Regular Meeting
June 30, 2026

The Webster County Board of Supervisors, in addition to the open meeting, held an electronic meeting at the following time and place: Tuesday June 30, 2026, 10:00 A.M.; Board of Supervisors Room, Fort Dodge, Iowa

The Board of Supervisors met in session on the above date with the following members present: Cochrane, Conrad, Hayek and Thode. Absent: Montgomery

Tabled by Thode, seconded by Conrad to table previous minutes dated June 16, 2026 (Conservation Workshop and Regular Board of Supervisors meeting). Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cochrane, seconded by Conrad to approve agenda. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Conrad, seconded by Thode to approve Consent Agenda.

a. Accept and authorize a wage adjustment for John Garretson, Asst. Jail Administrator – Webster County Jail, from current wage of $30.94/hour increase to $34.10/hour, 3% countywide increase plus 7% wage adjustment from survey, per Luke Fleener, Webster County Sheriff. (Copy of survey on file in Auditor's office)
b. Accept and authorize a wage adjustment for Christy Lumsden, Communication Asst. Director – Webster County Communication, from current salary of $28.65/hour increase to $31.58/hour, 3% countywide increase, plus 7% wage adjustment from survey, per Luke Fleener, Webster County Sheriff. (Copy of survey on file in Auditor's office)
c. Accept and authorize the hiring of Tammie Buttz, Corrections Officer – Jail (full-time) at Step 2 - $22.76/hour, effective June 2, 2026, per recommendation of Luke Fleener, Webster County Sheriff.
d. Accept and authorize a position change for Jacci Hindt, Clerk – Treasurer's Office (temporary/part-time) at $16.25/hour to Clerk – Treasurer's Office (regular/part-time) at $18.42/hour, effective June 1, 2026, per recommendation of Brenda Angstrom, Webster County Treasurer.
e. Receive and place on file letter of appointment for Amanda Gascho as the out-of-town board member to City of Badger Library Board, term beginning July 1, 2026.
f. Receive and place on file Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Violet Hill Farm.
g. Receive and place on file Special Class C Retail Alcohol License for Lucky Wife Wine Slushies.
h. Receive and place on file Tobacco License for Coalville Stop-N-Shop.
i. Receive and place on file Annual Manure Management Plan for:
    i. GP #1, LLC, 3432 Oak Ave, Dayton, IA 50530.
j. Receive and place on file Engineer's Office Permits for the following:
    i. Utility Permit- Midland Power; work along Hayes Ave in Sec. 5 & 6 of Lost Grove Twp.
    ii. Utility Permit- Northern Natural Gas; work along 240th St in Sec. 9 of Otho Twp.
    iii. Utility Permit- Northern Natural Gas; work along 290th St in Sec. 7 of Webster Twp.
    iv. Utility Permit- Xenia RWD; work along Brushy Creek Rd in Sec. 11 of Washington Twp.
    v. Utility Permit- Mediacom; work along Parker Dr in Sec. 12 of Cooper Twp.
    vi. Utility Permit- Black Hills Energy; work along 380th St in Sec. 19 & 30 of Hardin Twp.
    vii. Utility Permit- MidAmerican Energy; work along Hayes Ave in Sec. 8 of Elkhorn Twp.
    viii. Utility Permit- MidAmerican Energy; work along 265th St in Sec. 29 of Otho Twp.
    ix. Utility Permit- MidAmerican Energy; work along Kansas Ave in Sec. 11 of Clay Twp.10.
    x. Work in ROW Permit- James Cavalier; work along 325th St in Sec. 27 of Yell Twp.

Derek Christie spoke about items A & B.
Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thode, seconded by Cochrane to Approve the transfer of properties to the City of Gowrie for the Gowrie Trail Project and authorized the chair to sign the Quit Claim Deeds per the Memorandum of Understanding approved and signed on March 29, 2022. (Full legal descriptions are available in the Auditor's Office) Motion carried unanimously. (Copy on file in Auditor's office)

Moved by Cochrane, seconded by Conrad to Approve fiscal year department appropriation changes based on the timing of the fiscal year 2026 pay period and claims for General Basic fund as follows: Decrease Department 35 (Child Support Recovery) $16,000.00; increase Department 28 (Medical Examiner) $16,000.00; Decrease Department 21 (Veterans Affairs) $1,927.00, Decrease Department 25 (Social Services) $5,650.00; Increase Department 26 (General Assistance) $7,600.00; Decrease Department 09 (Budget & Finance) $20,000.00, Decrease Department 01 (Supervisors) $8,000.00, Decrease Department 02 (Auditor) $15,500.00; Increase Department 55 (DHS Building) $35,000.00, Increase Department 08 (Law Enforcement Center) $8,500.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Conrad, seconded by Thode to Approve fiscal year department appropriation changes based on the timing of the fiscal year 2026 pay period and claims for General Supplemental Fund as follows: Decrease Department 23 (Board of Health) $2,150.00; Increase Department 21 (Veteran Affairs) $2,150.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thode, seconded by Cochrane to Approve fiscal year department appropriation changes based on the timing of the fiscal year 2026 pay period and claims for Rural Basic Fund as follows: Decrease Department 19 (Drainage Officer) $750.00; Increase Department 33 (County Library) $750.00. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cochrane, seconded by Conrad to Approve a request from the Central Iowa Enduro Riders and Iowa Enduro Riders Association to temporarily close approximately six miles of county roads southeast of Lehigh from 9:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M. on August 1 & 2, 2026 subject to the requestors being responsible for coordinating and monitoring all necessary traffic control in accordance with the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices. Motion carried unanimously. (Copy on file in Auditor's office)

Moved by Conrad, seconded by Thode to receive and place on file bids for Elevator Maintenance for the 5 county building elevators. (Copies on file in Auditor's office) Bids received were:
Schumacher 2 bids: "Oil & Grease" inspection and components properly functioning but repair/replacement extra - $825/month – discount of 3% if paid annually for total $9,603/year.
"Full Maintenance" includes inspection & repair/replacement of normal wear and tear parts but additional for parts no longer available and service hours outside business hours - $1,075/month – discount of 3% if paid annually for total $12,513/year.
TKE 1 bid: Inspection and components properly functioning with repair/replacement extra - $401.55/month if paid annually for total $4,818.60 – monthly adds 7% interest $429.66/month or $5,155.90 for the year.
Schindler 1 bid: Inspection and components properly functioning with repair/replacement extra - $1,457.50/month if paid per month or $1,375/month if paid annually for total of $16,500 for the year. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cochrane, seconded by Thode to approve low bid from Total Animal Control in the amount of $19,200.00 annual. (Copy on file in Auditor's office) Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Conrad, seconded by Thode to approve Resolution 2026-11 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ARTICLES ON INCORPORATION FOR THE WEBSTER COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY AUTHORITY. (Roll Call Vote) Ayes – Thode, Cochrane, Hayek, Conrad; Absent: Montgomery (Copy on file in Auditor's Office 701 Central Ave) Also on: https://www.webstercountyia.gov/departments/board_of_supervisors/county_ordinances.php#outer-668
Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thode, seconded by Cochrane to Approve and allow Chair to sign Behavioral Health - Administrative System Navigation Location Agreement. (Copy on file in Auditor's office) Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cochrane, seconded by Conrad to Review and approve MIS Director to sign new 5-year lease agreement with Marco for KONICA C361i Copier at $126 per month. (Copy on file in Auditor's office)Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Conrad, seconded by Thode to Review and Approve MIS Director to sign Statement of Work and Professional Service Agreement with Verus Corp. Firewalls Maintenance and Configuration. (Copy on file in Auditor's office) Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thode, seconded by Cochrane to Review and Approve MIS Director to sign new 3-year Master Service Agreement and Quote from Liftoff for O365 Licenses. (Copy on file in Auditor's office) Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Cochrane, seconded by Conrad to Review and Approve MIS Director to sign Cybersecurity MOU with the State of Iowa. (Copy on file in Auditor's Office) Motion carried unanimously.

Citizens' opportunity to address the Board with items not on agenda – Tina Kastendieck, Elkhorn Township discussed communication transparency, jail article in The Messenger; Dean Kitley discussed the city of Fort Dodge is not transparent about joint authority.

Board of Supervisors' Committee Reports: Thode – Ribbon Cutting at Sprouts and CFR; Cochrane – Crimestoppers, CICS; Conrad: WHO Tractor Ride, Pride, City County Meeting; Hayek – Board of Health

Moved by Conrad, seconded by Thode to allow claims. Motion carried unanimously.

Moved by Thode, seconded by Cochrane to Adjourn. Motion carried unanimously.

s/Shaunna Abrams
Auditor, Webster County

s/Austin Hayek
Chair, Webster County Board of Supervisor