

Board Proceedings
Monona County
Board of Supervisors

MONONA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
MAY 20, 2025

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. o'clock on Tuesday, May 20, 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 Deputy Auditor Sheri Streeter.

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

Wray Wright and Sheriff Kevin Ewing were present for public comments. Wray brought up the signing of House File 639 regarding hazardous liquid pipelines and E911 Funding and possible costs to the county. Discussion followed; no action taken. Sheriff Ewing was present for a follow up on the IT position, no action taken.

Abby Riesberg, Treasurer, was present to discuss adding a camera in the Motor Vehicle window for security, fraudulent behavior, and to monitor the customers waiting in the hallway. Supervisor Fox stated that there are already cameras in the Courthouse for security. Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Supervisor, Phillips seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to table adding an additional camera in the Motor Vehicle window. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Closing of the Driver's License from noon to 1 p.m. over the lunch hour was also discussed, no action taken. Wray Wright was also present.

Secondary Roads Engineer Charles Bechtold was present for Secondary Roads business.

Discussion items were Grant Levy for Level B Road on 265th St. Bridge damage from vehicle hitting it, Missouri River Floodplain's Levee System Grant. DOT meeting is coming up on Thursday, sign schooling, and Diamond Vogel will be coming on May 28th. No action taken

Amy Borchardt-Sick, drainage clerk, was present for drainage business along with Caleb Rasmussen, Engineer with ISG, and Tim Hodgson, Little Sioux Drainage District Chairman. Landowners Rob Sweedler and David Krogh joined by a conference call.

Oliver Lake Lateral 1 was discussed to address the petition filed on March 3, 2020, by the City of Onawa for a clean-out from the outlet of the Onawa DD to the Monona Harrison. Another petition was filed on May 11, 2023, by David Krogh for a reclassification of the Oliver Lake Lateral 1 DD. Engineer Rasmussen answered several questions about a spot clean-out versus a complete cleanout of Oliver Lake Lateral 1. He went over current plans, construction costs and reclassification. He will update plans and associated costs for a bottom dip of the whole ditch. He will also check with FEMA to see if the damaged culvert and flap gate could be added to the June 2024 FEMA Event #4796 at this time.

Oliver Lake Main Ditch was discussed to address the petition filed on May 13, 2024, by Hugo Mahloch for a spot cleanout to rid the ditch of slough offs and silt deposits. Plans, construction costs and reclassification were all discussed. Rasmussen was given directions to update plans by lowering wetland mitigation costs, take out the costs associated for replacing the 16 irrigation culverts, which are the expense of the private landowner. The landowner would like to replace these at no cost to the district and under Rasmussens supervision. Rasmussen didn't feel annexation or reclassification would be beneficial at this time

for Oliver Lake Main DD. He is going to spot check the current classification of the Main and Lat 1.

Oliver Lake Lateral 2 and 3 were also discussed to address the petitions filed on March 17, 2025, by Brent Miller for a cleanout in Franklin Township between section 11 and 14 of Lateral 2 and section between 13 and 24 on Oliver Lake Lateral 3.

It was discussed to keep these projects all separate, but to combine the construction into one project to save the district money if possible. No action taken.

Peggy Rolph, Auditor, was not present to open quotes for a new election trailer. The old election trailer was totaled by the hailstorm in June.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to table opening trailer bids. 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 minutes of May 13, 2025, as read. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Fox attended the Monona County Conservation Board Meeting. He shared the information presented. Peter's Park Cabin open house with be on Saturday, May 24th from 11am-2pm.

Supervisor Fox also attended the Monona County Board of Health meeting; he shared the information presented.

City of Onawa
Council Proceedings

Regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, May 27, 2025, at 7:00 p.m., at City Hall with Mayor Campbell presiding. Mayor Campbell called the meeting to order with the following Councilmembers present: Blatchford, Kreger, Fox, Skarin, Collison. Absent: Kuhlman.

Move by Kuhlman second by Fox to approve the consent agenda as follows: (a) approve minutes of the last regular meeting as sent to the council; (b) approve renewal of Class C retail alcohol license for Rockin Robbins pending completion of paperwork; (c) approve setting floating holiday for December 26, 2025. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Move by Skarin second by Collison to approve Donuts on the Roll food truck be setup Saturday mornings during the month of June 2025 at Liberty Park during the youth tee ball games. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Move by Collison second by Fox to approve the Mayors signature on a Letter of Support for the musical garden located at the Onawa Public Library. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Move by Fox second by Skarin to approve payment to Johnston Excavating in the amount of \$4,000.00 for the City of Onawa portion of the Granite Street culvert. Ayes: Fox, Skarin, Collison, Blatchford, Abstain: Kreger. Nays: None.

Move by Skarin second by Collison to approve the purchase of TrafficLogix cloud software (1-year term) for \$1,800.00. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Jeff and Deb Knight, Knight Concrete Construction, Inc., were present to request/present to the council approval for an ADA ramp be placed on city property at the front of the building located at 1025 10th. Attorney, Zach

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Motion was made by Supervisor Fox, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve General Ledger Journal Entry Approval for Secondary Roads to correct accounts. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette seconded by Supervisor Fox to acknowledge receipt of the Monona County Clerk of Court report of fees collected for April 2025. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of the Monona County Sheriff's report of (jail) fees collected for April 2025. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox seconded by Supervisor Phillips to table acknowledging receipt of resignation letter from Jim Wigton, IT Director. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Fox seconded by Supervisor Phillips to table authorization to advertise for an IT Director. Vote on motion: Ayes: Fox, Brouillette, and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Fox seconded by Supervisor Phillips to hereby adjourn at the hour of 12:11 p.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 or owning any of the following described real estate: Part of the SE¼ of the Fractional SW¼ of Section 6, Township 83 North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., City of Onawa, Monona County, Iowa.

You, and each of you, are hereby notified that the State of Iowa desires certain rights in land more specifically described as follows and shown with reference to their location as to land affected on the Graphic Exhibit "B" attached to the Application filed with the Chief Judge of the Judicial District containing Monona County, Iowa, and in the Office of the Sheriff of Monona County, Iowa, to which you are referred:

A TEMPORARY EASEMENT located in the SE¼ of the Fractional SW¼ of Section 6, Township 83 North, Range 45 West of the 5th P.M., City of Onawa, Monona County, Iowa, for the specific purpose to shape, sought to be appropriated is in land described as follows and as shown on Graphic Exhibit "B" and by reference made a part hereof:

Commencing at the SE Corner of the Fractional SW¼ of said Section 6; thence N00°14'20"E, 1201.81 along the East line of said Fractional SW¼; thence N89°45'40"W, 33.00 feet to the existing West Right of Way line of 28th Street and Point of Beginning; thence S00°14'20"W, 25.33 feet along said West line; thence N89°45'40"W, 22.00 feet; thence N00°14'20"E, 24.45 feet; thence N87°56'39"E, 22.02 feet to the Point of Beginning.

In connection with this condemnation proceeding, it is specifically provided as follows:

1. It is not the intent of the condemnor to acquire the on-premise metal sign located at Sta. 1762+12 on the south side of Primary Road No. IA 175 located in the above-described temporary easement area.

2. Any farm field drainage tile, or outlets, which are located in the above-described temporary easement area, and are damaged or destroyed by highway construction, shall be relocated, replaced or restored by the condemnor and at no expense to the condemnee, and the State of Iowa shall have a right of temporary easement as necessary over condemnee's remaining property for the specific purpose of effecting such relocation, replace-

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ment or restoration.

3. The area sought to be appropriated by temporary easement, for the specific purpose to shape and for relocating, replacing, or restoring tile, if any, is reserved to the condemnee until the actual date said area is required for construction of this highway improvement. Also, said temporary easement rights shall terminate immediately upon completion of the operations for which said rights are sought and in no event later than the completion of this highway improvement.

4. Condemner hereby gives notice of condemnee's five-year right to renegotiate construction or maintenance damages not apparent at the time of the condemnation as required by the Code of Iowa, Section 6B.52.

That such condemnation is sought for the improvement and/or maintenance of roads and streets in the State of Iowa in the matter prescribed in Chapters 28E, 306, 306A, 306B, 306C, 313, 6A, and 6B of the Code of Iowa and all amendments thereto.

That a commission for the purpose of appraising and awarding damages which will be caused by said appropriation and condemnation has been selected and appointed.

You are further notified that the Commissioners will report to the Sheriff's Office in Onawa, Iowa, at 9:00 a.m. on the 7th day of August 2025 and will view your property at approximately 9:30 a.m. on the same day. They will then return to the Sheriff's Office and proceed to appraise said damages. You may participate in these proceedings if you care to do so.

IOWA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
SHEAN FLETCHALL
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President Trump’s “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” delivers for Iowa agriculture

More than a week ago, I voted to pass President Trump’s “One, Big, Beautiful Bill,” which will help rebuild American manufacturing, turbocharge our economy, and deliver real tax relief for Iowa families, farmers, and small businesses. As the only member of Congress serving on both the House Ways and Means Committee and the House Agriculture Committee, I played a pivotal role in writing this transformative legislation, ensuring that our families, farmers, and businesses had a seat at the table. Representing the second largest agriculture-producing congressional district in the entire nation, I can say with confidence that this bill will help our farmers and producers grow, succeed, and thrive.

Growing up in rural Iowa, passing family farms from generation to generation was a way of life. This tradition ensures that we can pass farmland onto the next generation who will care for the land and prevent our farm ground from falling into the hands of our foreign adversaries, especially China. However, the death tax – which is an egregious double tax on the transfer of assets like farmland – threatens our long-held and cherished farming traditions and unfairly targets family-owned businesses. Fortunately, at my request, our “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” delivers additional death tax relief, keeping family farms and family businesses whole. A massive tax bill from the federal government should not force families to sell the farm or close the doors on their business for good.

President Trump’s “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” also makes important investments in the farm safety net. We increased reference prices for commodities like corn and soybeans, strengthened crop insurance, funded cutting-edge agricultural

research, and supported initiatives to grow our export markets. We further restored the decades-old standard that exempts the value of assets found on family farms and at small businesses from being assessed as part of a family’s net worth when Iowa families submit the Federal Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) for college aid purposes so that farm kids have the same shot at going to college as everybody else. This legislation also includes my bills to lower the cost of crop insurance for the next generation of Iowa farmers and producers and to help our community banks offer loans to our farm producers at more affordable rates. Additionally, our “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” helps our farmers make investments and purchase new equipment.

President Trump is a friend and ally of our farmers and American agriculture. From making trade agreements fairer for our producers to bolstering the farm economy, the Trump administration stands with the American farmer 100%. Our “One, Big, Beautiful Bill” will continue that work by supporting our farming community, lowering taxes on agriculture, ensuring that our producers can compete across the globe and grow the food and fuel that our country and the world relies on.

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NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS IN THE
CITY OF ONAWA, IOWA TO CUT OR DESTROY WEEDS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN by the City of Onawa, Iowa, to all owners of property within the City of Onawa that in compliance with Chapter 147 of the Municipal Code of the City of Onawa, Iowa, it shall be unlawful for any owner of any premises within the City to permit weeds to grow upon any such premises. “Weeds” means all noxious weeds as defined by Chapter 317 of the Code of Iowa and all other weeds, grasses, plants and other growth, which have grown to a height exceeding twelve (12) inches. Weeds shall also mean growth that has not been cut or destroyed, including volunteer trees as defined in Chapter 151. Upon failure of the owner to cut any weeds or other growth exceeding twelve (12) inches, the City may enter any premises and cut or destroy the weeds or other growth at the owner’s expense. The actual cost of cutting or destruction, with a minimum charge of \$200 and administrative fee of \$50, if not paid by the owner within thirty (30) days, shall be assessed against the premises to be collected as regular taxes against the premises

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