

PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Polk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, July 14, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

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

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Hockensmith.

Moved by Holm, Seconded by Altringer to dispense with the reading of the June 30, 2026 Board of Supervisors minutes and the June 30, 2026 Board Staff minutes and they stand approved as printed.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

The Bills as certified were allowed or disallowed on each according to the certified list(s), claim numbers 202607070001 – 202607070368 and 202607140001 – 202607140659.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

PUBLIC HEARING: GRANTING TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT

Proof of Publication is on file with the Clerk of the Board. No one appeared for or against. Public Hearing closed.

RESOLUTION: Resolution granting Temporary Construction Easement to Jerry's Homes Inc. on Board-managed land known as the High Trestle Trail near the intersection of Weigel Dr. in Ankeny.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dr. Wallace Boeve, Dean, College of Health Sciences, Des Moines University and Juliann Van Liew, Polk County Health Department Director, spoke in favor of Item #25 (approving Academic Health Department Memorandum of Understanding between Polk County Health Department and Des Moines University). Will Keeps, Founder and President of Starts Right Here, spoke in favor of Item #44 (approving and earmarking funding for Starts Right Here). Carol Maher of downtown Des Moines spoke in favor of Item #43 (approving Agreement between Polk County and Des Moines Regional Transit Authority for Polk County employee unlimited access ridership).

PERMITS: Renewal application for Class "E" Retail Alcohol License for Liquor Land, located at 4995 Merle Hay Rd, Des Moines.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

Renewal application for Class "E" Retail Alcohol License for Casey's #3075, located at 6981 NE 14th St, Des Moines.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

RESOLUTIONS: Resolution authorizing Auditor's Office to publish notice of public hearing on July 28, 2026 to consider plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the North Polk Outdoor Education Improvements Project.

Resolution authorizing Auditor's Office to publish notice of public hearing on July 28, 2026 to consider plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the 2026 Bioreactor Project.

Resolution authorizing Auditor's Office to publish notice of public hearing on July 28, 2026 on disposal of interest in County-owned Real Estate (File #2002-3548), a vacant parcel at 249 E 19th Street, Des Moines to 20 E 18th Des Moines LLC (District 40 Parcel 06601-000-000).

Resolution authorizing Auditor's Office to publish notice of public hearing on July 28, 2026 on disposal of interest in County-owned Real Estate (File #2002-3647), a vacant parcel behind 115 N 2nd Street, Polk City, to Roeco LLC (District 261 Parcel 00096-002-000).

Resolution authorizing Auditor's Office to publish notice of public hearing on July 28, 2026 on disposal of interest in County-owned Real Estate (File #2008-4165), a vacant parcel 1524 Clark Street, Des Moines to Grays Lake LLC (District 80 Parcel 03864-000-000).

Resolution authorizing Auditor's Office to publish notice of public hearing on July 28, 2026 on disposal of interest in County-owned Real Estate (File #2001-3491), a vacant parcel between 409 S 2nd Street and 401 S 2nd Street, 113 W Grimes Street and 110 W Church Street, 410 1st Street and 400 1st Street, Polk City to Darrell R Walker Trust and Polk City Rentals LLC (District 261 Parcel 00164-000-000).

Resolution authorizing Auditor's Office to publish notice of public hearing on July 28, 2026 on disposal of interest in County-owned Real Estate (File #2010-3506), a vacant parcel between 731 56th Street and 727 56th Street, Des Moines to Jon and Mackenzie Swanson (District 90 Parcel 01514-001-000).

Resolution authorizing Auditor's Office to publish notice of public hearing on July 28, 2026 on disposal of interest in County-owned Real Estate (File #95-3214), a vacant parcel between 748 55th Street and 727 56th Street, Des Moines to Jon and Mackenzie Swanson (District 90 Parcel 01515-001-000).

Resolution approving the Sycamore Ridge Major Preliminary Subdivision Plat.

Resolution approving Subdivision Inspection Agreement for The Reserve at Cherry Glen.

Resolution approving change order to the Fourmile Creek Stream Restoration Project - ARA 3 (NE 36th Street to NE 47th Street).

Resolution accepting Title to Abandoned Property.

Resolution approving Memorandums of Understanding with EveryStep and Dr Natalie Harding for the Provision of Sexual Abuse Prevention training and then to the Polk County community as part of the Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program (ICAPP) grant.

Resolution approving Amended Agreement with Iowa Health and Human Services for Iowa Child Abuse Prevention Program Grant.

Resolution approving Agreement with Iowa HHS for Care For Yourself Grant FY27.

Resolution approving Academic Health Department Memorandum of Understanding between Polk County Health Department and Des Moines University.

REC'D & FILED:

Polk County Health Department and Des Moines University Press Release submitted by Addie Olson, Polk County Health Department.

Resolution approving Release of Mortgage for 219 58th St., Des Moines.

Resolution approving Amendment to Agreement with Wesley Community Services.

Resolution approving Cooperative Public Service 28E Agreement with the City of Clive for supplemental Animal Control Services.

Resolution approving Cooperative Public Service Agreement with the City of Pleasant Hill for supplemental Animal Control Services.

Resolution approving Memorandum of Understanding for Detention Services with Henry County, Iowa for the reciprocal housing and care of persons in the custody of the Polk County Sheriff and the Henry County Sheriff, respectively.

Resolution approving Retirement Agreement and corresponding Position Modification.

Resolution approving Polk County Abatement.

Resolution terminating Tax Suspensions.

Resolution adopting Court Appointed Attorney Fees.

Resolution approving Iowa State Association of Counties HIPAA Program Agreement.

Resolution relating to the financing of proposed projects to be undertaken by Polk County, Iowa, and establishing compliance with reimbursement bond regulations under the Internal Revenue Code.

COMMENT:

Supervisor Connolly asked for additional information how this affects bonding for housing issues. Polk County Budget Director Deb Anderson and County Administrator Frank Marasco answered questions.

Resolution approving Private Placement Engagement with Piper Sandler & Co.

Resolution approving Settlement Agreement (Ikeljic).

Resolution abating taxes for Ankeny Christian Academy for a property at 1710 W. 1st St., Ankeny (District/Parcel 181/00392-142-003, Geoparcel 8024-15-480-010).

Resolution abating taxes for Conservatory of Worship Arts for a property at 7297 NW Fisher Lane, Ankeny (District/Parcel 180/00780-812-002, Geoparcel 8024-32-426-035).

Resolution approving economic development funding to the Greater Des Moines Partnership.

Resolution approving corrected Amendment to Funding Agreement with United Way of Central Iowa.

Resolution approving Agreement between Polk County and Des Moines Regional Transit Authority for Polk County employee unlimited access ridership.

Resolution approving and earmarking funding for Starts Right Here.

Resolution approving the Amended Bylaws of Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino, Inc.

COMMENT:

Supervisor McCoy noted that a Board Staff meeting was held with an update from the Greater Des Moines Partnership, and welcomed Partnership members in the audience.

Resolution approving Community Betterment Grant Awards.

Resolution approving Community Sponsorship Awards.

REC'D & FILED:

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

Manure Management Plan Update from Mud Creek Feeders (Site #67869).

**REFERRED TO
PUBLIC WORKS &
CO ATTORNEY:**

City Development Board Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law in the Matter of the City of Granger Voluntary Annexation within the Urbanized Areas of the Cities of Grimes and Johnston.

City of Des Moines Application for Condemnation in the Matter of the

Condemnation of Certain Rights in Land for the Douglas Avenue Improvements from Merle Hay Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway Project (Quinto, 5206 Douglas Ave).

City of Des Moines Notice of Consultation Meeting on Metro Center Urban Renewal Plan - 38th Amendment and Carpenter Urban Renewal Plan - 1st Amendment.

Iowa Department of Transportation Notice of Meeting in the Matter of the Condemnation of Certain Rights in Land for the Improvement of Primary Road U.S. 69 in the City of Des Moines (Project No. NHSN-069-4(112)--2R-77, Group F, Parcel 13).

Iowa Department of Transportation Notice of Meeting in the Matter of the Condemnation of Certain Rights in Land for the Improvement of Primary Road U.S. 69 in the City of Des Moines (Project No. NHSN-069-4(112)--2R-77, Group F, Parcel 22).

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:

Jason Davis, Public Safety Communications Supervisor, Sheriff, \$120,018 retro to 7/1/26
Heather Flaherty, Health Administration Supervisor, Health, \$114,498 retro to 7/5/26
Julie Gibbons, DAP Assess & Outreach Supervisor, BHDS, \$141,885 beginning 7/11/26
Brett Hughes, Detention Sergeant, Sheriff, \$107,885 beginning 7/26/26
Renolia Juty, Jail Services Aide, Sheriff, \$50,930 beginning 7/27/26
Samuel McCrorey, Senior Services Sites Manager, CFYS, \$120,018 retro to 7/7/26
Martha McGourty, Accountant, Treasurer, \$100,516 beginning 7/17/26
Michael Mortensen, Deputy Director Veterans Affairs, VA, \$118,616 beginning 7/22/26
Zachary Paletta, Elections Manager, Auditor, \$130,162 retro to 7/11/26
Edgar Ramirez, Social Worker, CFYS, \$74,833 beginning 7/20/26
Charity Richardson, Administrative Supervisor, Sheriff, \$100,514 beginning 7/30/26
James Smith, Central Intake Supervisor, CFYS, \$120,018 beginning 7/20/26
Abla Stree, Detention Officer, \$70,193 beginning 7/27/26
Colleen Theis, Social Worker, CFYS, \$74,833 beginning 7/20/26

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Supervisor Connolly made comments about Will Keeps' work at Starts Right Here and the upcoming partnership between the Health Department and Des Moines University, and thanked Carol Maher for her comments about DART.

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

Moved by Altringer, Seconded by Holm to adjourn until July 28, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

Audio for this meeting:

<https://boardminutesdocs.polkcountyiowa.gov/docs/2026/7.14.26/audio.mp3>