

Dumont Council Meeting/Claims 5.15.25

**May 15, 2025**

The Dumont City Council met on Thursday, May 15, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Edwin L. Mouw presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Diane Gronewold, Wayne Pecha, David Shear and Mary Tyrrell. Interim Public Works Director Dennis Burkett and Fire Chief Zach Lewis were also in attendance. Visitors present were Roger Kregel representing the Revitalize Dumont group, Tyler Swart from the Dumont Community Club, Roy Alden, John Bierbrodt, Zach Burnett, Amy Davis and Jaxten and Matt Tuffe.

Mayor Mouw opened the Public Hearing on the Amendment to 2024-2025 Current Budget for the City of Dumont, Iowa. Said Notice of the City Council's intent to conduct a Public Hearing was published in the Hampton Chronicle on April 30, 2025. As no one appeared to comment on the Amendment, and there were no written objections filed at City Hall, Pecha moved to close the Public Hearing. Shear seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell presented **RESOLUTION 2025-5 A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE CURRENT BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 2025** and moved for its passage. Day seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes. A copy of Resolution 2025-5 can be viewed at City Hall.

In time for public comment, Roger Kregel gave an update on the electronic City Sign west of the Dumont EMS Building.

Day/Gronewold moved to approve the minutes from April 17, 2025 as published and April 29, 2025 as presented. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Shear/Tyrrell moved to approve the Dumont Revitalization Group's request to use the hydrant closest to the former school property for maintenance and cleanup. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Shear/Tyrrell moved for the Community Club of Tyler & Jenni Swart and Darcy Smith to determine the fate of the former popcorn stand. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

The Council held the second reading of Ordinance No. 297 amending provisions pertaining to water rates and tower maintenance (changing the water/sewer rates from \$5.00/1000 gallons to \$8.00/1000 gallons and adding an additional \$1.50 to the tower maintenance fee. Sewer charges being 100% of water rates. The third and final reading will be at our June 12, 2025 meeting.

The Council also held the second reading of Ordinance No. 298 amending provisions pertaining to collection of solid waste (increasing each garbage container by \$3.00). The third and final reading will also be at our June 12, 2025 meeting.

Tyrrell/Day moved to no longer provide dust oil treatments. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Shear/Gronewold moved to clean the ditch adjacent to 220 Main Street from the County Shed to Highway 3. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Mayor Mouw opened the sealed bids for the hay at the lagoon and the area behind the former elevator. The bids were as follows: 1. Bronz and Blake Helmke-\$390.00; 2. Marlin Smith-\$250.00. Tyrrell/Pecha moved to accept the higher bid of \$390 from the Helmke's. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Shear/Tyrrell moved to return the \$500 payment made by Doug Muhlenbruch for a cemetery space since he has one available to him on a family lot. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Pecha moved not to establish a city website at this time. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Building/deck/fence permits approved this month was a fence permit at619 Pine Street.

Tyrrell/Shear moved to approve this month's City Clerk's Report. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Day moved to approve the opening of a savings account for the Dumont Volunteer Fire Department for proceeds obtained for a new fire truck. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Day moved to approve having a Fireworks display on Sandbaggin' Day (June 21st) beginning at approximately 9:30 p.m. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried.

Tyrrell/Day moved to pay this month's bills. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Gronewold, Pecha, Shear, Tyrrell; Nays-none. Motion carried. The bills are as follows:

**GENERAL**

Access Systems maintenance contract-copier .....180.43  
Baker & Taylor books .....213.70  
Butler Co. Emergency Management "I Am Responding" subscription 300.00  
Column Software PBC legals-Budget Amendment PH .....159.96  
Debra J. Eisentrager reimb. for DVDs .....221.53  
Demco, Inc. book supplies/bookmarks .....120.36  
Diane Gronewold contract mowing-cemetery .....1000.00  
Dumont Harken Lumber caulk/bit .....18.42  
Dumont Telephone Company phone/fax/internet/router .....325.37  
First Security Bank & Trust two safety deposit box rentals .....90.00  
Hanigan Writing Service speaker fee-Barkema 2023 .....50.00  
HawkeyeCommunication/Fandel annual billing FY26-State \$ .....564.00

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 6/9/25

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS June 9th 2025**

A recording of the meeting can be found at [www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors/streams](http://www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisors/streams)

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Monday, June 9th, 2025, at the Franklin County Courthouse with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the regular minutes from 6/2/2025 and the special session minutes from 6/6/2025. All ayes. Motion carried.

Public Comment & Board Committee Updates: None

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the hiring of Dennis Knipfel and Wayne Riggins for Seasonal Work and setting their wage at \$26.06 per hour. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a proposal from Kimley Horn for preparation of FY25 Safe Streets & Roads (S4A) Funding Application to be jointly submitted with 7 other counties. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the Iowa Dept. of Transportation Federal-Aid Agreement for County Highway Bridge Program Project, Agreement No 2-25-HBP-S-029 for Rail Ave bridge replacement. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker seconded by Lukensmeyer to open a public hearing pertaining to an application from NEW Cooperative Inc to expand Anhydrous Ammonia storage & pumping facility at 1389 Wright Ave Rowan, Iowa at 9:15AM. All ayes. Motion carried. No public was present and no comment had been received prior to the meeting. Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to close the public hearing at 9:17AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the application by NEW Cooperative Inc to expand anhydrous ammonia storage & pumping at 1389 Wright Ave Rowan, Iowa. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors recessed at 9:30 for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 9:55AM. Minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the county website. The drainage meeting was delayed due to technical difficulties.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve an amendment of the Compensatory Time for Road Crew Employee policy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution amending the Franklin County Employee Handbook 2.6 "Hiring Policy and Process". Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted. The resolution includes updating the portion of the policy that talks about post-offer physical exams based on recommendations on the provider about testing physical requirements for jobs that are rated at a level 3 or higher. Due to the length of the resolution, the full resolution may be found on the County website or by contacting the Auditor's office.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors held discussion in regard to FY2026 appropriations. After the discussion, the Supervisors directed the Auditor to prepare the resolution for 100% appropriations.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve front loading all qualified Public Health & Home Care employees transitioning from Franklin County to Franklin General Hospital one paid holiday to be used for Labor Day 2025 (September 1st). All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve releasing all Public Health & Home Care furniture to Franklin General Hospital as part of the transition of services & departments. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded Lukensmeyer to approve the Franklin County Courthouse Roof & Tuckpointing Design Partnership Agreement with Bergland & Cram. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve an ABD License for Backpocket Brewing LLC at 692 Heather Ave for RAGBRAI. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Vanness, seconded by McVicker to approve a fireworks permit for 4G's Pyrotechnics on behalf of Thomas Pals. All ayes. Motion carried.

There was discussion regarding which Supervisor would complete the petty cash count on June 30th this year. Supervisor Lukensmeyer will complete the petty cash count on June 30th.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:02AM until Monday, June 16th, 2025, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:  
Chris Vanness, Chairman  
Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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Got a Legal Notice to Submit?  
Deadline for legal notice submissions is  
Monday at noon

NEWS

DMU Graduates Recognized at Spring 2025 Award Ceremonies

WEST DES MOINES, IA (06/04/2025)-- Talia Rowe of Sheffield, IA, graduated from Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences with a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree on May 30, 2025.

Rowe received the following honors:

Alpha Eta Honor Society, a national scholastic honor society for the allied health professions. Its purpose is to promote and recognize scholarship, leadership and contributions to the allied health professions.

Located in West Des Moines, part of Iowa's capital metro, Des Moines University Medicine and Health Sciences

offers 10 graduate-level professional degree programs in anatomy, biomedical sciences, health care administration, occupational therapy, osteopathic medicine, physical therapy, physician assistant studies, podiatric medicine and public health. Founded in 1898, the institution offers superior academics in a collaborative environment. DMU students' scores on national examinations, pass rates on board certifications and match rates for medical residency programs are consistently higher than national averages and rates at peer institutions.

Kirkwood Community College announces Dean's List honors

CEDAR RAPIDS, Iowa (June 4, 2025) - Kirkwood Community College has released its Dean's List for the spring 2025 semester. These students have achieved a 3.3 grade point average or higher after completing 12 or more credit hours at the college.

Kirkwood students from the area earning this distinction are listed below.


HOMETOWN, STATE; NAME, COUNTY

Allison, IA — Kiya Johnson  
Aredale, IA — Kylie Eckenrod  
Dumont, IA — Carli Franke



57 people attended Thunderbolts at the Windsor Theatre last weekend. Three more showings at 1 & 7 pm Wednesday and 7 pm Thursday.

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