

MINUTES July 20, 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 COMMENT – Bill Nadermann, Dubuque, spoke about the sale of a parcel on Lincoln Ave., Carl Stiglitz, Dubuque asked the meeting minutes be more descriptive for Data Center Work Sessions and that a ban be focus.

PROCLAMATION – 73rd Annual Dubuque County Fair – “Sweet as can be at Fair 73”. John Bries and Kevin Kotz accepted and spoke on behalf of Dubuque County Fair.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES – June 29, 2026 – Data Center Work Session; July 6, 2026; July 13, 2026 –Data Center Work Session

CONSENT ITEMS

Recommendation from the County Assessor regarding 2026 Credit and Exemption allowances
Special Class C Retail Alcohol License - Mid Mart Inc.
Class C Retail Alcohol License (14 Day) – Dubuque County Fairgrounds
Quarterly Report – Auditor, Recorder, Sheriff

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice of Public Hearing – regarding Parcel 1012359007, Part of vacated Brunswick St. between Lots 143 to 160 Belmont Addition

Notice of Public Hearing – regarding Parcel 1025130011, N 40’-S ½ Lot 12, S 35’-S ½ Lot 12, & S 60’-Lot 13 Kelly’s Sub in the City of Dubuque

Proof of Publication – Public Hearing

Public Hearing – MK Land, LLC Construction Permit Application (Formerly Strief Farms, Inc.) **Motion made by Supervisor Kenniker in favor of permit, seconded by Supervisor Pothoff. Supervisor McDonough voting nay. Motion in favor of the permit carries.**

Public Hearing – Sale of Parcel 1027280014 Lot 1 of Lot 1 of the Subdivision of Mineral Lot 251A and park of Mineral Lot 250 in the City of Dubuque, IA

Public Hearing – Sale of Parcel 1024228007 Lot 8 in High Street Subdivision in the City of Dubuque, Iowa

APPROVAL OF PLATS

Resolution – to approve the Final Plat of Hirsch Place 2nd Addition. **Motion made by Supervisor McDonough to deny, seconded by Supervisor Pothoff. Supervisor Kenniker voting to approve final plat as presented. Motion to deny carries.**

ACTION ITEMS

Resolution 26 – 154 – approved the hiring of deputies, assistants, and clerks.

Resolution 26 – 155 – approved the temporary delayed travel restrictions of county roads on August 30th for the 7th Annual Research for the Kids UTV Ride.

Resolution 26 – 156 – approved the RCTP agreement with the City of Zwingle for the Zwingle Street Resurfacing Project.

Resolution 26 – 157 – authorized the submittal of a Traffic Safety Improvement Program Fund Application for the Skyline Road Pavement Rehab project.

Resolution 26 – 158 – approved the annual Memorandum of Agreement with Urban Counties Coalition. **Motion made by Supervisor McDonough to approve, seconded by Supervisor Pothoff. Supervisor Kenniker voting nay. Motion to approve carries.**

Resolution 26 – 159 – approved the service agreement with The Howard E Nyhart Company, Inc. for actuarial services for the FY26 Full GASB 75 actuarial valuation, the FY27 Interim GASB 75 actuarial update, and the FY26 and FY27 Iowa 509A Certifications for Dubuque County.

Resolution 26 – 160 – approved the Equitable Sharing Agreement and Certification for the Sheriff's Office and authorize the Chair to sign.

Resolution 26 – 161 – authorized the Chair to sign the letter of support for the MOVE (Mobility Outreach, Visibility & Education) project.

Resolution 26 – 162 – approved sale of parcel 1027280014, Lot 1 of Lot 1 of the Subdivision of Mineral Lot 251A and part of Mineral Lot 250 in the City of Dubuque, Iowa, at public auction and to authorize the Chair to execute necessary documents.

Resolution 26 – 163 – approved the sale of parcel 1024228007 Lot 8 in High Street Subdivision in the City of Dubuque, Iowa, at public auction and to authorize the Chair to execute necessary documents.

COMMUNICATIONS

Dubuque County Zoning – Meeting Schedule

Planning Process Document

Courthouse Generator Update

APPOINTMENTS

Open Vacancies – informational only

SUPERVISORS, BOARDS AND COMMISSION UPDATES – Discussion and updates from Supervisors, boards, commissions, and other meetings. Supervisor McDonough spoke about the Port Authority request of \$2500 for a lifetime membership fee. Supervisor Kenniker asked that monthly updates from Sunnycrest regarding the transition be added to Board Meetings.

PUBLIC COMMENTS – Jerry Sigwarth, Holy Cross spoke about Zoning Meetings and being volunteers for the Commission. Arlona Frederickson, Dubuque spoke about repairs on Skyline Rd. and how a data center project would affect those.

Recess 10:42 a.m. – 10:50 a.m.

WORK SESSION with County Engineer – Engineer report and general discussion. Dubuque County Engineer Todd Kinney updated Supervisors on the completion and status of projects. He informed Supervisors that there will need to be discussion on how to proceed with the legislation on speed limit changes.

WORK SESSION – Review FY26 Capitol Projects. Dubuque County Budget Director Stella Runde presented information on department projects and carry-over from unspent funds. There will be a Budget Amendment in August to reflect this.

WORK SESSION – Discussion on FY27 Purchase of Service application and determinations. Supervisors made general decisions on approval of applications and amounts to award.

WORK SESSION – Discussion on reallocating available GIS funds. Supervisors had consensus that funds could be reallocated to support a 3rd party vendor replacement for a certain amount of hours.

WORK SESSION – Review Designation on Lovers Lane, Sherill, IA. Discussion on whether this was a public or county road. Dubuque County has maintained this road. Dubuque County Attorney Scott Nelson stated that the Courts ruled that it is not a public road. Questions on Eminent Domain.

WORK SESSION - Background on Solar Ordinance. Additions of small projects will be included, with additional input and will be brought to the Zoning Commission for review and consensus on recommendation.

WORK SESSION – Discussion and possible action on Data Center Framework/Roadmap. The next Work Session will be scheduled and asked to include open discussion to discuss concerns from citizens.

Adjourn 1:05 p.m.


Harley V. Pothoff (Aug 3, 2026 17:35:16 CDT)

Harley V Pothoff, Chair
Dubuque County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:


Keith Lucy (Aug 3, 2026 12:51:39 CDT)

Keith Lucy, Dubuque County Auditor