

May 12, 2025

The Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 8:30 a.m. Members present: Jason Roudabush, Jacki Bolen, and Jeff Tindle.

Moved by Roudabush, 2nd by Bolen to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush to approve May 8, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Simone Bates, The Record, joined the meeting.

Kristin Fantazia, General Assistance, met with the board for a weekly meeting.

Board discussed with Fantazia the restructuring of the general assistance department. Board stated they are changing this to an on-call as-needed position within the courthouse. They intend to appoint a current employee within the courthouse to manage the general assistance inquiries. The Board has been conducting weekly reviews of general assistance since February and feels that due to the low volume of inquiries, it is not in the best interest of the county and taxpayer dollars to continue to employ a regular PT individual 21 hours per week. By moving the general assistance duties to an already employed individual, this will cut back on the administrative costs. Further, the Board is looking to restructure the general assistance guidelines and available funding. The Board stated they intend to make this change on June 1.

Board received MMP annual update for PI-304 Finisher and PI-362 Finisher.

Tindle brought up an email sent to all board members from an individual residing in Grinnell. The individual lives on 370th Avenue, within the city limits of Grinnell. The individual stated that when she built her house, she was informed by the builder that the road would be paved after the area was developed with housing. 370th Avenue is a county road, and this road is not in the county's 5-year road construction plan. Tindle stated he would reply to the individual to reach out to the engineer with concerns about the road.

Tindle stated he received a message from a resident northwest of Grinnell stating the new blade operator in that area is doing a fantastic job.

Friday, Bolen attended a meeting with Russ Behrens, City Manager-Grinnell; Jo Wray, City Council-Grinnell; and Patrick Duffy, EMS Administrator-Grinnell. The discussion involved the ambulance service. Grinnell ambulance service is doing well, serving 100-115 calls per month. They had 15 tiers with Montezuma Ambulance and 2 with East Poweshiek Ambulance. They currently have 6 paramedics on staff and look to increase that number to 9.

Friday, Bolen also attended a Pow-I80 meeting. Information was provided from a study that students at Iowa State University completed regarding Poweshiek County and how the county compared to other counties within Iowa of like size and also compared to a like county in Wisconsin.

Bolen has a Board of Health meeting tomorrow.

Roudabush has Iowa Workforce meetings and a landfill meeting this week.

Board toured the Treasurer's offices, driver's license, auto, & tax to have a better understanding of how each office is set up.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Roudabush at 10:08 a.m. to adjourn.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jeff Tindle, Chairman