

LEGALS

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tractual services, witness fees, school of instruction registration fees and mileage as recorded in Resolution Book 5, page 313 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve Resolution #1128-06-24-2025 – for Interfund Operating Transfers authorizing the Auditor to periodically transfer sums from the general basic and general rural service basic funds to the secondary roads fund during the 2025/2026 budget year as recorded in Resolution Book 5, page 314 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve Resolution #1129-06-24-2025 – for Township Officials’

Reimbursement with a compensation rate of \$25.00 per meeting and for clerks’ bookwork of \$25.00 per month not to exceed \$300.00 per year as recorded in Resolution Book 5, page 315 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve Resolution #1130-06-24-2025 – for Payroll for Fiscal Year 2025/2026 and authorize publication in the official newspapers as recorded in Resolution Book 5, pages 316 - 318 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve Resolution #1131-06-24-2025 – setting the compensation of all election board members and other temporary election officials and the hours and mileage rates as recoded in Resolution Book 5, page 319 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve Resolution #1132-06-24-2025 to rescind Resolution #1122-06-17-2025 and certifying amended delinquent Leisure Lake sewer assessments to the County Treasurer for property tax collection effective June 24, 2025 as recorded in Resolution Book 5, page 320 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve Resolution #1133-06-24-2025 cancelling outstanding warrants in the Jackson County Auditor’s Office for a total amount of \$336.68 effective June 24, 2025 as recorded in Resolution Book 5, page 321 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Executive Assistant LuAnn Goeke reviewed the Board calendar.

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve a fireworks permit to Matt Andresen at 7501 214th Ave, Maquoketa on July 4, 2025 at 9:00 p.m. with a rain date of July 5, 2025 at 9:00 p.m. as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve a fireworks permit to Leisure Lake Property

Owners Association to be shot from the dam at Leisure Lake near Ed Street at dusk on June 28, 2025 with a rain date of July 5, 2025 at dusk as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Zoning Administrator Lori Roling updated the Board.

Motion Flagel, second Steines to extend a moratorium of Resolution #1105-03-25-2025 on Data Mining Facilities until June 30, 2026 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Chair Schwenker opened the public hearing at 10:00 a.m. for proposed Ordinance #317.

Zoning Administrator Lori Roling discussed proposed Ordinance #317. No comments for or against the rezoning have been received.

Motion Steines, second Flagel to close the public hearing as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve the first reading of Ordinance #317 to amend the official zoning map of the of the Jackson County Zoning Ordinance to reclassify a portion of a parcel of land in section 30 of Tete Des Morts Township from the A-1 Agricultural District to the C-1 Highway Commercial District as recorded in Book 1, page 567 as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to suspend Roberts Rules of Order to proceed with the second and third reading of Ordinance #317 amending the official zoning map reclassifying a portion of land in section 30 of Tete Des Morts Township from the A-1 Agricultural District to the C-1 Highway Commercial District as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Steines, second Flagel to approve the second reading of Ordinance #317 amending the official zoning map reclassifying a portion of land in section 30 of Tete Des Morts Township as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Motion Flagel, second Steines to approve the third and final reading of Ordinance #317 amending the official zoning map reclassifying a portion of land in section 30 of Tete Des Morts Township as presented. Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

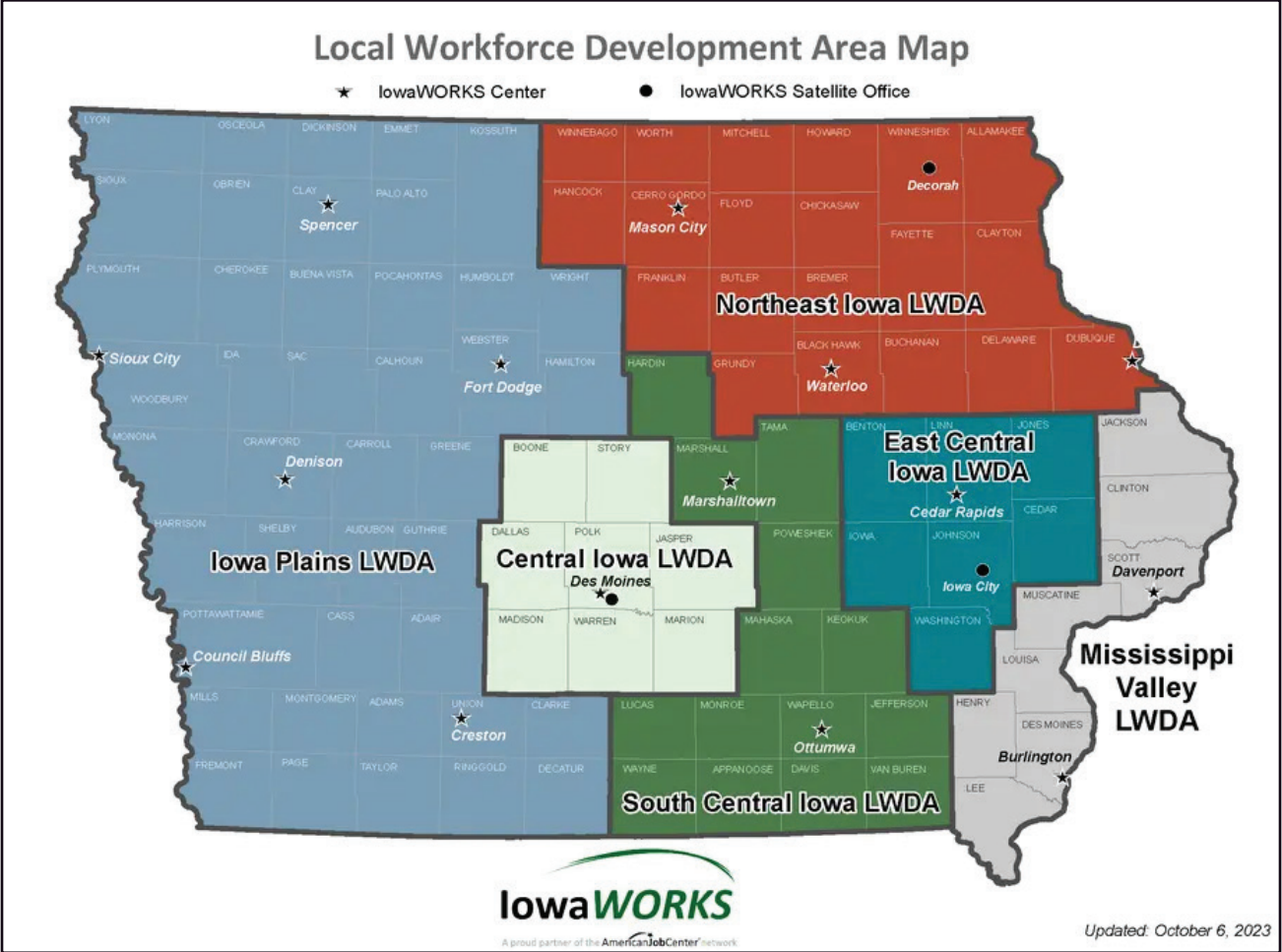
Motion Steines, second Flagel to adjourn the meeting at 10:15 a.m. until the next board meeting on July 1, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the boardroom at the courthouse in Maquoketa.

Aye: Schwenker, Steines, Flagel

Don Schwenker,
Board of Supervisors
Chair

Alisa Smith, Auditor
Clerk

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Workforce Development Areas seek to merge

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Iowa Workforce Development Areas are seeking to merge, due to continued decreases in federal funding.

“It’s getting very difficult for the administration to be able to have the administrative funds available to have staff,” Clinton County Supervisor Jim Irwin said last week.

Irwin is the chief lead elected official of the Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Area, which covers eight Eastern Iowa counties, including Clinton, Jackson, Louisa and Des Moines.

Iowa is divided currently into six local workforce areas that partner with Iowa Workforce Development to provide services that include job training, career development, and placement programs.

In the past, the Mississippi Valley Workforce Development Area received the largest amount in federal funding until the Iowa Plains Workforce Development Area developed.

The Iowa Plains Area formed in 2023 when the Western Iowa, Southwest Iowa, Northwest Iowa and North Central Iowa Workforce

Development areas dissolved following their refusal of federal funding.

The western half of the state then became The Iowa Plains Workforce Development Area, encompassing 42 of Iowa’s 99 counties, overseen by Iowa Workforce Development.

Every Workforce Development Area last year took an 18% decrease in funding and saw another 18% decrease with this fiscal year.

Irwin said next year holds a projected additional 20-25% decrease in funding from the Department of Labor.

“If we get funding cuts again, we won’t be sustainable after that,” Irwin said. “We likely won’t survive two to three years from now.”

The South Central Iowa Workforce Development Area three years ago brought funding of \$1.3 million, Irwin said. Now, it receives \$770,000 in federal funds.

“They do not have enough funding, starting today, to be able to pay their administrative staff,” Irwin said, adding that the Area’s executive director has also resigned.

“We are looking to combine Northeast Iowa, South Central Iowa, and Mississippi Valley into one Workforce Area,” he said, “

The resulting larger entity could then absorb administrative funding, with subcommittees formed for each current Workforce Area to allow for retained local control.

All counties within the areas, however, need to agree for the merger to occur, according to Department of Labor rules.

The East Central Iowa and Central Iowa Workforce Development areas are not in favor of merging with the other areas, Irwin said, but the South Central Iowa Area has agreed to merge.

The Mississippi Valley Area still needs the support of Clinton and Henry counties.

“At this point, I don’t know if it’s a good idea, because I need more information,” said Erin George, chair of the Clinton County supervisors.

Supervisor Dan Srp voiced concern about reduced resources but said he would be inclined to follow Irwin’s recommendation to protect both state-wide and local interests.

The supervisors will be provided with further information as the discussions about merging continue.

Jenna Blount writes for the Clinton Herald.

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