

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Polk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, January 13, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Altringer, Tom Hockensmith, Angela Connolly, Mark Holm, Matt McCoy.

Moved by Holm, Seconded by Altringer to dispense with the reading of the January 2, 2026 Board of Supervisors minutes and the January 2, 2026 Canvass Board minutes and they stand approved as printed.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Hockensmith, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

The Bills as certified were allowed or disallowed on each according to the certified list(s), claim numbers 202601060001 – 202601060459 and 202601130001 – 202601131240.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Hockensmith, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

PROCLAMATION: Supervisor Altringer read the proclamation recognizing Human Trafficking Prevention Month – January 2026 in Polk County and made comments.

PROCLAMATION: Supervisor McCoy read the proclamation recognizing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day – January 19, 2026 in Polk County. The following individuals made comments:
Senator Sarah Trone Garriott
Cameron Nicholson, President and CEO of YMCA of Greater Des Moines
Audrey Kennis, City of West Des Moines
Katherine Harrington, West Des Moines Chamber of Commerce
Deidre DeJear, President and CEO of Oakridge Neighborhood
April Wells, Creative Visions
Polk County Sheriff Kevin Schneider
Keshia Fields, Polk County Organizational Development & Training Specialist

PUBLIC HEARING: ZONING MAP AMENDMENT

Proof of Publication is on file with the Clerk of the Board. Eric Keenan Snyder & Associates of Snyder & Associates, 2727 SW Snyder Blvd, Ankeny, appeared in favor. Brian McDonough of Polk County Public Works answered questions from the Board. Public Hearing closed.

ORDINANCE (FIRST READING): Ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment from General Commercial District to Light Industrial District (portions of Denny Elwell Seven Way Plat 1, existing and adjacent addresses of 6864, 6900 and 6950 NE 14th St, Ankeny).

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Holm, McCoy.

VOTE NO: Hockensmith, Connolly.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Iner Joelson, Chair of the Board of Trustees of the Alano Society in Iowa, spoke in favor of Item #32 (approving Community Development Grant Award for The Alano Society Inc).

PERMITS: Renewal application for Class "B" Retail Alcohol License for Stop-N-Go #506, located at 4923 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines.
VOTE YEA: Altringer, Hockensmith, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

Ownership update for Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for Societa' Vittoria Italiana, located at 7200 NW 2nd Ave, Ankeny.
VOTE YEA: Altringer, Hockensmith, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

PETITIONS: Petitions suspending taxes and special assessments and authorizing Chairperson to sign the Application and Affidavit for Redemption of Parcel for the following:
R. Corey 3709 Madison Avenue
L. White 1515 King Avenue
VOTE YEA: Altringer, Hockensmith, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

RESOLUTIONS: Resolution approving the Final Plat of Skunk River Outlot Plat 1.

Resolution approving Amendment to Services Agreement with Houston Engineering, Inc. for the Eastern Polk Stream Restoration Project.

Resolution approving Iowa Department of Transportation Agreement (No. 2026-P-002) for the design and construction of the US 69 and NE 126th Avenue roundabout.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Hockensmith, Connolly, McCoy.
ABSTAIN: Holm.

Resolution approving Weatherization Project (20-00-9993) in the amount of \$15,072.25 to be awarded to an approved contractor.

Resolution approving First Amendment to 28E Agreement for Central Iowa Cover Crop Seeder Project.

Resolution approving Amendment Number 1 to 28E Agreement with the Iowa Department of Natural Resources for Polk County's Air Quality Program.

Resolution to consider signing petition to transfer Drainage District 4 management from the Board of Supervisors to Private Trustees.

Resolution approving Amended Agreement for Services with Community Support Advocates.

Resolution approving Des Moines University Student Service Agreement.

Resolution approving Agreement for provision of medical director services at Polk County Health Department.

Resolution approving Position Modifications within the Polk County Conservation Department.

Resolution approving Position Modifications within the Temporary Suitable Work Program.

Resolution approving Contract with Professional Office Services, Inc. for Vehicle Renewal Notices.

Resolution approving manufactured home abatement.

Resolution approving Forbearance Agreement with Calvin Community and First Interstate Bank.

Resolution approving Settlement regarding Fessler matter.

Resolution approving the retention of David Schrock and the law firm of Smith Mills Law.

Resolution approving First Amendment to Rising Medical Solutions Agreement for Workers' Compensation Bill Review and Final One-Year Extension.

DEFERRED

Resolution appointing individuals to various boards and commissions.

Resolution approving Community Development Grant Award for The Alano Society Inc.

Resolution approving Community Development Grant Award for Broadlawns Medical Center Foundation.

Resolution approving Community Sponsorship Awards.

REC'D & FILED:

Polk County Veteran Affairs Second Quarter Report FY 25/26.

Notice that the Polk County Board of Supervisors will convene as a Canvassing Board on February 19, 2026 to canvass the votes cast for the West Des Moines City Council At-Large Special Election to fill a vacancy held on February 17, 2026.

Notice that the Polk County Board of Supervisors will convene as a Canvassing Board on February 24, 2026 to canvass the votes cast for the West Des Moines City Council At-Large Special Election to fill a vacancy and the Mitchellville City Council At-Large to fill a vacancy held on February 17, 2026.

APPOINTMENTS: Moved by Connolly, Seconded by Holm that the following Resolution be adopted: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individuals named on this Memorandum be approved for personnel action:

Allison Anderson, Public Safety Comms Supervisor, Sheriff, \$89,766 retro to 12/18/26
Torbin Cook, Jail Services Aide, Sheriff, \$49,447 beginning 1/26/26
Danielle Harvel, Assistant County Attorney, Co Attorney, \$101,106 beginning 1/26/26
Zaza Roberts, Detention Officer, Sheriff, \$70,193 beginning 1/26/26
Gavin Smith, Deputy, Sheriff, \$79,492 beginning 1/26/26
Adam Suter, Public Safety Comms Supervisor, Sheriff, \$101,969 retro to 1/9/26
Jason Tart, Sergeant, Sheriff, \$109,987 retro to 1/5/26
Angela Wong, Sergeant, Sheriff, \$113,198 beginning 1/13/26
Matthew York, Lieutenant, Sheriff, \$116,136 beginning 1/27/26

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Hockensmith, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

BOARD COMMENTS: Supervisor Hockensmith asked for more information about reports of a Native American individual who was held at Polk County Jail. Sheriff Kevin Schneider responded with details of the situation.

LET THE RECORD SHOW all resolutions, including Public Hearings, were approved unanimously, unless otherwise noted.

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Hockensmith to adjourn until January 27, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Hockensmith, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

Audio for this meeting:

<https://boardminutesdocs.polkcountyiowa.gov/docs/2026/1.13.26/audio.mp3>