substantial levels of water use, electrical consumption, continuous mechanical noise generation, large-scale cooling infrastructure, accessory substations, emergency backup power systems, and other related components that may pose unique and significant land use impacts on surrounding properties, natural resources, public services, and rural quality of life; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the County does not specifically regulate modern data centers; and

WHEREAS, the Board wishes to engage in a thorough review of its ordinances governing such matters, and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that the acceptance or approval of new data centers during this period of study could undermine the purpose of such review, could expose Iowa County to incompatible land uses; and

WHEREAS, temporary moratoria of reasonable duration are a recognized and lawful planning tool used by counties throughout Iowa to prevent development from occurring while comprehensive studies and ordinance updates are being completed; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds that establishing a temporary moratorium on data center applications is necessary and reasonable to protect public health, safety, and welfare while the county studies the issue and develops appropriate regulations.

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

1. Moratorium Established.

A temporary moratorium is hereby enacted prohibiting the acceptance, processing, consideration, or approval of any subdivision, site plan, conditional use, building permit, rezoning, or other development applications for any type or class of data center within the unincorporated areas of Iowa County.

2. Definitions.

For purposes of this Resolution, the term “data center” shall include any facility primarily used for the centralized storage, management, processing, or transmission of digital data; and any

facility whose principal use involves high density servers, information technology equipment, specialized mechanical cooling systems, or related digital infrastructure. This definition is intended to be interpreted broadly and includes enterprise data centers, colocation data centers, hyperscale data centers, server farms, cloud computing facilities, and similar operations.

3. Geographic Scope.

This moratorium applies only to properties located within the unincorporated territory of Iowa County, Iowa.

4. Duration.

This moratorium shall remain in effect for twelve (12) months from the date of its adoption, unless earlier rescinded or extended by subsequent resolution of the Board.

5. Existing Facilities and Applications.

This moratorium shall not apply to:

- a. Legally established existing data center facilities currently in operation;
- b. Applications that have received all required final approvals prior to the effective date of this Resolution;
- c. Routine maintenance, repair, or upgrades to existing lawful facilities that do not constitute expansion or the establishment of a new data center use.

6. Direction to County Staff.

- a. County staff are hereby directed to:
- a. Conduct a comprehensive review of any data center request to build in Iowa County.
- b. Propose updated definitions, standards, and regulatory frameworks designed to address modern data center land use impacts;
- c. Present draft recommendations to the Board for further consideration.
- d. Consult with the County Attorney's Office regarding the legal and regulatory implications of the proposed changes.

7. Severability.

If any portion of this Resolution is determined to be invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, such determination shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

8. Effective Date.

This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and approval.

Roll Call Vote: Montross, aye; Meyer, aye; Heitshusen, aye; Degen, aye. Maas, absent. All aye, motion carried.

Motion by Montross, seconded by Meyer to **adjourn** at 9:50 a.m. All aye, motion carried.

Kevin Heitshusen, Chairman

Brandy Enochson, Auditor

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