

September 21, 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.

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

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to approve September 17, 2026, board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Melissa Strovers of Poweshiek Economic Development provided a quarterly update on economic development in the county. Strovers is working to reach the younger generation to share the job opportunities in Poweshiek County. ISU and Grinnell College are collaborating to perform a target industry analysis at the end of October. This analysis will provide the best five industries to recruit to Poweshiek County and establish the kind of buildings and land needed to be ready. Strovers is also working with cities to see what they have available for buildings and land that would be available for new industry. Strovers stated there is grant funding available through Iowa Humanities, which communities can apply for to assist with costs of community events. Strovers wants to start working more with the agricultural industry. Economic Development is continuing to build the foundation and look to the future to see what is needed to attract new businesses and to keep current businesses.

Board revisited the draft resolution presented by Supervisor Bolen regarding temporary relief from motor fuel tax. Board decided to write a letter to the Governor and legislators to express their concern with the fuel cost and the need for some relief for Iowans. Bolen stated she would work on drafting the letter and will approve it at the next board meeting.

Board again discussed the inclement weather policy and finalized the draft. This will be brought to the department head meeting next week when updating the personnel policy will be discussed.

Lyle Brehm, Engineer, joined the meeting to update the board on a replacement of a culvert that washed out back in July on 50th Street North of 480th Avenue in Sugar Creek Township. Brehm will be getting this replaced as soon as the weather permits.

Iowa State Association of Counties (ISAC) visited Poweshiek County as part of their 99-county tour. Representing ISAC were Rachel Bennett, Director of Member Relations; Beth Manley, General Counsel; and Andrea Woodard, Executive Director. ISAC representatives provided an overview of the services they provide to counties, what services Poweshiek County utilized, and welcomed any questions or suggestions on how ISAC could better help counties.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Bolen at 11:46 a.m. to adjourn.

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman