

Board Proceedings Monona County Board of Supervisors

**MONONA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
April 8, 2025**

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. o'clock on Tuesday, April 8, 2025 in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, Monona County, Iowa with Chairman Fox presiding. Other Supervisors present: Tom Brouillette and Vince Phillips. Supervisor Absent: None. Also, present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve the agenda. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Patrick Prorok, EMA Director was present to update the Board on the blizzard damage. Information and expenses are being collected from all entities that were involved with the blizzard to be submitted to the State of Iowa for public assistance. There were not enough individual damages done to receive individual assistance from the State of Iowa. Discussion followed; no action taken. Also present for the update were Wray Wright, Chris and Jennifer Fester.

Secondary Roads Engineer Charles Bechtold, Secondary Roads Office Manager Deleta Huffman, Wray Wright, Chris and Jennifer Fester were present for Secondary Roads business. Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to rescind Resolution SR-13 Operator III Employment. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve the Secondary Roads FY 2026 DOT Budget. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve miscellaneous utility permit for Mid American / Communication Innovators to install 1.25-inch HDPE continuous orange conduit with 96 count single mode fiber optic cable in Monona County right of way. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion items were using the DOT website for placement of gravel on roads, FEMA, Foreman will be meeting next Wednesday, bridges, wiring plugs for fuel and crushing concrete in Mapleton. No action taken.

Velma Grell was present to discuss her property taxes, no action taken.

Michelle Matney, RML Architect was present via phone to discuss the roof replacement. Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve bid from Walker Brothers Roofing to replace the roof on the Courthouse. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve the minutes of March 31, 2025 and April 1, 2025 as read. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Fox to approve claims. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to acknowledge receipt of West Central Community Action Financial Statements dated September 30, 2024. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Fox to authorize the Chairman's signature on the Recorder's Oath of Office for Recorder Deputies Paula Corzette and Dawn Smith. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of the Monona County Recorder's Quarterly Report. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox,

Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to acknowledge receipt of Monona County Zoning/Environmental Health's Quarterly Report. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to hereby adjourn at the hour of 11:47 a.m. o'clock. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Bo Fox
BO FOX
CHAIRPERSON
MONONA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

ATTEST: /s/Peggy A. Rolph
PEGGY A. ROLPH, AUDITOR

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MONONA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BARBARA J. MATHYS, Deceased
Case No. ESPR013497

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF CO-EXECUTORS, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

TO ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN THE ESTATE OF BARBARA J. MATHYS, DECEASED, who died on or about March 12, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on April 7, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Barbara J. Mathys, deceased, bearing date of August 19, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Kristin K. Johnson, Mark A. Johnson and Janis R. Pedersen were appointed Co-Executors of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to the surviving spouse, all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated April 7, 2025

/s/ Kristin K. Johnson
Kristin K. Johnson
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Onawa, Iowa 51040

/s/ Mark A. Johnson
Mark A. Johnson
32709 Poplar Avenue
Moorhead, Iowa 51558

/s/ Janis R. Pedersen
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Public Notice

The Siouxland Interstate Metropolitan Planning Council (SIMPCO) Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) and the Siouxland Regional Transportation Planning Association (SRTPA) FY 26 Transportation Planning Work Program

Both the SIMPCO MPO and the SRTPA are in the process of developing the Draft FY 2026 Transportation Planning Work Programs (TPWP) with approval scheduled for the MPO on May 8, 2025, and May 22, 2025 for the SRTPA. The TPWP describes the transportation planning activities staff will undertake during the next fiscal year. Each major activity is described in detail to include the task, objective, previous work, project description, future products, and budgets on each activity. Draft FY 2026 TPWPs are now available for public comment. The documents may be viewed at SIMPCO: 6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City IA 51106. The documents may also be viewed on the SIMPCO website: <https://simpco.org/divisions/transportation-planning>

The SIMPCO MPO planning area includes the Sioux City Metro: Sioux City, Sergeant Bluff, portions of Woodbury Co., and portions of Plymouth Co. in Iowa; South Sioux City, Dakota City, and portions of Dakota County in Nebraska; and North Sioux City, Dakota Dunes, and portions of Union Co. in South Dakota.

The SRTPA planning area includes the rural portions of Woodbury, Plymouth, Cherokee, Ida and Monona counties in Iowa.

Please submit all comments on the Draft FY 2026 TPWPs on or before May 2, 2025 to Michelle Bostinelos, Executive Director, SIMPCO 712-279-6286 or by email at mbostinelos@simpco.org

The SIMPCO MPO Policy Board meeting will be held on May 8, 2025 at 1:30 p.m. at SIMPCO (6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City) AND via Zoom video/conference call. The SRTPA Policy Board meeting will be held on May 22, 2024 at 9:30 a.m. at SIMPCO (6401 Gordon Drive, Sioux City) AND via Zoom video/conference call. To participate electronically please contact SIMPCO by email at tonia@simpco.org or 712-279-6286 to obtain Zoom meeting ID and passcode.

The MPO and SRTPA Policy Board meetings are open to all individuals. Any person with a special need requiring a reasonable accommodation or transportation to participate in a Policy Board meeting should contact the SIMPCO office at 712-279-6286 at least two (2) business days prior to the meeting.

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MONONA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BONNIE R. DAHMS, Deceased
Case No. ESPR013501

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Bonnie R. Dahms, Deceased, who died on or about April 9, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of April, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Bonnie R. Dahms, deceased, bearing the date of August 11, 2021, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Thomas C. Streeter was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2025

Thomas C. Streeter, Executor
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Sioux City, IA 51106

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MONONA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA A. HARDY, Deceased
Case No. ESPR013499

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Patricia A. Hardy, Deceased, who died on or about April 6, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of April, 2025, the Last Will and Testament of Patricia A. Hardy, deceased, bearing the date of February 20, 2024, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Dianna Reap was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the Will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the Will whose identities are reasonably ascertain-

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able, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2025

Dianna Reap
Executor of the Estate
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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR MONONA COUNTY

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF JUSTIN D. LUTH, Deceased
Case No. ESPR013494

NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION)

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Justin D. Luth, who died on or about March 15, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 17th day of April, 2025, the undersigned was appointed Administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated this 18th day of April, 2025

Aubrey M. Luth
Administrator of the Estate
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Letters to the Editor MUST be signed legibly before they are published.



With 3 weeks to go until the planned end of the 2025 legislative session, we have gotten a number of things completed and have quite a bit left to finish (including the obligatory budget).

The topic of CO2 pipelines and specifically the issuance of a conditional permit by the Iowa Utilities Commission (IUC) granting the use of eminent domain to a private, for-profit company – has been unaddressed for the entire 3 years I have been in the Senate. I believe this is a serious violation of the Constitution and a grave injustice for those in or near the proposed pipeline routing. In addition to the constitutional considerations, there are significant safety concerns, which due to the nature of the resultant plume from a CO2 pipeline rupture could threaten people miles away – and represents a risk that surprisingly exceeds that of other types of pipelines.

Last week HF 639 advanced through a senate subcommittee and Commerce committee, but with an amendment that radically changed the nature of the bill, which was not publicly accessible for review and was promised to be further amended by the committee chair. Given my concerns about facing an amended bill without public input or necessary senatorial debate and review, I elected to file a reversing amendment which returns the language of HF 639 to what was received from the House.

There is a growing number of senators that are committed to preserving the Constitutional property rights of Iowa citizens and are supportive of this effort to advance the language from the Iowa House in HF 639 and HF 943 through the senate this year. I am thankful that South Dakota citizens so emphatically resisted this dangerous and wasteful project, and that an overwhelming majority of the Iowa House is representing the voice of Iowa citizens – and I believe we can prevail in the senate this year.

If the writer wishes, he or she may request their name be withheld from publication, however, we reserve the right to release that name upon request.

The content of these letters is believed to be factual, and it is not the responsibility of this publication to research to prove or disprove the statements being made. This is the sole responsibility of the writer.

Opposing viewpoints are encouraged to respond in kind, however a series of letters from the same individuals on any particular issue, will not be continued beyond a reasonable period, at our discretion.

Also, letters for or against or anti-political candidates will not be allowed unless paid for in ad form.

The Democrat also reserves the right to refuse to publish any letter, especially if the content is unbefitting of our readership.

Letter to the Editor:

When the need to expand the Onawa Public Library was addressed in 2005, the building was enlarged with an eye to the future. Not only were meeting rooms, evolving technology, genealogy, handicap accessibility, young reader areas, and the reading public considered, but the building was architecturally harmonious to the original Carnegie building. It was, and remains, a community asset all should be proud of, use, and support.

What may not be known however is that libraries as we know them are in jeopardy. State legislation threatens funding for associating with professional organizations (HF880), and the removal of liability protections for libraries and schools, opening them to lawsuits (HF521). A recent presidential executive order at the federal level aims to reduce and limit funding and effectiveness of the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Proposals have been made to put library acquisitions subject to the approval of City Councils (and hence subject to whatever views are held).

Libraries operate as one of the few remaining public institutions where you can meet and participate without cost. This is the time for Iowans to show support for libraries. Consider contacting our state and federal elected officials and share your personal library stories, and voice your concerns. Stop by the library and check out materials, attend a program, volunteer (there are so many ways!), or just sit and read the papers. For more information, contact the staff for details.

“There is not such a cradle of democracy upon the earth as the Free Public Library, this republic of letters, where neither rank, office, nor wealth receives the slightest consideration.” Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919)

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