

September 24, 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: Lyle Brehm, Engineer.

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

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Bolen to approve September 21, 2026 board minutes. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Bolen, 2nd by Tindle to approve September 25, 2026 payroll for \$350,450.08. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

Moved by Tindle, 2nd by Bolen, to approve Utility Permit #27-03U to CTC Technology for work in Section 3, Lincoln Township. 3 ayes. Motion carried.

The Board accepted Greg Reedy's letter of retirement, effective December 31, 2026.

Harold McNaul, Alta McNaul, David Story, Kurt Eaves, Ann Peiffer, and Steve Gantz met with the board to discuss improvements to 20th Street south of Grinnell. Joining by phone were Dan Boyer and Jean Pendleton. McNaul stated he contacted 25 homeowners on the 2-mile section of 20th Street between 420th Avenue and 440th Avenue about the possibility of improving this gravel road to a paved surface of some sort. Eaves spoke, stating there are a lot of residential houses along this 2-mile stretch with heavy traffic, and he feels there would be less cost to maintain the road if hard surface. Peiffer stated there is a lot of traffic. Gantz stated that, for safety, he would like to see a hard surface with lane lines because there are some blind hills, and having the markings would recognize each side of the road. McNaul discussed cost and, if this were approved, whether it would be fully funded by the county or whether there would be a special assessment to the residents/landowners along the 2-mile section of 20th Street. Brehm stated his estimate for a chip seal option would be \$700,000 to \$800,000. Currently, Brehm does not have this funding available in his budget. Brehm stated the cost to maintain a gravel road is \$8,000 - \$10,000 per mile per year. The cost to maintain a hard-surface road is \$20,000 per mile per year. Poweshiek County has over 700 miles of gravel roads. Brehm further discussed the shortage of rock. Bolen inquired about dust control on the road and stated that the areas she has seen with dust control over several applications have shown to firm up the gravel roads. The board will need time to review this request, look into special assessments, and to look at the county budget. The board stated that, with the Iowa Legislature establishing a 2% annual cap on county property tax revenue growth, it may be difficult to find funding next year.

Brehm relayed to the board that with the high increase in diesel prices, his budget for diesel will be double what he projected at budget time.

Tindle stated he attended the Emergency Management meeting last night as well as a mayor roundtable meeting.

Tindle has a Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Finance Committee meeting today and the Central Iowa Juvenile Detention board meeting tomorrow.

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

Melissa Eilander, Poweshiek County Auditor

Jason Roudabush, Chairman