PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

March 31st 2026

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, March 31st, 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the agenda as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the minutes from the 3/24/2026 regular session. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Bri Erskine with Alliant Energy provided a few updates to the Supervisors. Larry Sailer asked about cargo boxes at the Bradford corner. It was recommended that he reach out to Dan Tilkes, Planning & Zoning Administrator. Lukensmeyer attended CICS. McVicker attended Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center & Northeast Iowa Workforce Development.

Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, met with the Supervisors to provide them an update on his department.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open the public hearing on proposed Franklin County Ordinance 2026A "An Ordinance Authorizing a Moratorium on New Permit Applications for Development of Data Center Projects within the Unincorporated Area of Franklin County, Iowa" at 9:15AM. All ayes. Motion carried. There was no public comment, but basic discussion among the Supervisors, Assessor, and Planning & Zoning Administrator. Chairman Vanness closed the public hearing at 9:22AM.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to waive the 1st reading of Ordinance 2026A "An Ordinance Authorizing a Moratorium on New Permit Applications for Development of Data Center Projects within the Unincorporated Area of Franklin County, Iowa". All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by Lukensmeyer to waive the 2nd reading of Ordinance 2026A "An Ordinance Authorizing a Moratorium on New Permit Applications for Development of Data Center Projects within the Unincorporated Area of Franklin County, Iowa" All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the 3rd and final reading of Ordinance 2026A "An Ordinance Authorizing a Moratorium on New Permit Applications for Development of Data Center Projects within the Unincorporated Area of Franklin County, Iowa" All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to adopt Ordinance 2026A "An Ordinance Authorizing a Moratorium on New Permit Applications for Development of Data Center Projects within the Unincorporated Area of Franklin County, Iowa" Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted. Motion carried and the ordinance declared duly adopted upon publication.

Soneeta Mangra-Dutch from Iowa State Extension & Outreach was present to provide information to the Supervisors about Strategic Planning, how it works and how it could benefit the county.

The Supervisor recessed at 10:00AM for a drainage meeting and reconvened at 10:05AM. Drainage minutes may be obtained from the Auditor's office or on the County website.

Gina Bradley met with the Supervisor about the possibility of acquiring a county-held tax certificate on Parcel 000132242900400 in Popejoy. After discussion, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution Assigning a County Held Tax Certificate. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2026-28

ASSIGNMENT OF COUNTY HELD TAX CERTIFICATE

WHERAS, the Franklin County Board of Supervisors does see the importance of property development and wishes to aid in the benefit to the communities of Franklin County. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS that the

Franklin County Treasurer, pursuant to 2023 Iowa Code assign the following county-held tax certificates for the amounts listed to Gina Bradley.

Parcel	Tax Certificate	Amount
000132242900400	2019-00502	$44.00

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve claims as presented. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to set April 14th at 10:00AM in the Supervisor Meeting room as the date, time, and place for the FY2027 Budget Public Hearing. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution Amending Franklin County, Iowa General Policies & Procedures Manual. Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted. A summary of the resolution is: updating Section 1.4 "Franklin County, Iowa, Elections Security Policy. The amendment updates those with access to the Secure Elections room, the model of iPads use for Electronic Pollbooks, and the number of USB/TM drives. A copy of the resolution in its entirety is available on the County website or from the Auditor's office.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution approving Franklin County Noxious Weed Control for Summer 2026. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-27

FRANKLIN COUNTY NOXIOUS WEED CONTROL - SUMMER OF 2026

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, that pursuant to provisions of Chapter 317, Code of Iowa, it is hereby ordered:

1) That each owner and each person in the possession or control of any land shall cut, burn or otherwise destroy all weeds thereon, as defined in this Chapter, as such times in each year and in such manner as shall prevent said weeds from blooming bearing seeds or coming to maturity, and shall keep said lands free from such growth of any other seeds as shall render the streets or highways adjoining said land unsafe for public travel. Weeds shall be cut, burned or otherwise destroyed on or before the following date and as often thereafter as necessary to prevent seed production:
   June 15: Leafy spurge; Marijuana Plants; Perennial Pepper-grass; Buckthorn Rhamnus, not to include Rhamnus Frangula; Sour Dock Perennial Smooth Dock Perennial, Sheep Sorrel Perennial, Canadian Thistle; Russian Knapweek; Buckhorn; Perennial, Wild Mustard Annual, European Morning Glory or Field Bindweed; Wild Carrot Biennial, also known as Queen Anne's Lace; Poison Hemlock, Multiflora Rose, Common Ragweed; Wild Parsnip, Horse Nettle; Perennial Sow Thistle; Quack Grass; Butterprint Annual; Cocklebur; Bull Thistle; Wild Sunflower Annual; Teasel Biennial; Puncture Vine Annual; Shattercane Annual and all other species of Thistles belonging in genera of Cirsium and Carduus.
   At all times and on all land Palmer Amaranth must be eradicated
2) That each owner and each person in the possession or control of land including right of way in Franklin County infested with any noxious weeds as defined in Iowa Code Chapter 317, above shall destroy the existing weeds within five days and shall adopt a program of weed destruction described by the Weed Commissioner which in five years may be expected to destroy and will immediately keep under control such infestations of said noxious weeds.
3) That if the owners or persons in possession or control of any land including right of way in Franklin County fail to comply with the foregoing orders, the Weed Commissioner shall cause this to be done and the expense of said work, including cost of serving notice and other costs, if any, to be assessed against the real estate. Applicable County or State ordinances whatever is more stringent can be implemented.
4) It will be the responsibility of each owner and each person in the possession or control of land to destroy said weeds in Franklin County Secondary Road ditches.
5) The County Auditor be and is hereby directed to cause notice of the making and entering the foregoing order by one publication in each of the official newspapers of the County.

Roll call vote was as follows, Ayes: Lukensmeyer, McVicker, Vanness; Nays: None. Motion carried and resolution duly adopted.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a Memorandum of Understanding Between Franklin County & CICS for Employment of Kaitlyn Hoeft. All ayes. Motion carried.

Board Comments: The Auditor reminded the Board that there will be a special session at 1PM on Tuesday April 7th.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:23AM until Tuesday, April 7th, 2026, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:

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Chris Vanness, Chairman

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board