

MINUTES February 24, 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.

Health & Human Services (HHS) – Executive Officer of Iowa HHS Amy Huntington and Social Work Administrator Lynn Bell spoke about slight increases and some areas but cost savings with moving phones to Teams. Reimbursements are submitted quarterly.

General Budget Work Session – Dubuque County Budget Director Stella Runde spoke about operational deficits and possible affects from Sunnycrest transition. Sunnycrest reserve can only be used on Building and Maintenance expenses and does not cover all employee wages. Consensus from Supervisors on Sunnycrest transition completed by January 1, 2027. Supervisors spoke about splitting the levy rate of .42 cents. This will be brought back at the final budget meeting.

Budget Director Stella Runde talked about the possibility of potentially including a Rural Supplemental levy to move some expenses and alleviate some short falls.

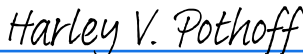
Recess 3:03 p.m. – 3:09 p.m.

CIP plan presented with projects. **Supervisor McDonough making a motion to approve Conservation's Land acquisition fund project. Motion failed for lack of a second.** This project will be removed from the plan. **Motion made by Supervisor McDonough to remove the Zoning documentation scanning project. Motion failed for lack of a second.** This project will be included in the plan. Supervisors had consensus on removing the Sunnycrest ADA van project.

Personnel requisitions discussed. **Motion made by Supervisor Pothoff to approve one staff addition for the Sheriff's Department, seconded by Supervisor Kenniker. Supervisor McDonough in favor of two and voting nay . Motion carries.**

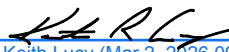
Employee wage increase of 2.7% for elected officials and deputies
Health Insurance will include raising the deductible to \$500 and implementing 3-tier employee contributions

Adjourn 4:36 p.m.


Harley V. Pothoff (Mar 2, 2026 09:33:42 CST)

Harley V Pothoff, Chair
Dubuque County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Keith Lucy (Mar 2, 2026 09:41:50 CST)

Keith Lucy, Dubuque County Auditor