

February 17, 2026

The Poweshiek County Conference Board met in the lower-level conference room at the courthouse in Montezuma to adopt the 2026-2027 budget for the assessor's office.

Chairperson, Jason Roudabush, called the meeting to order at 4:32 P.M. with the following members present:

Supervisors: Jason Roudabush, Jeff Tindle and Jacki Bolen

Mayors: Jeff Innis, Matt VanTomme, Colin Watts, Eric Reefer, Annette Hasley, Dawn Hamilton and Sam Cox via phone

Schools: Stacia Brown, Laura Fendt and Jason Meyer

Staff: Amy Stevenson, Alyssa Sutherland, Ashley Fallis & Zachary Hall

Public: Matt Maschmann, Sheri Sharer, Laura Tish and Derek Bates

A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Jacki Bolen for the supervisors to approve the agenda. Motion carried with all ayes.

A motion was made by Colin Watts for the mayors and seconded by Jason Meyer for the schools to approve minutes of the January 20, 2026 meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.

A Memorandum of Understanding was presented to the board; however, there was no motion to adopt the MOU due to supervisor Jason Roudabush stating after discussing with the county attorney, they were advised not to sign the MOU as there is already state code in place outlining the information.

A motion was made by Jacki Bolen for the supervisors and seconded by Colin Watts for the mayors to add Ashley Fallis as a Bank of America authorized user. Motion carried with all ayes.

A motion was made by Jeff Tindle for the supervisors and seconded by Jason Meyer for the schools to adopt the mileage policy. Motion carried with all ayes.

Assessor Amy Stevenson gave a 2025 year in review followed by a proposed 2027 fiscal year budget presentation. Assessor Stevenson went through the budget line items with the overall budget going up only 2.94%. Members of the conference board requested to break in quorums to discuss lines items for the Assessor's salary and the Deputy Assessor's salary.

After discussion, a motion was made by Colin Watts for the mayors and seconded by Laura Fendt for the schools to approve a 10% salary increase for the Assessor with the deputy positions to follow. Roll call was made: Jason Roudaush-nay, Jacki Bolen-nay, Jeff Tindle-nay, Colin Watts-aye, Dawn Hamilton-nay, Annette Hasley-nay, Matt VanTomme-nay, Stacia Brown-aye, Jason Meyer-nay, Laura Fendt-aye, Jeff Innis-nay, Eric Reffer-nay and Sam Cox-aye. Motion failed.

A motion was made by Sam Cox for the mayors to approve an 8% salary increase for the Assessor with the deputy position to follow. With no second, motion died.

A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Jeff Tindle to approve a 3.3% salary increase for the Assessor and all staff. Jacki Bolen for the supervisors suggested an additional \$1,000 stipend for the Assessor for the fiscal year. Jason Meyer then made an amended motion to approve a 3.3% salary increase for the Assessor plus a \$1,000 stipend. A 3.3% salary increase for all other staff. This was again seconded by Jeff Tindle. Roll call was made: Jason Roudabush-aye, Jacki Bolen-aye, Jeff Tindle-aye, Colin Watts-nay, Dawn Hamilton-aye, Annette Hasley-aye, Tom VanTomme-aye, Stacia Brown-nay, Jason Meyer-aye, Laura Fendt-nay, Jeff Innis-nay, Eric Reffer-nay and Sam Cox-aye. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Dawn Hamilton for the mayors to approve the FY 2027 budget with adjustments to the salary, FICA and health insurance lines. Motion carried with all ayes.

A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Jacki Bolen for the supervisors to reappoint Bridget Miller to a six-year term to the Poweshiek County Board of Review. Motion carried with all ayes.

A motion was made by Laura Fendt for the schools and seconded by Dawn Hamilton for the mayors to allow for outside legal counsel for representation if needed. Motion carried with all ayes.

Supervisor Jason Roudabush reported the Poweshiek County Attorney advised the Poweshiek County Supervisors they do not need to rescind the early retirement policy adopted in 2001 by the Poweshiek County Conference Board, which was later rescinded by Poweshiek County but not the Poweshiek County Conference Board, because the early retirement insurance continuation policy no longer exists. Assessor Stevenson presented minutes from the Poweshiek County Conference board stating this policy was never rescinded for the Poweshiek County Assessor's Office and employees of the Assessor's Office are still eligible.

A public hearing to approve and finalize the 2027 fiscal year budget is set for March 10, 2026 at 4:30 P.M.

A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Annette Hasley for the mayors to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.



Chairperson, Poweshiek County Conference Board
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Clerk, Poweshiek County

