

March 4, 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: Galyn Nook, IT Director, and Nicole Vermeer, Capstone.

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

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Bolen to approve March 2, 2026, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received an application for opioid settlement funding from Capstone Behavioral Healthcare to use the funding for expanding opioid treatment resources, programs, and telehealth services, and for opioid prevention programs. Capstone requested \$99,800 for the program. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to approve the application for opioid settlement funding to Capstone Behavioral Healthcare for \$99,800. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Bolen to approve Utility Permit #26-12U to Unite Private Networks LLC for work in Section 27, Bear Creek Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to approve the following Utility Permits:

- #26-13U to Poweshiek Water Association for work in Sections 27 & 34, Sheridan Township
- #26-14U to Poweshiek Water Association for work in Section 27, Sheridan Township
- #26-15U to Poweshiek Water Association for work in Sections 22 & 27, Sheridan Township

3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received notification from the Auditor of State that the FY25 audit report will likely not be completed by March 31 and, therefore, an extension is needed. Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Bolen, to authorize Chairman Roudabush to sign the letter requesting an extension for filing of the FY25 audit report. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received notification that, effective March 1, 2026, Brent Hinders, who is the county's representative in union matters and provides necessary HR services, is leaving Hopkins & Huebner, P.C. to join Hinders, Updegraff, and Franklin, P.L.C. The county now must decide if it wants to continue with a different lawyer at Hopkins & Huebner, continue representation with Brent Hinders at his new firm, or find a completely different firm. After discussing and obtaining input from Sheriff Maschmann and County Engineer Brehm relating to representation in union matters, the Board decided to remain with Brent Hinders at his new firm. Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Bolen, to continue legal representation with Brent Hinders at his new firm and to authorize Hopkins & Huebner to transfer all county files to Hinders, Updegraff, and Franklin. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Board received Recorder's report of fees collected for month ending February 28, 2026.

Board discussed the FY27 budget.

Galyn Nook, IT Director, provided feedback on the Board's decision to lower his budget request on wages.

Jennifer Anderson, Treasurer, provided feedback on the Board's decision to lower her budget request on wages. Anderson asked the Board to reconsider her request for an adjustment to wages, noting that staffing has been reduced by one employee and that additional responsibilities have been assumed by remaining staff. Anderson stated that if she is not able to provide her current employees with an increase, she would request that the Board allow her to hire an additional employee in the motor vehicle budget. Tindle inquired with Anderson about combining the treasurer's offices, as discussed at a prior board meeting, and how that was coming along. Anderson stated she is still in the process of reviewing all options. Bolen stated she understands the request, and the budget is tight this year, and adding 3.5% to wages is all the county can sustain right now. Bolen stated the county does not know where property tax reform is headed with the legislation and how that will affect future funding for county government.

Board discussed the current longevity policy of an additional \$.22 per hour for every 5 years of employment with the county. Board stated they would like to increase longevity to an additional \$.25 per hour for every 5 years of employment with the county. This will be an agenda item for approval consideration at a future board meeting.

Board reviewed draft of the proposed FY27 budget. Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to propose tax rate levy & set a public hearing date of March 24, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. for the proposed tax levy. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Bolen at 10:45 a.m. to adjourn.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman