

**MINUTES January 22, 2026**  
**DUBUQUE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
Chair Harley Pothoff, Vice-Chairperson Wayne Kenniker, Ann McDonough

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**LET THE RECORD SHOW** that all approvals, consent items, appointments, motions, claims, warrants, receipts, proclamations, recesses, adjustments, resolutions, permits, and public hearings, were approved unanimously, unless otherwise noted.

FY27 Budget Works Session – All Budget Work sessions will have discussion and possible action on the FY26 and FY27 budgets.

**WORK SESSION** – Watershed. Dubuque County Watershed Program Director Eric Schmechel spoke about the programs they offer including cover crops, and Farmer to Farmer now being a 501c3. He spoke about how programs were funded including from the City, supplemented with Federal Dollars, and matching dollars. The 28E agreement on last year of current agreement.

**WORK SESSION** – Recorder. Dubuque County Recorder Ann Sweeney spoke about records they provide and fees they collect for the County and State. She spoke about the backlog and an additional staff request.

**WORK SESSION** – Veterans/GA. Dubuque County Veteran’s Services Director Randy Rennison spoke about services and outreach the department provides, including rent, utility payment assistance and burial services.

**WORK SESSION** – District Court. Dubuque County Budget Director Stella Runde spoke about mandated costs that the County must pay for Court Services.

Recess 2:32 p.m. – 2:37 p.m.

**WORK SESSION** – Possible Exempt Session pursuant to Iowa Code 20.17(3) to discuss collective bargaining strategy for employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

Motion by Supervisor Kenniker to go into closed session, seconded by Supervisor McDonough. Entered closed session at 2:37 p.m.

Motion made by Supervisor Kenniker to re-open meeting, seconded by Supervisor McDonough.

Meeting re-opened at 2:49 p.m.

**Motion to sign the letter of engagement made by Supervisor Kenniker, seconded by Supervisor Pothoff. Supervisor McDonough voting no. Motion carries.**

**CLOSED SESSION** – Code of Iowa 21.5(j) for the purpose of discussing the purchase or sale of particular real estate.

Motion made by Supervisor Kenniker to go into closed session, seconded by Supervisor McDonough. Entered closed session at 2:50 p.m.

Motion made by Supervisor McDonough to re-open the meeting, seconded by Supervisor Kenniker. Meeting re-opened at 3:36 p.m.

Adjourn 3:36 p.m.

*Harley V. Pothoff*

Harley V. Pothoff (Feb 2, 2026 12:08:46 CST)

Harley V Pothoff, Chair  
Dubuque County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

*Keith Lucy*

Keith Lucy (Feb 2, 2026 10:56:22 CST)

Keith Lucy, Dubuque County Auditor