

Notice

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ADAIR COUNTY BOARDROOM, ADAIR COUNTY COURTHOUSE Greenfield, Iowa 50849, December 24, 2025

Board members present for regular session at 9:00 a.m. were: Baier, Christoffersen, Hoadley, Walker and Wedemeyer.

Also present: Mandy Berg and Nick Kauffman. Ric Hansen – KJAN, Mandy Billings – KSOM, Jennifer Nichols – Atlantic News Telegraph, and Caleb Nelson – Adair County Free Press joined via conference call.

All motions were approved unanimously unless noted otherwise.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved by Walker and seconded by Wedemeyer to approve the agenda as posted. Approved.

MINUTES: Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to approve the minutes from December 17, 2025. Approved

CLAIMS: Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Christoffersen to approve the following claims:

Adair Co Health System	4 Random Drug Tests	\$340.00
Adair Co Home Care	Local Public Health Grant	\$7,931.84
Adair Co Sanitary Landfill	Landfill Charges- Pallets	\$68.40
Adair News, The	Bd Minutes, City/School Election Notice	\$1,736.35
Ahlers & Cooney P.C.	Labor Relations	\$800.00
Alliant Energy - Ies	Intersection Lighting/Electric	\$634.34
Amazon Capital Services	Displayport Splitter	\$37.99
America's Best Apparel, Inc	Shirts	\$152.00
Antisdel, Nancy M.	Bd Member Mileage	\$18.20
Ascendance Trucks, Llc	Parts #502	\$84.88
Auxiant	Hra Ins Trust Fees	\$836.17
Barkley, Mason D.	Vest/Jacket	\$268.49
Bm Sales	Custodial Supplies	\$570.00
Central Ia Distributing Inc	Manual Fit Dispenser,Urinal Screen,	\$246.00
Central Salt Llc	Ice Salt 23.29 Tons	\$1,809.17
Cintas	Uniforms, Mop & Mat Service	\$98.42
County Conservation Director's Association	Winterfest Registration	\$390.00
Cross Technologies, Inc.	Tested & Inspected Scale For Lab	\$147.00
Daida	Software Renewal	\$1,745.25
Daino, Marty	Snow Removal	\$60.00
Daughenbaugh, Cole	Tire Repair	\$25.00
Davidson, Doug	Bd Member Mileage	\$28.00
Eddy, Kenneth	Bd Member Mileage	\$21.00
Farmers Electric Coop	Intersection Lighting/Utilities	\$765.29
Fastenal Company	Parts #176a	\$24.75
Govco Inc	L-Lbrn271--73-01 N27 Lincoln Bridge	\$1,455.00
Greenfield Lumber Company	Nuts, Bolts, Washers, Epoxy, Treated Lumber	\$49.04
Greenfield Municipal Utilities	Utilities	\$143.37
Gruss, John T.	Bd Member Mileage	\$18.20
Gus Construction Co Inc.	W9 Lincoln RCB Culvert	\$9,603.00
Guthrie Co Envir Health	November Billing	\$1,767.84
Hansen, Sawyer	Meals During Engineers Conference	\$37.70
Hawkeye Truck Equipment	Blades	\$901.14
Herberger Construction CoN7	Eureka Bridge	\$324,574.80
Housby Heavy Equipment	Parts/Labor #408	\$2,838.24
Housby Mack Inc	Filters	\$587.26
Howmedica Osteonics Corp	Battery For AED	\$150.00
I & S Group, Inc	North & Middle River WMA Payment	\$29,488.79
I-80 Companies LLC	Parts/Other Equipment Supplies	\$42.17
IA Dept Of Transportation	Engineering Equipment	\$266.00
Ia Law Enforcement Academy	MMPI	\$275.00
IA St Medical Examiner	Medical Examiner Fees	\$5,030.82
IMWCA	Work Comp Premium Installment #6	\$4,010.00
Infomax Office Systems	Network Base Charge	\$5,641.70
Intoximeters Inc	Alco Sensor Fst	\$850.00
Iowa Communications Network	ICN Line	\$226.00
Isac	2026 Statewide Supervisors Mtg	\$500.00
ISCTA	MVD County Vehicle Fraud Training	\$18.00
ISSDA	State Sheriff's & Deputies Winter Sch	\$235.00
Jensen, Randall	Pest Control	\$68.00
Karl Chevrolet Of Stuart, Llc	Parts & Labor #177	\$2,703.99
Kerry Northway	Update Software For Camera System	\$200.00
Lamb Funeral Homes, Inc	Burial Relief	\$2,000.00
Larson, Melissa	Lodging	\$383.04
Leaf Capital Funding Llc	Sharp Printer	\$245.91
Legacy Materials Llc	Ice Control Sand 385.48 Tons	\$4,097.68
Mail Services Llc	Print & Postage	\$411.26
Mediacom	Phone & Internet	\$1,448.87
Metal Culverts Inc	Culverts	\$10,403.60
National District Attorneys Association	Annual Dues	\$105.00
National Sign Company, Llc	Signs	\$1,209.38
Northland Products Co	Oil & Grease	\$1,663.80
Odp Business Solutions, Llc	Paper	\$296.41
Orient City	Transfer Of Jurisdiction	\$409.94
Pickrell, Kevin	Boots	\$301.76
Pearson Do, Timothy C	Medical Examiner Fees	\$417.50
Randel, Patricia	Bd Member Mileage	\$50.40
Richland Township	Union Cemetery Fencing State Share	\$4,864.29
Roy, Randall S., Jr.	Computer Updates	\$75.00
Schildberg Const Co Inc	Maintenace Rock	\$89,886.34
Southern Ia Rural Water	Mt Water, Lo Water, Bwater Dump Station	\$26.00
Storey Kenworthy	Tax Forms	\$637.32
Tec Equipment Inc.	Parts	\$1,173.95
Temple Aluminum Foundry Inc	Grave Markers	\$1,097.75
Transit Works	Flagging Tape, 30" Flag	\$44.20
Umb Bank, N.A.	Paying Agent Fee	\$500.00
Underground Specialty Llc	Pumped Washbay Pit	\$600.00
Unity Point Clinic	4 Random Drug Tests Qtr 4-2025	\$161.00
Us Cellular	Backup Internet	\$21.85
Verizon Wireless	Hot Spot For Survey Crew	\$60.03
Verizon Wireless Bellevue	Cellphone Service	\$81.96
Visa	Google Workspace, Boots	\$407.91
Walker, Jerry	Mileage	\$866.60
Wallace Auto Supply Co	Parts/Supplies/Filters/Batteries/HandTools	\$2,530.06
Wedemeyer, Matt	Meal Reimbursement	\$25.28
Western States Sheriff's Association	Wssa Membership Dues	\$100.00
Wittrick, Lyle	Comp Bd Mileage	\$28.00
Woosley, Timber	Wellness Trng Mileage	\$107.52
Young, Nancy	Va Rent, January	\$450.00
Ziegler Inc	Parts/Blades	\$13,087.97
	Grand Total	\$550,797.18
0001 - GENERAL FUND		\$64,246.24
0002 - GENERAL SUPPLEMENTAL		\$1,764.61
0011 - RURAL SERVICES		\$5,893.15
0020 - SECONDARY ROAD		\$141,541.17

0021 - LOCAL OPTION SALES TAX	\$324,574.80
0032 - NW WIND FARM UR DEBT SERVICE FUND	\$500.00
0033 - SPECIAL LAW ENFORCEMENT	\$383.04
1520 - NW WIND FARM UR CAPITAL PROJECT FUND	\$11,058.00
8500 - ADAIR COUNTY INSURANCE TRUST	\$836.17
GRAND TOTAL	\$550,797.18

Approved.

COURTHOUSE PHONE SYSTEM: Auditor Berg stated that since we have moved the courthouse's internet over to Windstream, we can either remain with Mediacom for our phone service and sign a three-year contract with them or we can move our whole phone system and service to Windstream. We are currently in contract with Access Systems for our total phone care and Mediacom for our service. Moving to leasing a new system would save the County approximately \$185/month before taxes. Berg has been trying to work with Access Systems about terminating the contract as we are past the 90-day window stated in the contract to terminate, but hasn't had much luck with getting an answer at this time. Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to sign the Windstream courthouse phone system contract barring what we hear back from Access Systems on getting out of the total phone care contract. Approved.

ENGINEER: Motor Grader Purchase FY27 – Engineer Kauffman stated that if we commit in December to purchasing a motor grader in FY27, the County can save 4-5%. The all wheel drive option is \$419,033.83 and the tandem option is \$379,134.70. Kauffman is happy with either, but if he had a choice he would rather get the all-wheel drive motor grader. Moved by Wedemeyer and seconded by Walker to approve the purchase of the all-wheel drive motor grader to be paid for and received in FY27. Approved. Kauffman stated that if down the line the Board changes their minds, the agreement can be torn up – they will not have a problem reselling it. Maintenance & Activity Report – Engineer Kauffman gave an update to the Board on the following projects: Kauffman has been talking with Jaynes Lents at ICAP who reported on increasing equipment insurance costs and discussed whether to continue coverage at replacement value or transition to cash value coverage. It was suggested that switching to cash value may be adequate and could avoid paying higher premiums. Engineer Kauffman also reported meeting with a potential bidder regarding a proposed 765-kilovolt transmission line project extending from Lakefield Junction, Minnesota, through Adair County, with a substation planned locally and continuation east toward Marshalltown. The proposed line would carry approximately six times the power of existing MidAmerican lines, utilize significantly larger towers, and would be the largest transmission line constructed in Iowa, with only two other states having comparable infrastructure. The anticipated in-service timeframe is 2032–2034, with bids expected around May 2026 and contractor award projected by the end of next year; the selected contractor would determine the final route. Due to the long planning timeline, unknown routing, and potential public opposition, Engineer Kauffman emphasized the importance of addressing the project during comprehensive plan discussions, adopting an ordinance proactively, and staying ahead of the process. He will provide the Board with a link to additional project information. The project was noted to add redundancy to the transmission system and improve overall reliability and security. Jeff Vandewater entered at 9:12 a.m. and Kauffman exited at 9:32 a.m.

SHERIFF: Deputy New Hire – Sheriff Jeff Vandewater recommended the hire of Hunter Fry as a new deputy, noting that Fry has approximately \$6,500 remaining on a contractual obligation with the City of Greenfield related to academy and back-pay costs (excluding uniforms and equipment). Discussion included the County's prior consideration of similar repayment agreements, though no formal policy was adopted at that time. It was noted that the State now pays approximately two-thirds of academy costs, reducing the County's financial exposure, and that officers may be decertified if they default on such contracts. Sheriff Vandewater indicated the department has funds available to absorb the cost due to staffing shortages and proposed paying up to \$7,000 to satisfy Fry's obligation while also exploring implementation of a similar protective agreement for the County. Additional discussion addressed ongoing staffing challenges, residency requirements for deputies within the County, and complications created by county lines dividing cities. Compensation was discussed, with the proposal that Fry start at 80% pay during probation and increase to 85% after probation due to his existing certification. Board members also noted that if the County pays for education, there should be incentives in place to encourage employees to remain with the County rather than leave for higher-paying positions elsewhere. Moved by Hoadley and seconded by Walker to approve the hire of Hunter Fry starting at 80% of the Sheriff's salary and to pay up to \$7,000 on what is owed to the City for certification and back-pay costs and to look at getting something similar in place for the County. Approved. Employee Extended Unpaid Leave of Absence – Sheriff Vandewater stated that he has an employee who does not qualify for FMLA due to being here less than a year and not meeting the 1,250 hour minimum requirement, but still has an event that would qualify for FMLA otherwise. Per the handbook, any extended unpaid leave over 30 days needed to be brought before the Board. Vandewater would like their permission to continue to keep this individual on as an employee on an unpaid leave status. Moved by Walker and seconded by Hoadley to extend the unpaid leave and keep this individual as an employee per Sheriff Vandewater's recommendation. Approved.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Walker and seconded by Wedemeyer to adjourn at 9:44 a.m. Approved.

ADAIR COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS: Nathan Baier, Chair
ATTEST: Mandy Berg, Auditor

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Miscellaneous

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Adair County Sheriff's Office Weekly Report 2-8-26

12:17 a.m., assist Guthrie County Sheriff's Office.

9:13 a.m., paged Adair County Ambulance for medical call.

9:45 a.m., traffic complaint 79mm I-80.

10:23 a.m., welfare check east of Orient.

10:38 a.m., paged Greenfield Fire Department for a grass fire.

1:38 p.m., paged Orient Fire Department for a grass fire.

1:41 p.m., paged Fontanelle Fire Department for a grass fire.

2-9-26

11:42 a.m., assist Omaha Police Department.

1:35 p.m., Federal arrest warrant/bitcoin phone scam south of Casey.

1:42 p.m., large hay bales in the roadway east of Howe.

2:01 p.m., paged Greenfield Fire Department for a grass fire.

6:00 p.m., traffic complaint 90mm I-80.

6:40 p.m., suspicious activity in Orient.

2-10-26

6:11 p.m., pigs in roadway south of Stuart.

2-11-26

6:32 a.m., paged Fontanelle Rescue and Adair County Ambulance for medical call.

9:39 a.m., cow in roadway east of Zion.

11:01 a.m., traffic complaint 88mm I-80.

12:02 p.m., assist Madison County Sheriff's Office.

2:10 p.m., dumping complaint SW of Casey.

6:39 p.m., paged Greenfield Fire Department for a grass fire.

2-12-26

10:16 a.m., paged Adair County Ambulance for medical call.

5:01 p.m., paged Orient First Responders and Adair County Ambulance for medical call.

6:16 p.m., custody dispute in Orient.

6:41 p.m., paged Orient and Greenfield Fire Departments for a house fire.

8:32 p.m., cows in roadway SW of Menlo.

9:29 p.m., motorist assist in Fontanelle.

2-13-26

11:08 a.m., trespassing complaint NE of Greenfield.

1:32 p.m., paged Bridgewater, Fontanelle and Greenfield Fire Departments for a grass fire.

4:32 p.m., paged Adair County Ambulance for medical call.

6:31 p.m., transport wanted subject back to the Adair County Jail after meeting with Union County.

6:52 p.m., traffic complaint north of Greenfield.

9:18 p.m., traffic complaint 81mm I-80.

10:00 p.m., deceased deer in roadway west of Greenfield.

2-14-26

7:38 a.m., paged Greenfield Fire Department for a fire inside of a residence.

9:56 a.m., suspicious activity SE of Orient.

10:43 a.m., suspicious vehicle/trespassing complaint south of Stuart.

1:01 p.m., traffic complaint 73mm I-80.

1:36 p.m., traffic complaint in Orient.

4:01 p.m., motorist assist 78mm I-80.

5:49 p.m., traffic complaint 88mm I-80.

9:07 p.m., property damage accident 91mm I-80.

10:33 p.m., suspicious activity in Orient.

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