

# SUPERVISOR'S MINUTE BOOK "EE"

LOUISA COUNTY, IOWA

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March 10, 2026

The Louisa County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at the Supervisor's office. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Kevin Hardin, Chair. The following board members were present: Shawn Maine and Scot Hunt. Board members voting "AYE" unless otherwise noted. Public attending meeting, Adam Shutt, Randy Foor, Cindy Grimm, Randy Schlutz, Bill Small, Kenny Marlette, Cyndi Mears, Curt Hartlieb, Jacob Ewart, and Jim Rudisill. Attended via Zoom: Jennifer Runnells, Tim Coleman, Leah McElhinney, Beth Hardin, and Jo Schantz.

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion Maine, second Hunt, to approve agenda for March 10th, 2026.

Meetings attended: Maine attended the Conservation and Wellness meetings. Hunt and Hardin did not attend meetings this past week.

Public Input: Cindy Grimm asked the Board about the current status of the ordinance regarding farm ground CSR (Corn Suitability Rating) and the process for using this land for the proposed solar project. The Board informed Grimm that the CSR is currently 65. They also explained that the rating could potentially be changed through the Planning & Zoning process. Grimm was advised that she could contact Brian Thye at Zoning to get more information.

Randy Foor asked how many zoning permits are issued each year in order to better understand the reasoning behind the permit fee increases approved last week. The Board explained that zoning permit fees have not been raised for many years and that the increase is intended to help offset the operational expenses of the Zoning Department.

The following payroll changes were reviewed: Justin Wessley, Maintenance Supervisor, \$37.98/hr.; Aron Meza, Engineering Technician 3, \$24.72/hr.

Motion Maine, second Hunt, to approve Resolution 202615 Washington County Riverboat Foundation Grant for the Louisa County Emergency Radio Project.

## COUNTY OF LOUISA RESOLUTION NO. #202615

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNTY SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF LOUISA

WHEREAS, the Washington County Riverboat Foundation has grant funds available that target Community Development and Beautification, Economic Development, Arts and Education, Human and Social Needs, and

WHEREAS, the Washington County Riverboat Foundation has a grant application cycle that ends March 15, 2026 and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY of Louisa is supportive of these targets for improvement to the community and County, and

WHEREAS one or more applications from the County of Louisa, and/or from organizations with projects that will take place on county property, will be submitted to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation by the March 15th, 2026, deadline,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the County Supervisors of the County of Louisa, that the County of Louisa authorizes the following grant applications to be submitted to the Washington County Riverboat Foundation for the March 15th, 2026, application cycle:

Louisa County Emergency Radio Project

Passed and adopted this 10th day of March, 2026.

AYES: Kevin Hardin, Chair, Board of Supervisor's Shawn Maine, Scot Hunt

ATTEST: Susan Schnedler, Auditor

Motion Hunt, second Maine, to approve matching funds in the amount of \$22,615.00 for the Washington County Riverboat Foundation Grant to purchase the Louisa County Emergency Radios.

Motion Maine, second Hunt, to approve Chair to sign the Secondary Roads and Sheriff Union Contracts effective July 1, 2026, to June 30, 2028.

Motion Hunt, second Maine, to approve Alliant Energy's "Application for Approval of Construction on Louisa County Right of Way" allowing them to extend and install underground electric facilities to provide service to Hy-Line Chicken Barn at 3192 S. Avenue, Morning Sun.

Adam Shutt, County Engineer, gave his weekly update.

Cyndi Mears, General Assistance, gave her monthly update. She informed the Board the next mobile food pantry will be held on March 25, 2026.

Curt Hartlieb, Veteran Affairs, provided his monthly update. Hartlieb reviewed potential Senate File bills and discussed how they may affect the County. He also presented information to the Board regarding the possibility of increasing the Veteran Affairs office hours to 30 hours per week, which would increase his budget by approximately \$13,000 annually. No decision was made by the Board at this time.

Jacob Ewart, Conservation, gave his monthly update. He stated they have been working on the trail maintenance and are hoping to turn the water on in the parks around April 15, 2026.

Motion Hunt, second Maine, to approve Liquor license for Cedarcrest Golf & Country Club.

Reviewed the County Ambulance February 2026 expenditures for Columbus Junction, Morning Sun, and Wapello.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting on motion adjourned at 9:14 a.m.

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Susan Schnedler, Auditor

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Kevin Hardin, Chair

