

### Crawford County Supervisors Minutes -- March 17, 2026

The Board of Supervisors met at 9 o'clock a.m. with Kyle Schultz, vice-chair presiding. Members present were Schultz, Muhlbauer, Heiden, and Rosburg. Member absent, Dozark.

Minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

A motion was made by Muhlbauer, seconded by Heiden to approve the Notice of Public Hearing and the publication thereof related to the reclassification of 2300th St. between H Ave. and G Ave. from an Area Service Road B to an Area Service Road A. Motion passed unanimously.

At 10 o'clock a.m., a motion was made by Heiden, seconded by Rosburg, to open the public hearing for the Consideration of Resolution #2026-10 Officially Declaring Emergency Medical Services in Crawford County to be an Essential Service - 4th Reading. There was one written objection. There were attendees who addressed some concerns. Motion passed unanimously. At 10:39 o'clock a.m. a motion was made by Muhlbauer, seconded by Heiden to close the hearing. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Heiden, seconded by Rosburg approved the following resolution:

#### RESOLUTION #2026-10

#### DECLARING EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) AN ESSENTIAL SERVICE IN CRAWFORD COUNTY, IOWA AND APPOINTING A CRAWFORD COUNTY EMS SYSTEM ADVISORY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the Crawford County Board of Supervisors has the authority under Iowa Code Section §331.301 (1) to "...exercise any power and perform and function it deems appropriate to protect and preserve the rights, privileges, and property of the county or of its residents, and to preserve and improve the peace, safety, health, welfare, comfort, and convenience of its residents."

WHEREAS, the Crawford County Board of Supervisors recognizes that the current Emergency Medical Services system in Crawford County lacks the critical infrastructure necessary to provide for the safety of the citizens of Crawford County and the need for the appointment of a Crawford County EMS System Advisory Council to provide for the guidance, research, and direction of EMS in Crawford County for the Board of Supervisors.

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section §422D.1(1)(a) states that "[u]pon adoption of a resolution declaring emergency medical services to be an essential county service...a county board of supervisors may offer for voter approval the authorization to impose any of the following taxes or a combination of the following taxes:

- (1) a local option income surtax; or
(2) an ad valorem property tax not to exceed seventy-five cents per one thousand dollars of assessed value on all taxable property within the county.

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section §422D.1(2)(a) states that "the resolution declaring emergency medical services to be an essential service shall be considered and voted on for approval at two meetings of the board prior to the meeting at which the resolution is to be finally approved by a majority of the board by recorded vote, as defined in section 331.101. Notice of the first meeting of the board at which the resolution is considered and voted on shall be published not less than thirty days prior to the date of the meeting in one or more newspapers that meet the requirements of section 618.14. The board shall not suspend or waive the requirements for approval of the resolution or approval of the imposition of a tax

under this chapter."

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section §422D.1(2)(b) states that the county "shall coordinate efforts with the local emergency medical services agencies to establish a county emergency medical services system advisory council to assist in researching and assessing the service needs of the county and guiding implementation of services in the county within a council structure."

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section §422D.1(1)(c) states that "[t]he county emergency medical services system advisory council shall recommend to the board of supervisors an amount of funding to be specified on the ballot, and if one or more of the taxes are approved at election, shall annually assess and review the emergency medical services needs of the county, and shall include the results of such review and assessment in an annual report filed with the board of supervisors."

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section §422D.1(1)(d) states that "[a] resolution declaring emergency medical services to be an essential service shall be deemed void if the proposition to impose the taxes fails at election, authority to impose the taxes expires, or if discontinuance of the authority to impose the tax is approved at election under subsection 5."

WHEREAS, Iowa Code Section §422D.1(1)(3)(a) states that "[t]he taxes for emergency medical services shall only be imposed after an election at which sixty percent of those voting on the question of imposing the tax or combination of taxes... vote in favor of the question."

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Crawford County Board of Supervisors that:

1. This resolution has been considered and voted on for approval at two meetings of the board prior to the meeting at which the resolution is to be finally approved by a majority of the board and notice of the first meeting of the board at which the resolution was considered and voted on was published not less than thirty days prior to the date of the meeting in one or more newspapers that meet the requirements of section 618.14.

2. Emergency Medical Services is an essential service in Crawford County, Iowa and that the Crawford County Board of Supervisors will exercise the necessary power and functions appropriate to preserve the health, safety, and welfare of Crawford County residents and provide for an effective and efficient Crawford County Emergency Medical Services systems that allows for quality care for the persons living, working or traveling in Crawford County.

3. The Crawford County Board of Supervisors shall coordinate efforts with the local emergency medical services agencies to establish a Crawford County EMS System Advisory Council whose purpose is to assess and review the emergency medical services needs of the county and provide guidance, research, and direction of a county wide EMS system. Once established, the council shall recommend to the Crawford County Board of Supervisors an amount of funding to be specified on the ballot. If one or more of the taxes are approved at election, the council shall annually assess and review the emergency medical services needs of the county and shall include the results of such review and assessment in an annual report filed with the Crawford County Board of Supervisors.

Voting Aye: Schultz, Muhlbauer, Heiden and Rosburg. Motion passed unanimously.

Zach Rasmussen had a discussion with the Board about T-Mobile wanting to lease some courthouse tower space. A motion was made by Heiden, seconded by Rosburg, to

approve Zach communicating with T-Mobile informing them the County is interested, with a satisfactory lease agreement. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rosburg, seconded by Muhlbauer, to approve the Zoning Administrator/GIS Specialist job description. Motion passed unanimously.

The Board had a discussion about the Tax Abatement Program for Residential and Commercial properties. Need to consult with the County Attorney to check codes and up dollar amount. No action was taken at this time.

A motion was made by Muhlbauer, seconded by Rosburg to approve the appointment of Mike Wingrove as a Willow Township Trustee. Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Rosburg, seconded by Heiden, to approve the opioid funds request for up to \$6,000 for All-Rise Conference attendance. Motion passed unanimously.

On motion duly seconded the Board adjourned at 11:55 o'clock a.m.

Agendas for the next meeting are posted and available at the Courthouse on Friday at 4:30 o'clock p.m. preceding the next meeting.

Terri Martens, County Auditor  
Craig Dozark, Chairperson  
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### CC Farm Bureau gives scholarships

The Crawford County Farm Bureau has announced five students who were awarded scholarships to further their agricultural careers.

Hunter Johannsen, son of Sara Swafford of Schleswig, attending Des Moines Area Community College to study Sales/Service and Agronomy.

Laurn Muff, daughter of Brian and Kerri Muff of Arion, attending Iowa State University to study Animal Science.

Kysa Neddemeyer, daughter of Aaron and Tammy Neddemeyer of Charter Oak, attending Iowa Central Community College to study Radiology.

Jett Paulsen, son of Jeremy and Amy Paulsen of Schleswig, attending Des Moines Area Community College to study Agribusiness.

Johnathan Riesselman, son of Joe and Krista Riesselman of Manilla, attending Dordt University to study Construction Management.

Applicants were selected based on academic standing, leadership experience, civic involvement, and their commitment to rural Iowa and agriculture. al community.

### Heithoff receives ag education recognition

Loess Hills Agriculture in the Classroom is a collaborative program led by six Western Iowa county Farm Bureaus and supported by commodity groups, agri-businesses, and local farm families.

For the past eight years, it has successfully brought hands-on lessons about food, fiber, and agricultural production to students across Carroll County, reaching all area schools — Ar-We-Va, Carroll, Coon Rapids-Bayard, Glidden-Ralston, IKM-Manning, and Kuemper.

Carroll County Farm Bureau, in partnership with Loess Hills Agriculture in the Classroom, is proud to recognize Tricia Heithoff, second grade teacher at Kuemper Catholic School, as the 2026 Educator of the Year. This excerpt was shared at the Carroll County Farm Bureau Annual Meeting on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, just before she was presented with this prestigious award.



Shown (from left) are Carroll County Farm Bureau President Justin Schroeder, 2026 Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award recipient Von Ketelsen, and Carroll County Farm Bureau Board Member-Jason Nees.

### Ketelsen is Distinguished Service to Ag winner

The Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award is given each year to a Carroll County Farm Bureau member who has made meaningful contributions to the advancement of agriculture in our county and who embodies the Farm Bureau mission of "building a strong future for agriculture, farm families, and their communities. For more than a century, Farm Bureau has proudly highlighted individuals whose dedication has elevated the lives of those around them.

We are honored to present this award to an individual whose voice, passion, and dedication have made a remarkable impact on agriculture and on communities across our state. Following is the excerpt read in honoring Ketelsen at the meeting:

"Von grew up on an Iowa grain and livestock farm, and he carried those early lessons with him to Iowa State University, where he continued to strengthen his connection to agriculture. Since then, he has become one of the most trusted and recognizable voices in the field. Many of you know him from his years as a farm broadcaster on some of Iowa's most respected radio stations, or from the weekly agriculture column he wrote for newspapers across the state.

"Today, Von continues this important work as the Farm Services Director for Carroll Broadcasting, right here in Carroll County. Every day, he brings vital agri-business information to listeners, not only through radio, but also through the power of social media—always adapting, always finding new ways to connect.

"But Von's impact reaches far beyond agriculture. The American Cancer Society has honored him with the prestigious 'Sword of Hope' award. His dedication to fundraising for the Hope Lodge in Iowa City — a place that offers free lodging to adults undergoing cancer treatment at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics—speaks to his compassion and his commitment to service.

"And as if that weren't enough, many of us also know another side of Von: the musician. With his solo acoustic guitar and vocal performances, he brings joy to coffee houses, events, and gatherings of all kinds. After being asked time and again to 'bring the guitar along,' Von found a way to blend his talents—creating an upbeat presentation that weaves together music, farming, and rural life. As he often says, it is a positive experience to present music that builds bridges between rural and urban people. We celebrate not just his accomplishments, but the spirit with which he approaches every endeavor — with humility, creativity, and a genuine desire to uplift others."

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Heithoff embodies excellence in agricultural education through her commitment to meaningful learning, her thoughtful approach to teaching, and her leadership in the classroom. During her monthly Agriculture in the Classroom sessions with Program Coordinator, Alayna Hansen, Mrs. Heithoff consistently demonstrates a dedication to weaving agricultural themes into her daily instruction. Her engagement and

Pictured (from left) are Loess Hills Ag in the Classroom Education Coordinator Alayna Hansen, 2026 Educator of the Year-Tricia Heithoff, Carroll County Farm Bureau President Justin Schroeder, and Carroll County Farm Board Member Andy Kennebeck.

# Ar-We-Va ROCKETS April 2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

Calendar grid with dates 1-30 and events such as 'REMINDER: All Activities Are Subject To Change!', 'NO SCHOOL Prof. Dev.', 'School Board Meeting and budget hearing -- 6 p.m. in the library.', 'RR EDITION #12', 'GIRLS'/BOYS' TRACK @ OABCIG Co-Ed Relays, Ida Grove', 'MAY 1 - GIRLS'/BOYS' TRACK @ Ross Samuelson Relays @ South Central Cathoun HS (Lake City) - 4:30 p.m.', 'MAY 2 - V BOYS' GOLF vs. Storm Lake Tornado Golf Tournament @ Buena Vista Golf Course - 9 a.m.', 'MAY 2 FROM Night 6:30 p.m. - Grand March at the School 7:15 p.m. - Prom Meal in the lower gym 8-10 p.m. - Dance at the School'

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