

January 5, 2026

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

Moved by Roudabush, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen to approve agenda. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Tindle nominated Roudabush as board chair for the 2026 calendar year. Having no further nominations, it was brought to a vote for Roudabush as board chair for the 2026 calendar year. Unanimous vote – Roudabush elected as board chair.

Roudabush nominated Bolen as board vice chair for the 2026 calendar year. Having no further nominations, it was brought to a vote for Bolen as board vice chair for the 2026 calendar year. Unanimous vote – Bolen elected as board vice chair.

Moved by Bolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve December 29, 2025, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to continue with Mondays and Thursdays as board meeting days, commencing at 8:30 a.m. for the 2026 calendar year. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen to continue with courthouse hours for county offices of 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and for the following approved holidays: New Year's Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Veterans Day, Thanksgiving Day, day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve, Christmas Day. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve Resolution #2026-24 appointing Auditor as Clerk for Board of Supervisors for calendar year 2026. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2026-24**

#### **RESOLUTION APPOINTING THE POWESHIEK COUNTY AUDITOR AS CLERK TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §331.504 does establish the duties of the Clerk to the Board

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §331.504 does note that the Auditor shall serve as the Clerk to the Board

WHEREAS, Iowa Code §331.504 does outline the duties of the Clerk to the Board as follows:

1. Record the Proceedings of the Board. The minutes of the Board shall include a record of all actions and the complete text of motions, resolutions, amendments, and ordinances adopted by the board. Upon the request of a supervisor present at a meeting, the minutes shall include a record of the vote of each supervisor on any question before the board.
2. Maintain the books and records required to be kept by the board under section 331.303
3. Sign all orders issued by the board for the payment of money.
4. Record the reports of the treasurer of the receipts and disbursements of the county.
5. Maintain a file of all accounts acted upon by the board with the board's action on each account. If the board allows an expenditure from an account, the auditor shall indicate the amount of expenditure and the bill or claim for which the expenditure is allowed.
6. Furnish a copy of the proceedings of the board required to be published as provided in section 349.18
7. Number each claim consecutively in the order of filing and enter the claim in the claim register alphabetically by the name of the claimant and including the date of filing, the number of the claim, and its general nature, the action of the board, and, if allowed, the fund from which the claim is paid. A record of the claims allowed at each session of the board shall be included in the minute book with reference to the numbers of the claims as entered in the claim register.
8. File for presentation to the board all unliquidated claims against the county and all claims for fees or compensation, except salaries fixed by state law. The claims, before being audited or paid, shall be itemized to clearly show the basis of the claim and whether for property sold or furnished for services rendered or for another purpose. An action shall not be brought against the county relating to a claim until the claim is filed as provided in this subsection and the payment is refused or neglected.

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors does require the following duties to be the responsibility of the Clerk to the Board:

1. Schedule appointments for the Board of Supervisors
2. Respond to Requests for Information
3. Take dictation and transcribe documents
4. Compose and type routine correspondence
5. Sort and route incoming mail
6. File and maintain files for the Board
7. Prepare, post, and distribute weekly agendas
8. Prepare resolutions for the Board
9. Update website weekly with agendas and minutes
10. Work with attorneys, consultants, and other professionals as requested by the Board
11. Conduct communication between the Board and other County Department Heads & Employees as requested by the Board.

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED THAT the Poweshiek County Auditor shall serve as the Clerk to the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors and be responsible for all the duties previously listed and any others requested by the Board members.

PASSED and ADOPTED this 5 day of January 2025.

POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Vice Chair

Jeff Tindle, Member

ATTEST: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen to approve the appointments to the respective boards and committees as representatives of the Board of Supervisors be approved for the year 2026. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

<b>Board Appointments</b>	<b>Representative</b>	<b>Alternate</b>
Region Six Planning Commission	Bolen	Roudabush
Poweshiek County Board of Health	Bolen	N/A
Central Iowa Community Services Regional	Bolen	Roudabush
Courthouse Security	Bolen	N/A
County Safety Committee	Bolen	N/A
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center	Tindle	Bolen
Poweshiek County Conservation Board	Tindle	Bolen
Poweshiek County EMA Commission	Tindle	Roudabush
Court Services – 8 <sup>th</sup> Judicial District	Tindle	Bolen
DeCat Board	Tindle	N/A
Middle Iowa Watershed Management Authority	Tindle	N/A
Poweshiek Economic Collaborative	Roudabush	N/A
South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency	Roudabush	Tindle
E911 Board	Roudabush	Tindle
Healthy Choices Coalition	Bolen	N/A
Iowa Workforce Development	Roudabush	N/A

Moved by Bolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve Resolution #2026-25 authorizing the Auditor to process claims and payroll transactions on behalf of Poweshiek County during the calendar year 2026. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2026-25**

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors that the County Auditor is hereby authorized to issue warrants in vacation of the Board for payment of payrolls for all county employees.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all accounts payable claims submitted for payment by the County must be accompanied by an invoice or necessary support documents to be authorized for payment. Mileage claims will require the employee's signature to be approved for payment. A current certificate of insurance for the employee's personal vehicle(s) showing the limits of liability coverage must be on file with the County Auditor to qualify for the mileage reimbursement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a claim for hotel expenses within the State of Iowa will only be paid if the lodging provider has had all employees complete certified human trafficking prevention training.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the County Auditor is allowed three (3) working days following approval of claims by the Board of Supervisors to complete accounts payable claims.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that payroll will process on a bi-weekly basis.  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that accounts payable claims will be processed on the second Thursday of each month and the last board meeting day of each month.

Passed this 5 day of January 2026.

POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Vice Chair

Jeff Tindle, Member

ATTEST: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen to approve Resolution #2026-26 Construction Evaluation Resolution for the purpose of submitting recommendations to the DNR for approval or disapproval of construction permit applications pursuant to Iowa Code 459.304(3) regarding proposed Confinement Feed Operations (CFO) structures. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2026-26  
CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a “construction evaluation resolution” relating to the construction of a **confinement** feeding operation structure; and  
**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

**WHEREAS**, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR’s decision regarding a specific application; and

**WHEREAS**, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution, the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

**WHEREAS**, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board’s recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF POWESHIEK COUNTY** that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

Dated this 5 day of January 2026.

POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Vice Chair

Jeff Tindle, Member

ATTEST: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

D.J. Hendrix, Assistant to the Engineer, joined the meeting and presented the engineer's road plans for the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grinnell road project for board approval. Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen to approve the road plans for the 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Grinnell road project. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve Resolution #2026-27 establishing mileage reimbursement rate for employees using personal vehicles for county business. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2026-27  
MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors establishes the mileage reimbursement rate for employees required to use their personal vehicle for county business;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED this 5 day of January 2026 to establish the mileage rate for Poweshiek County to be set at \$0.65 effective January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2026.

Dated this 5 day of January 2026.

POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Vice Chair

Jeff Tindle, Member

ATTEST: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen to approve Resolution #2026-28 establishing compensation for members of election boards for the calendar year 2026. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **Resolution #2026-28**

##### **Compensation of Members of Election Boards**

WHEREAS, Iowa Code § 49.20 authorizes the county board of supervisors to establish the compensation of members of election boards, and

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors does acknowledge the importance of Precinct Election Officials and Support Staff in the Election Process.

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors approves the following hourly rates for Precinct Election Officials and Support Staff effective January 1, 2026.

<u>Position</u>	<u>Recommended Salary</u>
Precinct Election Official	\$14.00/Hour
Precinct Election Official – Chair or Co-Chair	\$15.00/Hour
Election TM Runner	\$14.00/Hour

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors approves a mileage rate for all election workers who travel for service in an election, following the standard county mileage reimbursement rate.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors hereby adopts the compensation recommendations for the previously listed workers, which will remain in effect until a new compensation policy is passed.

Dated this 5 day of January 2026.

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Vice Chair

Jeff Tindle, Member

Poweshiek County Fair Association board members, Scott Sieck, Marcia Iverson, Ryan Iverson, Paul Hawkins, Curt Sieck, met with board supervisors to present the Poweshiek County Fair Association financial summary for the fiscal year ending 9/30/2025. Fair board members discussed fundraising for the new building they want to build. It is estimated that the building will cost \$2.3 million. They are requesting a contribution from Poweshiek County. Suggested was \$75,000 per year for 3 years or \$50,000 per year for 4 years. Board of Supervisors stated they are just beginning on the budget process and would need to look at the county's entire budget before they make any kind of commitment to any funding. Board of Supervisors also stated its concern with legislation and the uncertainty of what will happen with property tax legislation. Fair board members hope the county can contribute toward the construction of the new building and would request county to notify them of the decision as soon as possible.

Moved by Bolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve Resolution #2026-29 appointing members to the compensation commission to assess damages to all properties subject to condemnation. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION #2026-29**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Supervisors appoint the following persons who shall be eligible to serve as members of a Compensation Commission to assess damages to all properties subject to condemnation in accordance with Section 6B.4 of the Code of Iowa:

##### **AGRICULTURAL REPRESENTATIVE:**

Calvin Roudabush, 1750 360<sup>th</sup>, Brooklyn, IA 52211

Terry Lowry, 4823 60<sup>th</sup> St, Searsboro, IA 50242

Joe Armstrong, 1535 510<sup>th</sup> Ave, Montezuma, IA 50171

David King, 2256 460<sup>th</sup> Ave, Guernsey, IA 52221

Doug Helm, 4459 135<sup>th</sup> St, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Mark Doty, 1077 Lakeshore Dr, Brooklyn, IA 52211  
Tom Cheney, 4726 Hwy 21, Deep River, IA 52222

**CITY REPRESENTATIVE:**

Julie Beach, 1817 6<sup>th</sup> Ave, Grinnell, IA 50112  
Danny Carroll, 169 410<sup>th</sup> Ave, Grinnell, IA 50112  
Corey Simpson, 111 S. 12<sup>th</sup> St, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Bruce Blankenfield, 201 Main, Grinnell, IA 50112  
Linda Kudart, 612 W Main, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Brenda Crow, PO Box 362, Brooklyn, IA 52211  
Rusty Clayton, PO Box 518, Brooklyn, IA 52211

**LICENSED REAL ESTATE SALESMAN OR BROKERS:**

Mindy Huls, 614 Spring St, Brooklyn, IA 52211  
Andy Erselius, PO Box 946, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Raenelle Bryan, PO Box 912, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Tamera Kriegel, 1910 West St, Grinnell, IA 50112  
Connie Durr, 223 Whippoorwill, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Kevin Kolbe, 468 390<sup>th</sup> Ave, Grinnell, IA 50112  
Joel Kercheval, 1035 480<sup>th</sup> Ave, Montezuma, IA 50171

**BANKERS, AUCTIONEERS, PROPERTY MANAGERS, ETC.**

Curtis Bolen, PO Box 485, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Austin Jones, 2030 Country Club Dr, Grinnell, IA 50112  
Kyle Cook, 1608 Hwy 85, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Scott Herbers, 1601 Michael, Grinnell, IA 50112  
Vince Johnson, 4615 115<sup>th</sup> St, Montezuma, IA 50171  
Michael Garman, 306 Alice St, Brooklyn, IA 52211  
Ryan Iverson, 310 Meadow Lane Dr, Montezuma, IA 50171

Passed this 5 day of January 2026.

**POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Vice Chair

Jeff Tindle, Member

ATTEST: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Board discussed official newspapers for Poweshiek County. Board needs to obtain more information regarding circulation numbers from the newspapers submitting requests, and will postpone consideration on this matter to the next board meeting.

Board considered a resolution to authorize the county engineer to close county roads as necessary during the 2026 construction season, subject to prior notification to the Board of Supervisors. Moved by Bolen to approve Resolution #2026-30. Motion died for lack of a second.

Board discussed and authorized the County Engineer, Lyle Brehm, to continue to sign progress vouchers for Farm-to-Market payments and to continue to embargo county roads as necessary, subject to prior notification to the Board of Supervisors.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen, to approve Resolution #2026-31 providing bond approval pursuant to Iowa Code 64. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2026-31**

**BOND APPROVAL PURSUANT TO IOWA CODE CHAPTER 64**

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Chapter 64 requires public officers to obtain bond; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 64.8 requires members of boards of supervisors, county attorneys, recorders, auditors, sheriffs, and assessors to obtain a bond in a sum of no less than twenty thousand dollars (\$20,000); and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 64.10 requires treasurer to obtain bond in a sum not less than fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000); and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 64.11 requires that the reasonable cost of said bond be paid by the county where the bond is filed; and

**WHEREAS**, Iowa Code Section 331.324(6) allows that a blanket surety bond insuring the fidelity of county officers and employees who are accountable for county funds or property subject to the minimum surety bond requirements of Chapter 64; and

**WHEREAS**, all bonds required by law shall be construed as impliedly containing the conditions required by the statute, anything in the terms of said bonds to be the contrary notwithstanding; and

**WHEREAS**, the county supervisors, county attorney, county recorder, county auditor, county sheriff, county assessor, and county treasurer have obtained appropriate blanket bonds meeting the requirements of Iowa Code Chapter 64 and Iowa Code 331.324(6).

**IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that the surety bonds set forth above are hereby approved pursuant to Iowa Code Section 64.19.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Poweshiek County Auditor shall record said bond and this approval order pursuant to Iowa Code Section 64.24.

Dated this 5 day of January 2026.

**POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Vice Chair

Jeff Tindle, Member

ATTEST: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Bolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve the January 2, 2026 payroll for \$355,164.01. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen to approve Resolution #2026-32 relating to tax exemptions under Iowa Code 427.1(22) for 2025 values payable 2026/2027 fiscal year. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 2026-32**

##### **RESOLUTION RELATING TO TAX EXEMPTIONS UNDER IOWA CODE 427.1(22)**

WHEREAS, the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors shall establish priorities for granting property tax exemptions for natural conservation or wildlife areas pursuant to Iowa Code 427.1(22) and shall establish the limitations on the acreage allowed to be exempted, and;

WHEREAS, the current list of priorities has not changed from prior years and the total acreage designated shall be set at the maximum allowable acres, not to exceed three thousand (3,000) acres.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Poweshiek County Board of Supervisors that certified application for tax exemption pursuant to Iowa Code 427.1(22) for assessment date January 1, 2025, taxes payable 2026/2027 shall be considered as follows:

- a. The total number of acres of real property in Poweshiek County to be exempted pursuant to Iowa Code 427.1(22) shall be set at the maximum allowable acres, not to exceed three thousand (3,000) acres;
- b. In determining whether or not to grant a tax exemption, the application shall be considered according to the following priorities, ranking from highest to lowest;
  1. Open prairies
  2. Forest covers
  3. River and stream banks
  4. Rivers and streams
  5. Recreational lakes
  6. Any of the above tracts of land containing abandoned buildings or structures, in which case the property may be considered as having its otherwise assigned priority;
- c. Other than applying the above priorities, there shall be no limit on each type of property up to the aggregate limit of three thousand (3,000) acres;
- d. All other criteria and/or procedures outlined in Iowa Code 427.1(22) are incorporated herein.

Approved this 5 day of January 2026.

**POWESHIEK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

Jason Roudabush, Chairman

Jacki Bolen, Vice Chair

Jeff Tindle, Member

ATTEST: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Moved by Bolen, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tindle to approve Resolution #2026-33 approving assessed/taxable values of utility companies for 2025 values payable 2026/2027 fiscal year. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

**RESOLUTION #2026-33**  
**Assessed/Taxable Values of Utility Companies for 2025**  
**(Payable in 2026-2027 Fiscal Year)**

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Iowa Code Section 433.9, there be ordered entered in the minute book the length of lines and the assessed value of the property of each of the following utility companies situated in each city, township, or lesser taxing district in its county as fixed by the Director of Revenue and certified to the County Auditor.

Gas and electric utility assessed, and taxable values are determined on a company-by-company basis. The taxes on said utility property when collected by the County Treasurer shall be disposed of as taxes on real estate. A detailed report showing the value of each company by taxing district is on file in the County Auditor's Office.

UTILITY NAME	MILES/TYPE	RATE	ASSESSED VALUE	TAXABLE VALUE
<b>Railroads</b>				
Iowa Interstate Railroad LTD	25.80	307,621.2622	7,936,629	7,074,768
Union Pacific Railroad Co	22.91	1,332,699.0158	30,532,134	27,410,723
<b>Pipelines</b>				
Nustar Pipeline			456,571	447,440
Magellan Pipeline Company LLC			4,773,799	4,678,324
Northern Border Pipeline Company			13,067,055	12,805,715
Northern Natural Gas			1,537,512	1,506,762
Oneok North System			4,183,706	4,100,032
<b>Sub-total Non-Gas &amp; Electric</b>			<b>62,487,406</b>	<b>58,023,764</b>
<b>Gas &amp; Electric</b>				
Central Iowa Power Cooperative	Electric		1,953,610	727,630
Central Iowa Power Cooperative	Gas		0	21,112
Interstate Power & Light	Electric		128,079,313	15,718,420
Interstate Power & Light	Gas		5,360,591	1,348,271
ITC Midwest LLC	Electric		18,119,416	1,109,514
MidAmerican Energy	Electric		52,495,055	16,999,175
Pella Cooperative Electric Assn	Electric		631,899	67,654
TIP Rural Electric Co-Op	Electric		3,745,081	511,883
<b>Sub-total Gas &amp; Electric</b>			<b>210,384,965</b>	<b>36,503,659</b>

**VALUES CERTIFIED BY THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE**

**Grand Total of All Utilities in Poweshiek County**  
**County Total**

**\$272,872,371**

**\$94,527,423**

Dated this 5 day of January 2026.

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Jeff Tindle, Member

ATTEST: Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Tindle has a conservation board meeting on Tuesday.

Bolen has a courthouse safety meeting on Tuesday and will also be meeting with the Grinnell Lions Club on Tuesday.

Moved by Tindle, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bolen at 11:30 a.m. to adjourn.

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Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

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Jeff Tindle, Chairman