

March 10, 2026

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

Chairperson, Jason Roudabush, called the meeting to order at 4:33 P.M. with the following members present:

Supervisors: Jason Roudabush, Jeff Tindle, and Jacki Bolen

Schools: Jason Meyer and Laura Fendt (via phone)

Mayors: Jeff Innis, Matt VanTomme, Sam Cox (via phone), Annette Hasley, Carma Craig, Dawn Hamilton and Eric Reefer

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

Public: Laura Tish, Ken Philips, Matt Maschmann, Phyllis Meredith, Nancy Weaver, Fran Conn, Anne Walford, Mary Lang, Craig Lang and David Walford

Jason Meyer inquired about the wording of the last conference board meeting minutes with others joining in regarding the deputy's salary. After discussion, minor wording changes were made to the previous board minutes. A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Annette Hasley for the mayors to approve the revised minutes from the February 17, 2026, meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.

Chairperson, Jason Roudabush, informed the board the County Attorney informed the Board of Supervisors the early-retirement policy for the Assessor's Office staff had never been rescinded and all employees are eligible for the early retirement policy until it is rescinded for the assessor's office.

A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Eric Reefer for the mayors to rescind the policy. Motion carried with all ayes.

Laura Fendt for the schools wanted to confirm on record that all employees currently employed in the Poweshiek County Assessor's Office do qualify in the interim for the early retirement policy. Jason Roudabush and Jeff Tindle for the Supervisors both confirmed employees currently employed remain eligible for the early-retirement policy. Fendt stated as long as it's on record in the minutes, she is okay with this.

At 4:47 P.M. Assessor Stevenson began her assessor presentation and at 4:49 P.M. Assessor Stevenson stated she will be resigning effective April 1, 2026.

Sam Cox for the mayors and Laura Fendt for the schools both thanked Assessor Stevenson for her time, everything she has done for the county and Laura Fendt wanted to go on record that she hopes Assessor Stevenson is happy in her new job.

Discussion was had about the adoption of the FY27 budget, more specifically regarding the salary line items for the Chief Deputy position (vacant) and the Deputy position.

A motion was made by Laura Fendt for the schools and seconded by Sam Cox for the mayors to set the deputy salary at 81% of the assessor's salary. Roll call was made with all ayes except Jason Meyer for the schools and Jeff Tindle for the supervisors voting nay. Motion carried.

Next, there was discussion on setting the vacant Chief Deputy position salary. A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Annette Hasley for the mayors to set the chief deputy salary at 81% of the assessor's salary. Roll call was made: Jason Roudabush-nay, Sam Cox-nay, Laura Fendt-nay, Jeff Tindle-nay, Carma Craig-nay, Jeff Innis-nay, Eric Reefer-nay, Jacki Bolen-aye, Dawn Hamilton-aye, Matt VanTomme-aye, Jason Meyer-aye, Annette Hasley-aye. Motion failed.

A new motion was made by Laura Fendt for the schools and seconded by Sam Cox for the mayors to set the chief deputy salary at 85% of the assessor's salary. Roll call was made: Jason Roudabush-aye, Sam Cox-aye, Laura Fendt-aye, Matt VanTomme-aye, Jeff Innis-aye, Eric Reefer-aye, Jeff Tindle-nay, Jacki Bolen-nay, Carma Craig-nay, Jason Meyer-nay and Annette Hasley-nay. Motion failed.

A new motion was made by Sam Cox for the mayors and seconded by Laura Fendt for the schools to set the chief deputy salary at 83% of the assessor's salary. A roll call was made with all nays except for Sam Cox for the mayors and Laura Fendt for the schools. Motion failed.

Another motion was made by Dawn Hamilton for the mayors and seconded by Jacki Bolen for the supervisors to set the chief deputy salary at 81% of the assessor's salary. A roll call was made: Jason Roudabush-aye, Jacki Bolen-aye, Dawn Hamilton-aye, Carma Craig-aye, Matt VanTomme-aye, Eric Reefer-aye, Jeff Innis-aye, Jeff Tindle-nay, Jason Meyer-nay, Sam Cox-nay and Laura Fendt-nay. Motion passes.

A motion was made by Eric Reefer for the mayors and seconded by Jason Meyer for the schools to adopt the final budget. Motion passed with all ayes.

A new business item was added for the appointment of examining board members. It was determined they were not appointed correctly previously so reappointing them should be stated in the minutes. Brian Baderstadt is no longer a full-time resident of Poweshiek

County and must be replaced. Real Estate Agent Kevin Kolbe has been contacted and is interested in fulfilling the position.

A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools and seconded by Dawn Hamilton for the mayors to appoint Kevin Kolbe to the examining board for the school board. Motion passed with all ayes.

A motion was made by Dawn Hamilton for the mayors and seconded by Jason Meyer for the schools to appoint David Kercheval to the examining board for the mayors. Motion passed with all ayes.

A motion was made by Jeff Tindle for the supervisors and seconded by Jason Meyer for the schools to appoint Margaret Hutchinson to the examining board for the supervisors. Motion passed with all ayes.

A motion was made by Jason Meyer for the schools at 5:56 P.M. and seconded by Annette Hasley for the mayors to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried with all ayes.


Chairperson, Poweshiek County Conference Board


Clerk, Poweshiek County Conference Board

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