

MINUTES February 2, 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.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Phil Crnkovich, Dubuque spoke about the Dubuque County health plan and benefits. David Puls, Sherrill spoke about Hochrein Rd. Clark Sholz, Dubuque also spoke about the Dubuque County Health plan.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 15, 2026 – Budget Meeting; **January 20, 2026, with correction.**
January 22, 2026 – Budget Meeting; January 27, 2026 – Budget Meeting

CONSENT ITEMS

Treasurer’s Semi-Annual Report

PROCUREMENT PROCEDURES

Notice to Bidders – HMA Resurfacing on Hammerand Rd, Project LOST-P26(02)—73-31

PUBLIC HEARING

Notice of Public Hearing for Amendments to Zoning Ordinance

APPROVAL OF PLATS

Resolution 26 – 026 – approved the Final plat of Schwers Farm Subdivision

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 26 – 027 – approved the hiring of deputies, assistants and clerks

Resolution 26 – 028 – approved the abatement of delinquent property taxes based on the Treasurer’s recommendation

Resolution 26 – 029 – approved the plans and specifications for the HMA Resurfacing on Hammerand Rd, Project LOST-P26(02)—73-31

Resolution 26 – 030 – approved the lease agreement with Bernard Rescue Unit, Inc. for equipment storage in the Bernard Maintenance Area

Resolution 26 – 031 – authorized the Chairperson to sign the Dubuque Nature Everywhere Bill of Rights

COMMUNICATIONS

Amended and Restated Urban Renewal Plan for the Greater Downtown Urban Renewal Area, Version 2026.1

Communication on Health Insurance from Paul Kern

APPOINTMENTS

Open Vacancies – informational only

SUPERVISORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS UPDATES – Discussion and updates from Supervisors, boards, commissions, and other meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS –None

WORK SESSION with County Engineer – Engineer report and general discussion: Discussion regarding Road Improvement Policy. Dubuque County Engineer Tom Kinney explained that the policy would be implemented to treat all requests equally and have a record of. Supervisors had consensus on implementing and asked for maintenance costs.

WORK SESSION – Discussion and review on previous vote to make the Patient Advocate position full-time exempt. Supervisor Kenniker asked that the Patient Advocate become full-time based on a resolution that was previously approved based on funding. Supervisor McDonough and Supervisor Pothoff asked for more information on funding that would be used to support this.

WORK SESSION – Discussion on an email from ISAC regarding a licensing fee for CSN. Supervisor Kenniker noted the County cannot pay for mental health services. Discussion on other departments using this license. No decision at this time.

Recess 10:00 a.m. – 10:05 a.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 to re-open the meeting made by Supervisor McDonough, seconded by Supervisor Kenniker. Meeting re-opened at 10:26 a.m.

Adjourn 10:26 p.m.

Harley V. Pothoff

Harley V. Pothoff (Feb 17, 2026 15:43:41 CST)

Harley V Pothoff, Chair
Dubuque County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

Keith Lucy

Keith Lucy (Feb 17, 2026 12:15:17 CST)

Keith Lucy, Dubuque County Auditor