

Board Proceedings

Monona County

Board of Supervisors

MONONA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

JUNE 3, 2025

The Monona County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. o'clock on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, in the boardroom of the courthouse in Onawa, Monona County, Iowa with Vice Chairman Tom Brouillette presiding. Other Supervisors present: Vince Phillips. Supervisor Absent: Fox. Also present was Auditor Peggy A. Rolph.

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

Charlie Persinger, Monona County Economic Development, was present to update the Board what he found out about the DNR and Blue Lake. There will be a public meeting either Monday, June 23, 2025, or Thursday, June 26, 2025, at the Onawa Community Center. Charlie will inform the Board which day and time the meeting will be held. No action taken. Wray Wright was also present.

Patrick Prorok, EMA Director, was present to update the Board on emergency response hazard mitigation plan that SIMPCO has prepared for Cherokee County, Ida County, Monona County, Plymouth County, and Woodbury County. Discussion followed. No action taken.

Patrick also updated the Board that the blizzard from March 19, 2025, has been declared a presidential disaster and public assistance will be available to help with public utilities. There is no individual assistance available. Discussion followed. No action taken. Wray Wright was also present.

Secondary Roads Engineer Charles Bechtold and Wray Wright were present for Secondary Roads business. Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to approve miscellaneous utility permit for Brandon Stout Winnebago proposing to place 1-1 1/4" conduit at a min. of 48" deep on the north side of 340/100th Street starting on the west side of Calhoun/Aspen Avenue for approximately 14,500 feet staying within 5'0" of the property line. Conduit will contain (1) 48 ct. fiber. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Discussion items were motor graders, FEMA, hauling rock, stockpiling rock, salt & fuel bids opening next week. No action taken.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to give Peggy Rolph, Auditor, authorization to purchase election trailer from OC Trailers & RV's Inc. for a 2025 American Hauler Trailer for \$9,075. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Amy Borchardt-Sick, drainage clerk, was present for drainage business along with Caleb Rasmussen, Engineer with ISG; Luke Carpenter, Graduate Engineer with ISG and Tim Hodgson.

Phillips approved the drainage claims, seconded by Brouillette. The claims are on file in the drainage office. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Oliver Lake Main and Oliver Lake Lateral 1 were discussed. No action taken.

The Board of Supervisors of Monona and Harrison Counties, Iowa, as Joint Trustees of the **McNeill Inter-County Drainage District** of Monona and Harrison Counties, Iowa, met on Tuesday, June 3, 2025, at 11:00 o'clock a.m. at the Onawa Public Library, Onawa, Monona County, Iowa. Supervisors present were: Vince Phillips and Tom Brouillette, Monona County; and Brian Rife, and Rebecca Wilkerson, Harrison County. Absent: Bo Fox, Chairman and Tony Smith. Others present: Peggy Rolph, Monona County Auditor; Amy Borchardt-Sick, Drainage Clerk; Caleb Rasmussen, Engineer, Luke Carpenter, Graduate Engineer with I & S Group, and Attorney Gary Taylor.

Landowners and interested parties present were: James Alexander; Beverly Alexander; Scott Phipps; Rick Stanislav; Allen Carrier; Larry Hutchinson, David Zima, and Jason Stanislav.

It was moved by Brouillette, seconded by Phillips to open the hearing. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette, Phillips, Rife and Wilkerson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Supervisor Brouillette announced this is the time and place for hearing for the proposed improvement of the McNeill Main Inter-County Drainage District Phase II project.

There were no written objections filed prior to the time of the hearing. Supervisor Brouillette asked if anyone else had a written objection to file before the hearing began. No additional objections were filed.

Engineer Rasmussen stated the purpose of today's public hearing is to discuss the proposed improvements for the McNeill Inter-County Drainage Ditch cleanup, Phase II, which consists of a new channel and pipe outlet on the east side of the Union Pacific Railroad just north of Blencoe. This new channel would bypass the RR. Phase I is complete from the Monona Harrison up to this first RR crossing. The idea of the two phases was to allow time to permit the project through the RR. As of date, we have made several attempts to communicate with the RR, we did reach out to Senator Feenstra, Sweeney, and Ernst for help communicating with the RR. We filed an official notice, per Iowa Code 468, with the RR to lower their two culverts. The notice was sent in late 2023, they had until 2024 to respond which they did not. The RR is adamant this is not a repair but an "improvement" and stated they will not lower the two culverts.

Engineer Rasmussen discussed several options for repair that were all presented at the informational meeting held in December 2024 and let the landowners present know the conclusion of that meeting was to bypass the RR and construct a new channel on

the East side of the RR. Plans were provided by ISG for the new proposed ditch. Rasmussen stated the district would still maintain the ditch west of the RR. When the new channel was designed, it was to avoid any wetland mitigation that is out there. Rassmussen said they would not do a design for any capacity above what is existing. That again is to avoid wetland mitigation.

Engineer Rassmussen responded to additional questions presented. Landowners concerns were asking senators for additional help, expenses of the project and what that would do to the taxes, the trusses being removed and replaced with two culverts put in by Union Pacific without any knowledge of the McNeil DD, time-frame of the project, pumping, taking the RR to court for the lowering of the two culverts, reclassification, assessment, and more.

Rasmussen stated if we did take the RR to court, the costs are assessed back to the successful party in the case. If the district was successful in court, the RR would pay the court costs. He feels we have sufficient documentation to present in court. The last case ISG was involved with taking Union Pacific to court settled in 2.5 years. One landowner suggested getting the news involved when the papers are served to the RR.

Based on discussion, it was Rassmussen's recommendation to not adopt the improvement bypass, direct ISG to proceed preparing plans and specifications for the repair cleanup, phase II and to prep documents to serve Union Pacific papers for lowering the pipe culverts under the two RR crossings.

The remaining portion of the ditch in consideration and ongoing commitment with the RR and consideration of construction dewatering, the construction would start at the second RR crossing and continue north to Onawa. The outcome of the RR would determine if we proceed with the west loop or then proceed with the new bypass channel. Per Rasmussen, the ditch would line up if we still elected to do the bypass, and for that ¾ mile he anticipates that portion would take three months to complete if taking that route. They would level the spoils and Harrison County stated they would be interested if we had extra dirt that needed to be hauled off.

Following lengthy discussion, it was moved by Phillips, seconded by Brouillette to close the hearing. Vote on motion: Ayes: Phillips, Brouillette, Rife and Wilkerson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Phillips, seconded by Wilkerson to not adopt the improvement bypass, direct ISG to proceed with the plans and specifications of the repair cleanup of Phase II McNeill Inter-County Drainage Ditch, and to prep documents to serve Union Pacific RR notice for lowering the pipe culverts under the 2 RR crossing. Vote on motion: Ayes: Phillips, Brouillette, Rife and Wilkerson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

The anticipated timeline for this repair for Phase II would be bid letting early Fall with construction beginning early Winter of 2025 and completion being next Spring.

Rasmussen did note that they were directed to complete a reclassification of the district when this project started, they have not done that due to the proposed improvement, however now that that is not taking place, they will continue getting the reclassification completed.

Motion to adjourn the Drainage meeting was made by Brouillette, seconded by Rife. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette, Phillips, Rife and Wilkerson. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to recess at 11:55 p.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to reconvene at 12:56 p.m. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Kara Minnihan was present requesting a letter of support from the Board of Supervisors for the Onawa Public Library's Musical Sensory Garden Grant.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to authorize the Board of Supervisor's signatures on letter of support for the Onawa Public Library's Musical Sensory Garden Grant. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to approve the minutes of May 27, 2025, as read. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

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

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of Manure Management Annual update for Loess Hills Poultry Facility #71250. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to acknowledge receipt of resignation letter from Sheri Streeter, Election Deputy effective June 30,

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2025. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Motion was made by Supervisor Phillips, seconded by Supervisor Brouillette to acknowledge receipt of resignation letter from Grant Richard Jager, Sr. as Commissioner of Veteran Affairs. Vote on motion: Ayes: Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

It was moved by Supervisor Brouillette, seconded by Supervisor Phillips to hereby adjourn at the hour of 1:05 p.m. o'clock. Vote on motion: Ayes:

City of Onawa

Council Proceedings

Council workshop with the City Council was held Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 6:00 p.m., at City Hall with Mayor Campbell presiding. Councilmembers present: Kuhlman, Blatchford (6:03), Kreger, Fox, Skarin (6:07), Collison (6:02). Absent: None.

Representatives from SIMPCO were present during the workshop to go over the City of Onawa Comprehensive Plan 2025-2035 Draft Goals and Objectives with the council, mayor, business representatives and citizens of Onawa. Goals and objectives were discussed and no action was taken.

Workshop adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

/s/Lonnie L. Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:/s/Mindy K. Holverson, City Clerk

Regular meeting of the City Council was held Tuesday, June 10, 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: Kuhlman, Blatchford, Kreger, Fox, Skarin, Collison. Absent: None.

Move by Blatchford second by Kreger to approve consent agenda: (a) approve minutes of the last regular meeting as sent to the council; (b) pay bills as approved by the finance committee; (c) approve annual business property lease with Vision Care Clinic for the period July 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, for sign; (d) approve cigarette permits for: Al's Corner Oil Co. d/b/a Sparky's One Stop #21; J & M Liquor, Inc. d/b/a JD Spirits; Casey's Marketing Company d/b/a Casey's General Store #2697; The Hut #23; Dollar General Store #4617; Monona County Sheriff's Office; Taylor's 06; (e) approve renewal of Class C retail alcohol license for Fiesta Brava Mexican Restaurant pending completion of paperwork; (f) approve new 5-day special Class C retail alcohol license for Monona County Fair effective 7/9/25, pending completion of paperwork; (h) appoint City Administrator to the following committees: Law Enforcement Agency, Comprehensive Plan Committee, Community Center Advisory Committee, Health Insurance Committee, Personnel Committee, Utilities/Infrastructure Committee. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Paid Bills	
US Bank analysis fee	265.86
Bomgaars supplies – lib	99.84
Secur-Serv e-mail setup – lib	194.40
Long Lines phone/internet – lib	244.78
Quill Corp supplies – lib	281.85
Access Systems Leasing copier expense – lib	284.08
Amazon Capital books/audio books –lib	171.54
Baker & Taylor Inc. books – lib	512.16
Center Point Large Print books – lib	390.72
Derocher Htg & Cooling heat pump maintenance – lib	2,024.92
Jacob Z's Fish Aquariums tank maintenance– lib	213.99
Held, Barbara books – lib	12.59
Tina Riley cleaning contract – lib	720.00
Paul Collins utility dep refund	1.04
Payroll 5/30/25	50,207.96
Allen's Septic toilet rentals – soccer field	375.68
Black Hills Energy gas	279.61
Bomgaars supplies	47.57
Echo Group Inc materials	763.89
H&M Underground meter pit & curb stop/riser	1,800.00
Eakes supplies	238.74
PeopleService Inc monthly service	34,340.00
Powertech generator service agreement	1,381.96
Ryan Publishing ads	117.00
Stuart C. Irby Co supplies	550.00
Brittany Storm comm. center dep refund	60.00

Bills	
Adergy, Inc. music service	32.95
Albers Excavating hauling	2,953.86
Alex Air fire dept gear	3,752.36
Allen's Septic toilet rentals	776.40
Al's Corner Oil fuel	419.59
American Test Center truck testing-fd	1,255.00
Analytical & Consulting cBOD5	1,089.38
Aqua-Chem cover/chemicals/battery Base	8,605.63
HRA monthly	58.00
Conner Beeck window cleaning-cc	185.00
Bekins Fire annual extinguisher inspection	1,023.42
Bomgaars supplies	478.01
Border States supplies-el	8,563.83
CJ Cooper	

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Brouillette and Phillips. Nays: None. Motion carried.

/s/Bo Fox
BO FOX
CHAIRPERSON
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ATTEST: /s/Peggy A. Rolph
PEGGY A. ROLPH, AUDITOR

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professional services	110.00
Canon copier contract-ch	204.19
Carrier Container garbage fees	17,238.05
Bill's Water Conditioning water-ch	28.20
Casey's General Store fuel	478.11
Century Link auto dialer – wwtp	72.09
Allen Christensen cleaning contract – city hall	250.00
City of Onawa MERP	2,013.94
City of Onawa utilities/deposits applied	7,911.77
Cubby's II fuel	100.79
Riley Madsen lifeguard certifications	2,400.00
WIMECA power bill	161,235.93
Secur-Serv professional services	534.60
Mindy Holverson reimb.-mileage	101.92
Jacob Huff reimb.-work boots	156.48
Interstate Battery batteries-el/rtr	419.85
IAMU annual apprenticeship fee	250.00
IAMU workshop-Huff	173.00
IA Dept of Rev. use tax – May 2025	227.65
IA Dept of Rev sales tax – May 2025	6,089.73
IA Dept of Rev wet tax – May 2025	3,887.09
IA League of Cities subscription-grant finder	100.00
IMWCA work comp premium	13,446.00
Iowa One Call locates	106.20
JEO Consulting professional services-wwtp	6,900.00
Johnson Excavating professional services	4,000.00
Jerry Johnson animal control contract	700.00
KCAU skycam/website services	1,200.00
Katie Kreger comm center cleaning	600.00
Lansink Tree Service tree trimming	1,080.00
Long Lines phone/internet	1,899.97
McCloy Chiropractic professional services	80.00
Storey Kenworthy register forms	1,016.25
Max I. Walker uniforms/rugs	948.83
Menards supplies	315.74
Midwest Honda mower blades	120.72
Northern Lights concessions – pool	2,003.68
Loffler copier contracts-shop/ch	284.38
Onawa Democrat ads/publications	1,239.89
Orkin pest control- red bldg /cc/pwa	476.00
Postmaster postage	1,000.00
Rasmussen Lumber supplies	240.98
Cody Rush reimb.-work boots	217.65
Ryan Publishing ads/notices	234.00
Schildberg rock	4,694.55
Bryan Savery reimb.-work boots	209.99
Sidwell geodatabase	698.39
Siouxland District Health coliform	96.00
Sooland Bobcat hydraulic fluid	149.90
Traffic Logix speed signs	1,800.00
State Hygienic Lab testing	72.00
Vandenhull Graphics pool passes/punch cards	60.00
Veenstra-Kimm professional services-pool	429.00
Wesco el materials	584.81
WIPCO power	272.25
Woodbury Co. plow bits	1,651.77
Zachary Zima reimb.-work boots	249.05
Jacob Leclair reimb.-work boots	187.24
David Nagel reimb.-work boots	235.39
Latisha Watson comm. center deposit refund	30.00
Tim English nipco rebate	2,100.00
Steven McCullough utility deposit refund	150.00
Joey Deen reimb.-work boots	246.09
Lucinda Roach comm. center dep. refund	50.00
Total Expenses:	380,833.72
Total Revenues:	572,735.53

At 7:01 p.m. Mayor Campbell opened the public hearing on the Budget Amendment for fiscal year ending 6/30/25. There were no oral or written comments received. Mayor Campbell closed the hearing at 7:02 p.m. Move by Fox second by Skarin to approve Resolution No. 2025.15 - A Resolution Adopting Amendment #1 to the Annual Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Move by Kreger second by Collison to approve Resolution 2025.16-A Resolution Fixing Salaries, Wages,

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and Benefits for Non-Exempt City Employees July 1 2025 through June 30, 2025, as amended. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Move by Kreger second by Fox to approve Resolution 2025.17-A Resolution Fixing, Salaries, Wages and Benefits for Exempt City Employees July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026., as amended. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Move by Skarin second by Kreger to approve transferring \$8,245.65 from the Money Market equipment fund at Great Southern Bank to the general fund account checking at US Bank. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 536 – entitled "An Ordinance Amending Onawa Electric Utility Rates." Councilperson Blatchford moved to consider for the first reading the foregoing proposed ordinance. Councilperson Kuhlman seconded the motion to consider the ordinance on the first reading, and upon the roll being called, the vote was: Ayes: Blatchford, Kreger, Fox, Skarin. Nays: Collison, Kuhlman. The foregoing ordinance was passed on its first reading.

ORDINANCE NO. 537

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING

GARBAGE PICKUP RATE

WHEREAS, the costs to the City of Onawa of supplying garbage pickup service to its citizens has increased; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise the charge for garbage pickup service to cover the increased costs to the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City of Onawa, Iowa, that the present Section 106.08, titled **COLLECTION FEES**, of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Onawa, Iowa, is hereby amended to read as follows:

106.08. COLLECTION FEES. The collection and disposal of solid waste as provided by this chapter is declared to be a benefit to the property served or eligible to be served and there shall be levied and collected the fees therefore in accordance with the following:

(Goreham vs. Des Moines, 1970, 179 N.W.2nd, 449)

- Each dwelling user of any City utilities shall be charged \$15.58 per month for refuse plus \$10.00 per month for operation and maintenance of the sanitary landfill
- Each non-dwelling user of any City utilities shall be charged \$10.00 per month for operation and maintenance of the sanitary landfill, whether or not the user has refuse removed, as set forth in Section 106.01.
- Payment of Bills. All fees are due and payable under the same terms and conditions provided for payment of a combined service account as contained in Section 92.04 of this Code of Ordinances. Solid waste collection service may be discontinued in accordance with the provisions contained in Section 92.05 if the combined service account becomes delinquent, and the provisions contained in Section 92.08 relating to lien notices shall also apply in the event of a delinquent account.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that if any section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be unconstitutional, such shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion or portions of this Ordinance. The City Council of Onawa, Iowa, hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, sentences, clauses and phrases be declared unconstitutional.

BE IT FURTHER ORDAINED that this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after July 1, 2025.

Councilperson Kreger introduced, caused to be read and moved the adoption of the foregoing ordinance.

Councilperson Fox seconded the motion to adopt the ordinance and moved that the Council dispense with the requirement that the ordinance be fully read on three different days.

The Mayor then put the question on the motion to dispense with the three readings, and, upon the roll being called, the vote was:

Ayes: Blatchford, Kreger, Fox, Skarin, Collison, Kuhlman

Nays: None

The foregoing motion having passed by three-fourths votes of the Council, the Mayor then put the question on the adoption and enactment of the foregoing ordinance and upon the roll being called, the vote was:

Ayes: Kreger, Fox, Skarin, Collison, Kuhlman, Blatchford

Nays: None

WHEREUPON, the Mayor declared the foregoing ordinance duly enacted on June 10, 2025.

/s/Lonnie Campbell, Mayor

ATTEST:/s/Mindy Holverson, City Clerk

Move by Kreger second by Skarin to approve to renewal of contract service agreement with Iowa Negotiations & Consulting Services in the amount of \$7,200.00 per year. Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. Motion carried.

Move by Kreger second by Collison to approve Triple C Pest Control LLC to spray for the mosquito control for the 2025 summer season for \$1,000 per time. Ayes: Unanimous.



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