

Hampton Chronicle Legals 2.11.26

Dumont Council Meeting/Claims 1.8.26

January 8, 2026
The Dumont City Council met on Wednesday, January 8, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building with Mayor Carson Freese presiding. Those present were Council Members Mike Day, Marty Evans, Valerie Menken, Wayne Pecha and Lukas Smith. Public Works Director Juan Montalvo and Fire Chief Zach Lewis were also in attendance. Visitors present were John Riherd, Butler County Engineer, Roy Alden, John Bierbrodt, Lanette Day and Dalen Meyer.

Pech/Day moved to approve the December 10, 2025 Council minutes as published. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Butler County Engineer, John Riherd, updated the Council on the adjustments being made to the alley between 712 Third Street and 720 Third Street. Butler County has lowered the slope a foot and a half. This spring they will fix the sidewalks to meet the alley. Mr. Riherd indicated the final inspection has not yet been completed.

Pech/Day moved to sell the 1983 International Dump Truck and to advertise we will be opening sealed bids at our February 12, 2026 Council meeting. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

The Clerk was instructed to place the pop can recycling container on our February agenda for further discussion.

Day/Menken moved to approve the quote from Mid States Parking Lot, LLC for painting the parking stalls on Main Street with the blue and white stencil for the handicap stalls at the quoted price of \$1860.00. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Day/Smith moved to approve the purchase of an overhaul kit to rebuild the sewer blower pump at the quoted price of \$570.00. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried. The cost of a new blower is \$4300.00.

Mayor Carson Freese set the following appointments:

- Mayor ProTem-Lukas Smith
- Finance Committee-Mike Day, Valerie Menken, Wayne Pecha
- Street/Bldg. Construction-Mike Day, Wayne Pecha, Lukas Smith
- Personnel Policy and Cemetery-Mike Day, Marty Evans
- Water/Sewer/Solid Waste-Mike Day, Marty Evans, Lukas Smith
- Street Light-Marty Evans, Valerie Menken, Wayne Pecha
- Marty/Lukas moved to the set the following Council appointments:
- City Attorney-Heather Prendergast
- Office Newspaper-Hampton Chronicle
- Official Depository-First Security Bank & Trust
- Representative to Solid Waste Commission-Mayor Freese
- Representative to Butler Co. Emergency Management-Mayor Freese with Wayne Pecha as Alternate
- Insurance Liaison-Mayor Freese

Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Day presented Resolution No. 2026-1 a Resolution to Establish the Regular Monthly City Council Meeting as follows:

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Dumont, Iowa holds regular meetings to conduct the business of the city in accordance with applicable laws and procedures; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest for the City Council to establish a consistent and predictable schedule for regular meetings; and

WHEREAS, the City Council desires to set its regular meeting date as the second Thursday of each month.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Dumont, Iowa as follows:

Meeting Schedule: The regular meetings of the City Council shall be held on the second Thursday of each month and that when such day falls on a legal holiday, the City Council shall meet the next succeeding day, unless a different day is determined by the City Council.

1. Time and Location: Meetings shall commence at 6 p.m. at the Dumont EMS Building unless otherwise designated by the Council in accordance with applicable law.

2. Public Notification: The City Clerk is hereby directed to post notice of this meeting schedule in accordance with the Open Meetings Act and any other applicable regulations.

3. Superseding Prior Resolutions: This resolution supersedes any previous resolutions or motions that established a different regular meeting schedule

and moved for its passage. Smith seconded. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried. Resolution declared adopted, signed by the Mayor and hereby made a portion of these minutes.

Pech/Evans moved to set the Budget Workshop for February 5, 2025 at 6 p.m. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried.

Pech/Day moved to approve the bills presented for this month and to pay the invoices from Airgas, Iowa One Call, Kwik Trip and Attorney Heather Prendergast when they arrive. Roll call: Ayes-Day, Evans, Menken, Pecha, Smith; Nays-none; Motion carried. The bills are as follows:

GENERAL

Public Safety-Ambulance/Fire/Law Enforcement

Butler Co. Emergency Mgm... I Am Responding subscription.... 300.00
Dumont Telephone Companyphone/internet.....98.10
Dinges Fire Company Wildland gloves-Barkema691.28
Mid American Energyutilities.... 163.28
U.S. Cellularunlimited data plan....43.79
Library Baker & Taylorbooks.... 628.43
Consumer Reportsmagazine sponsorship-1 year.... 35.00
Dumont Telephone Companyphone/fax....40.05
Hawkeye Communication/Fandel annual fire devices inspection....375.00
Ingram Library Servicesbooks....74.53
IPERS331.06
Internal Revenue ServiceFed/FICA taxes.... 323.05
Mid American Energyutilities.... 453.89
Mid-America Publishing Corptwo books of bill jackets....51.50
Iowa Dept. of Revenuestate taxes.... 4.93
Visa-Dumont Community Library ... books and case of paper.... 635.34

City Hall/General

Column Software PBClegals-minutes 12-10-25....193.64
Dumont Telephone Companyphone/fax/internet.....175.28
IPERS793.29
Internal Revenue ServiceFed/FICA taxes.... 1405.87
Mid American Energyutilities.... 352.71
Office Expressmaintenance supplies....219.33
Iowa Depat. of Revenuestate taxes....155.33

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Franklin Co Claims, 2/3/2026

Publication List by Vendor/Description

Ahlers & Cooney PC Srvs	5827.68	3	Will Husiman Beaver Tail Bounty	140.00	1
Alliant Energy Util	466.61	3	Iowa One Call Dues	54.50	2
Amazon Capital Services Sup	942.88	2	ISAC Trng	220.00	1
Auditor of State Legal Fee	625.00	2	J-T Machine & Tool Rep/Parts	239.40	1
Autodesk, Inc C/O Citibank Srvs	2545.00	1	Jamie Chaney Reimb	25.00	1
Axon Enterprises, Inc Srvs	17982.35	1	Jeffrey Scott Jobe Beaver Tail Bounty	245.00	1
BlackStrap Inc Salt	7286.10	1	Lance Studer Custom Auto Srvs	98.66	1
Blazek Electric Srvs	588.63	1	Landfill of N IA Dues	4807.35	1
Bob Barker Co Sup	216.69	1	Lawson Products/Sup	790.31	1
Brents Ag & Auto Repair Rep/Parts	255.43	1	Mail Services Renewals	439.49	1
Steve Bruns Beaver Tail Bounty	105.00	1	Medicap Pharmacy #8095 Meds	103.88	1
Calhoun Burns & Assoc Srvs	1776.92	1	Microbac Laboratories, Inc c/o Water Testing	97.50	1
Campbell Supply Co Rep/Parts	272.76	1	Mid American Energy Util	206.61	1
CDW Government Data Proc	213.20	1	Mid American Research Chemical Cust Sup	733.25	1
City Laundering Sup	81.73	1	Midland Power Util	14.05	1
Column Software PBC Srvs	211.78	1	Murphys Htg & Plbg Srvs	650.09	3
D&L Sanitation Srvs	147.00	1	NoRISC Dues	3190.00	1
DD 30 Lat 10 Fund 51043 DD	2296.03	1	ODP Business Solutions LLC Sup	42.98	1
Dexter Distribution Group Equip	233.32	1	Off Fire LLC Srvs	427.00	2
E & E Repair Rep/Parts	130.98	1	Pitney Bowes Sup	323.67	1
Electronic Engineering Srvs	1192.83	1	Streichers Srvs	170.00	1
Fareway Sup	69.76	1	Streichers Sup	160.00	1
Franklin General Hospital Rent/Srvs	41523.07	5	Tom Tegatz Mlg	133.28	1
Franklin REC Util	783.50	1	Titan Energy Srvs	1214.88	1
Gardiner + Company Srvs	11400.00	1	Veldene Titus Srvs	540.00	1
Hampton Hardware Sup	664.44	1	US Cellular Srvs	1375.56	1
Hands Up Holdings Srvs	180.00	1	VEIT, LLC Maint.	106.66	2
Hardin Co Sheriff Prisoners	5040.00	1	Verizon Srvs	410.67	2
Hawkeye West Pest Cntrl Srvs	237.00	3	Darla J. Wolfe Srvs	560.50	1
Heartland Tire Equip	1364.80	1	Blayne G. Woltjer Reimb	81.71	1
Mac Tools Distributer Equip	1384.99	1	Grand Total	123747.51	
			Approved 2/3/26 to be paid 2/4/26.		

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FCC Mowing Contract Notice

Franklin County Conservation is seeking bids for mowing of county parks. 3-year contract, 2026-2028 mowing seasons. Bids due Feb 27, 2026. For more info and contract visit: https://www.franklincountyia.gov/departments/conservation_parks.php or call 641-456-4375

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Estate of Kenneth H. Brandt

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR Franklin COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF Kenneth H. Brandt, Deceased
CASE NO. ESPR502072
NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF EXECUTOR,
AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Kenneth H. Brandt, Deceased, who died on or about October 20, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on January 20, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Kenneth H. Brandt, deceased, bearing date of May 14, 1999, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Security National Bank of Iowa was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the district court of said county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 27, 2026.

Security National Bank of Iowa, Executor of Estate
Lisa M. Smith - Shryack, FLMI , VP, Director Trust and Wealth Management - Iowa
200 S Jordan Creek Pkwy, West Des Moines, IA 50266

Cynthia P. Letsch, ICIS#: AT0004619
Attorney for Executor
Letsch Law Firm, P.C., 112 NE Ewing Street , Suite D , Grimes, IA 50111

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Douglas Ellingson Notice of Probate (jlh)

IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR FRANKLIN COUNTY
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF
DOUGLAS D. ELLINGSON,
Deceased.
Probate No. ESPR502084

NOTICE OF PROBATE OF WILL, OF APPOINTMENT OF
EXECUTOR, AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To all persons interested in the estate of Douglas D. Ellingson, deceased, who died on or about December 5, 2025:

You are hereby notified that on the 26th day of January, 2026, the Last Will and Testament of Douglas D. Ellingson, deceased, bearing the date of November 20, 2018, was admitted to probate in the above-named court and that Jason M. Ellingson was appointed Executor of the estate. Any action to set aside the will must be brought in the District Court of the above county within the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice to the surviving spouse and all heirs of the decedent and devisees under the will whose identities are reasonably ascertainable, or thereafter be forever barred.

Notice is further given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the Clerk of the above-named District Court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated January 27, 2026.

Jason M. Ellingson, Executor
4107 Crestmoor Avenue
Ames, IA 50010
Redfern, Mason, Larsen & Moore, P.L.C.
Attorneys for Executor
415 Clay Street, P.O. Box 627
Cedar Falls, IA 50613

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Notice: Planning/Zoning Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE

Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting

There will be a meeting on February 19, 2026, at 1:30 PM, at the Franklin County Law Enforcement Center (105 5th St. SW in Hampton . The agenda is as follows:

Roll Call
Approval of agenda
Approval of the minutes
1) Discussion on possible Data Center ordinance
2) Review proposed Urban Renewal project and consider for Approval – Recommendation to board of Supervisors in regards to the Urban Renewal Project
Set next meeting if needed.
Adjournment

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Trust Notice: Gast

TRUST NOTICE

IN THE MATTER OF THE TRUST:
REVOCABLE LIVING TRUST AGREEMENT
OF CHARLES L. GAST
DATED MARCH 29, 2023

To all persons regarding Charles L. Gast, deceased, who died on or about December 8, 2025. You are hereby notified that John Clifford Gast is the Trustee of the Revocable Living Trust Agreement of Charles L. Gast dated March 29, 2023.

Any action to contest the validity of the trust must be brought in the District Court of Franklin County, Iowa, within the later to occur of four (4) months from the date of second publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice to all heirs of the decedent settlor whose identities are reasonably ascertainable. Any suit not filed within this period shall be forever barred.

Notice is further given that any person or entity possessing a claim against the trust must mail proof of the claim to the trustee at the address listed below via certified mail, return receipt requested, by the later to occur of four (4) months from the second date of publication of this notice or thirty (30) days from the date of mailing this notice if required, or the claim shall be forever barred unless paid or otherwise satisfied.

Franklin Co. BOS Meeting 2.3.26

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 3rd, 2026

A recording of the meeting can be found at www.youtube.com/@FranklinCountyBoardofSupervisorsstreams

The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Tuesday, February 3rd, 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the minutes from the 1/26/2026 regular session. All ayes.

Motion carried.

Board Committee Updates & Public Comment: Lukensmeyer attended a D-CAT meeting. All three Supervisors attended the Statewide Supervisors' meeting.

The Supervisors met with Jay Waddingham, Secondary Roads Engineer, who provided them an update on his department.

Scott Jacobsen from Summit Agricultural Group was present to provide the Supervisors with an update on their Environment Self-Audit. After the update, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the memorandum regarding Rehm Site – Environmental Self-Audit Update & DNR Approval. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution ratifying, confirming, and approving the change in date for the Public Hearing on Plans, Specifications, Form of Contract, and Estimate of Costs and Consideration of Bids. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-12

RESOLUTION RATIFYING, CONFIRMING, AND APPROVING THE CHANGE IN DATE FOR THE PUBLIC HEARING ON PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT AND ESTIMATE OF COSTS AND CONSIDERATION OF BIDS FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTRICAL SERVICES UPGRADE

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2026, the Board of Supervisors ordered construction of the County Courthouse Electrical Services Updates; and WHEREAS, pursuant to said Resolution, the County Auditor was directed to publish notice of public hearing not less than four clear days nor more than twenty days prior to February 2, 2026, the date fixed as the date for a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the project; and WHEREAS, during the January 2, 2026 Board meeting, the Board determined that future Board meetings for 2026 will be held on Tuesdays; WHEREAS, due to the change in the Board meetings, the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs was rescheduled for February 3, 2026, and the County Auditor changed the notice for timely publication of the correct date of public hearing. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA: Section 1. That the actions of the County Auditor in changing the time and date for the public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs to February 3, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved. Section 2. That the actions of the County Auditor in changing the time and date for the consideration of bids for the County Courthouse Electrical Services Upgrades to February 3, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

Section 3. That the actions of the County Auditor and project engineer in posting a revised notice to bidders once in a relevant contractor plan room service with statewide circulation and a relevant construction lead generating service with statewide circulation and on an internet site sponsored by either the County or a statewide association that represents the County, with the revised date for a public hearing on the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of costs for the project, and the revised date for consideration of bids is hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to open the public hearing on the matter of adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimate of costs at 9:33AM. All ayes. Motion carried. This being the time fixed for a public hearing on the matter of the adoption of plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Electrical Services

Upgrade, the Chairperson called for any oral objections to the adoption of

the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost. No oral objections were offered, and the Auditor reported that no written objections thereto had been filed. Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to close the hearing at 9:34AM. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution adopting plans, specifications, form of contract, estimate of costs, and enhancement of payment. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION #2026-13

RESOLUTION ADOPTING PLANS, SPECIFICATIONS, FORM OF CONTRACT, ESTIMATE OF COST AND ENHANCEMENT OF PAYMENT FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTRICAL SERVICES UPGRADE

WHEREAS, on the 6th day of January, 2026, plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost were filed with the Auditor for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Electrical Services Upgrade; and WHEREAS, notice of hearing on plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the public improvements was published as required by law. NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA: That the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost are hereby approved as the plans, specifications, form of contract and estimate of cost for the public improvements, as described in the preamble of this Resolution. If the Contractor achieves early completion of the service changeover resulting in a building down time of less than seven (7) days, an enhancement of payment in the amount of Two Thousand Five Hundred (\$2,500) per full working calendar day the changeover is complete before the end of the seven (7) day timeline. In order to be considered a "full" working day, no work can be done during that day. For example, if the contractor finishes up at 9:00 a.m. in the morning, it would not count as a full day.

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

The Supervisors reviewed the report of the bids that were opened on Wednesday January 28th at 2:00PM.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution making award of construction contract. The resolution read in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-14

RESOLUTION MAKING AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE ELECTRICAL SERVICES UPGRADE

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA: Section 1. That the following bid for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Electrical Services Upgrade, described in the plans and specifications heretofore adopted by this Board on February 3, 2026, be and is hereby accepted, the same being the lowest responsive, responsible bid received for such work, as follows:

Contractor: Carl A. Nelson & Company of Burlington, Iowa

Amount of bid: \$337,000.00

Portion of project: All construction work

Section 2. That the Chairperson and Auditor are hereby directed to execute the contract with the contractor for the construction of the public improvements, such contract not to be binding on the County until approved by this Board.

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

Elizabeth Thyer from Gardiner & Company was present to present the FY2025 Audit to the Supervisors.

Andrea Miller, County Attorney and Dan Tilkes, Planning & Zoning Administrator, provided the Supervisors with an update on nuisance properties the County is dealing with right now.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the cancellation of the 2/10/2026 regular session. All ayes.

Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a letter of engagement with Dorsey & Whitney for General Obligation Urban Renewal Bonds, Series 2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve a resolution

setting date for public hearing on designation of the 2026 Building Restoration Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Area and Project. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-11

Resolution Setting Date for Public Hearing on Designation of the 2026 Building Restoration Urban Renewal Area and on Urban Renewal Plan and Project

WHEREAS, a proposal has been made to the Board of Supervisors (the "Board") of Franklin County, Iowa (the "County") which shows the desirability of designating a portion of the County as the 2026 Building Restoration Urban Renewal Area (the "Urban Renewal Area"), pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 403, Code of Iowa; and WHEREAS, under such proposal the real property (the "Property") lying within the boundaries set out in Exhibit A would be designated as the Urban Renewal Area; and WHEREAS, this Board is desirous of obtaining as much information as possible from the residents of the County before making this designation; and WHEREAS, a proposed urban renewal plan (the "Plan") has been prepared for the governance of projects and initiatives to be undertaken on the Property and which authorizes a certain initial blight alleviation urban renewal project to be undertaken in the Urban Renewal Area consisting of undertaking the construction of certain improvements to the County Courthouse, including electrical improvements and tuckpointing; and WHEREAS, the Property lies within the incorporated limits of the City of Hampton, Iowa (the "City"), and pursuant to Section 403.17, the County must enter into a joint

agreement (the "Joint Agreement") with the City in order to exercise urban renewal authority over such portions of the Property; and

WHEREAS it is now necessary that a date be set for a public hearing on the designation of the Urban Renewal Area and on the Plan; NOW,

THEREFORE, Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Franklin County, Iowa, as follows: This Board will meet at the Franklin County Courthouse on March 3, 2026, at 9:30 a.m., at which time and place it will hold a public hearing on the designation of the proposed Urban

Renewal Area described in the preamble hereof and on the proposed Plan and project for said Urban Renewal Area. The County Auditor shall publish notice of said hearing, the same being in the form attached to this resolution, which publication shall be made in a legal newspaper

of general circulation in Franklin County, which publication shall be not less than four (4) and not more than twenty(20) days before the date set for the hearing. Pursuant to Section 403.5 of the Code of Iowa, the Franklin County Auditor, or her designee, is hereby designated as the County's representative in connection with the consultation process with the Hampton-Dumont Community School District and the City which is required under that section of the urban renewal law. The proposed Plan is hereby submitted to the County's Planning and Zoning Commission for review and recommendations, as required by Section 403.5, Code of Iowa. The County Auditor is hereby authorized and directed to present the Joint Agreement to the City for approval, execution and delivery to the County prior to the public hearing on March 3, 2026, and all action heretofore taken in this regard is all hereby ratified and affirmed.

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

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve the MidAmerican Contract/Quote for the electrical upgrade project. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve the memorandum of understanding between CICS and

Franklin County for employees Megan Taets & Raina Kellogg. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acting as drainage trustees, motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to approve drainage minutes from

1/26/2026. All ayes. Motion carried.

Acting as drainage trustees, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve drainage claims as presented.

All ayes. Motion carried.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 10:38AM until Friday, February 6th, 2026, at 9:00AM at the Franklin

County Courthouse for a special session.

ATTEST:

Chris Vanness, Chairman

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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Latimer Council Minutes/Claims 1.14.26

The Latimer City Council met in regular session on Wednesday, January 14, 2026 at Latimer City Hall. Mayor Mark Johansen called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm with the following council members answering roll call: Randy DeBour, Elizabeth Symens, Deon Juhl, Eric Bruns and Jesse Anderson. Mayor Johansen led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance followed by a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Symens to approve the agenda. Motion passed unanimously.

Director of Maintenance reported Spring Clean up set for April 24-25.

City Clerk reported she has been working on the budget amendment and end of the year payroll reports.

Mayor reported meeting with the Emergency Management Coordinator with Franklin County regarding the use of the Community Center for emergency shelter.

DeBour made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 10 th meeting and was seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

Bruns made a motion to approve the bills and was seconded by Symens. Motion passed unanimously.

The Budget Report, Revenue Report and Fund Balance Report were reviewed by the council with questions for the clerk.

Under routine maintenance issues, Joel came to service the garbage truck and found there were some repairs needed. Throttle cable and shocks and some parts on the tag are the next repairs needed roughly \$1,500, it will be put on the agenda for February.

The clerk explained the proposed property tax levies.

The 2026 Mayor Appointments were presented and were approved with a motion made by Juhl and seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

Resolution 2026-01 setting the wages for employees was discussed followed by a motion made by Bruns to approve a 5% increase for Andrew Sheeler, Larry Yakele and \$1 raise for hourly employees and Leon Root. The motion was seconded by Juhl and passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

The tobacco permit for Latimer LLC was approved with a motion made by Bruns and seconded by Symens. Motion passed unanimously.

Symens made a motion to approve the liquor license for Latimer LLC pend-

ing online submission and was seconded by DeBour. Motion passed unanimously.

The proposed budget amendment was reviewed by the council and the public hearing was set for February 11, 2026 at 6:30 pm with a motion made by Symens and seconded by Juhl. Motion passed unanimously.

At 7 pm, Bruns made a motion to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by DeBour.

ATTEST:

Mark Johansen, Mayor

Melissa Simmons, City Clerk

General

Alliant Energy, city sign electricity

Aramark, office mats

Auto Parts Inc. shop

Card Services, credit card payment

Column – Hampton Chronicle, publishing

DeBour Electric, park lights

EFTPS, payroll taxes

Frontier Communications, phone service

Hampton Hardware, Supplies

Iowa Firefighters Association, dues

IPERS, payroll withholding

Latimer Grocery, janitorial

MariCruz Santos, cleaning community center – December

Melissa Simmons, phone reimbursement

Menards, supplies

MidAmerican Energy, electricity

Wayne Prairie, phone reimbursement

TOTAL

Road Use

EFTPS, payroll taxes

IPERS, payroll withholding

MidAmerican Energy, street lights

TOTAL

Water

AgSource Cooperative Services, water testing

EFTPS, payroll taxes

Frontier Communications, phone service

TOTAL

IPERS, payroll withholding

MidAmerican Energy, electricity

Franklin REC, water tower electricity

Treasurer, State of Iowa, WET tax

TOTAL

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Franklin Co BOS Minutes, 2/6/2026

PROCEEDINGS OF THE FRANKLIN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

February 6th, 2026

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The Board of Supervisors met at 8:30AM on Friday, February 6th, 2026, at the Franklin County Courthouse for a special session with Board members Lukensmeyer, McVicker, and Vanness present.

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

Ryan Berven with Assured Partners presented the Supervisors with the FY2027 health insurance renewal rates. The County will have about a 6% increase to health insurance rates. After discussion, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to change to the ISAC Health Insurance plan for FY2027. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to set the employee contribution rates for FY2027 as follows: 10% of the premium per month for a family policy and 5% of the premium per month for a single policy. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution amending Franklin County Iowa Classification & Compensation Administrative Guidelines. The resolution reads as follows:

RESOLUTION #2026-16

AMENDING FRANKLIN COUNTY IOWA CLASSIFICATION AND COMPENSATION ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDELINES

WHEREAS the updated Franklin County Classification & Compensation Administrative Guidelines policy was adopted on March 11th, 2024.

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors are amending the section titled "Annual Cost of Living Adjustment"

WHEREAS, as it was approved March 11th, 2024 it read as follows:

ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

Annually, the Board of Supervisors may adjust the salary ranges according to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). COLA will equal 80% of the annual change in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all urban consumers for the Midwest region as stated by the BLS for the 12-month period ending December 31st of the previous calendar year. The COLA adjustment may be capped at 5.5%.

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors has chosen to amend the section titled "Annual Cost of Living Adjustment" as follows:

ANNUAL COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

Annually, the Board of Supervisors may adjust the salary ranges according to the cost-of-living adjustment (COLA) as published by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The County targets an annual COLA equal to 80% of the annual change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers (CPI-U) for the Midwest region as stated by the BLS for the 12-Month period ending December 31st of the previous calendar year. The Board of Supervisors may adjust the COLA percentage downward based on fiscal conditions provided the rationale is documented in the annual budget adoption.

The COLA adjustment may be capped at 5.5%.

WHEREAS the Board of Supervisors adopted Appendix A "Pay Plan-Position Classifications on November 27th, 2023, to read as follows:

Pay Grade	Job Title
119	Franklin County Engineer
117	IT Director
115	Facilities Director

111	Env. Health Dir-Weed Commissioner-P&Z	IT/GIS	IT Technician	108
	Human Resources Director	Recorder	Recorder's Assistant	109
	Road Foreman – Secondary Roads	Recorder	Recorder Clerk	103
	Shop Manager – Secondary Roads	Sheriff	Deputy Sheriff	109
	GIS Coordinator	Sheriff	Reserve Deputy	107
109	Engineer Technician	Sheriff	Sheriff Clerk	105
	Deputy Sheriff	Treasurer	Driver's License Clerk	105
	Secondary Road Office Manager	Treasurer	Treasurer Clerk	105
108	IT Technician	Veterans Affairs	Veterans Affairs Director	115
107	Reserve Deputy Sheriff	Weed Commission/Planning & Zoning	Weed Commissioner/P&Z Administrator	115
105	Non-Certified Reserve Deputy Sheriff			
	Drainage Expert – Real Estate Assistant			
	County Attorney – Administrative Assistant			
	Driver's License Clerk 3			
	Treasurer Clerk 3			
	Sheriff Clerk			
104	Office Assistant – General Assistance Coord.			
	Facilities Operation Assistant			
	Finance Assistant			
103	Recorder Clerk Part-Time			
101	Matron			
101	Custodian			

WHEREAS, the Board has chosen to amend the Appendix A "Pay Plan-Position Classifications (by Department) as follows:

2025 – 2026

Pay Plan – Position Classifications (by Department)

Franklin County, Iowa	Department	Position Title	Grade
Attorney		Legal Secretary	105
Auditor	Drainage Expert – Real Estate Assistant	105	
Auditor	Finance Assistant	104	
Auditor	Office Assistant	103	
Board of Health	Environmental Health Director	115	
Board of Supervisors	Human Resources Director	115	
Conservation	Conservation Director	115	
Conservation	Natural Resources Manager	107	
Conservation	Naturalist	106	
Conservation	Park Ranger – Naturalist	106	
Emergency Management	Emergency Management Coordinator	115	
Emergency Management	E-911 Telecommunications Manager	115	
Emergency Management	E-911 Telecommunicator/Jailer	107	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	County Engineer	R18	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	Engineer Assistant	R11	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	Road Foreman	R8	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	Shop Manager	R8	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	Crew Chief	R7	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	Office Manager	109	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	Mechanic	R5	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	Sign Technician	R4	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	General Maintenance, Motor Grader	R3	
Engineer/Sec. Roads	General Maintenance, Truck Driver	R3	
General Assistance	General Assistance Coordinator	105	
General Services	Facilities Director	115	
General Services	Facilities Operations Coordinator	106	
General Services	Custodian	101	
	IT Director	117	
	GIS Coordinator	110	

IT Technician	108
Recorder's Assistant	109
Recorder Clerk	103
Deputy Sheriff	109
Reserve Deputy	107
Sheriff Clerk	105
Driver's License Clerk	105
Treasurer Clerk	105
Veterans Affairs Director	115
Weed Commission/Planning & Zoning	
Weed Commissioner/P&Z Administrator	

THEREFORE, the amended section is effective upon the passing of this resolution.

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

The Supervisors held discussions regarding COLA Increases & the Step plan for FY2027. After discussion, motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to set COLA at 2.2% and have the Human Resource Director adjust the Step plan accordingly (2% in between steps). All ayes. Motion carried.

The Supervisors held discussions regarding election officials' compensation for FY2027. After discussion, motion by Lukensmeyer, seconded by McVicker to set increases as follows: County Attorney – 5.5%, Sheriff & Auditor – 5%, Recorder & Treasurer – 4.5%, Supervisors – 2.2%, and Chairman Stipend - \$1500. All ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by McVicker, seconded by Lukensmeyer to approve a resolution approving construction contract and bond for the County Courthouse Re-pointing. The resolution reads in full:

RESOLUTION 2026-15

RESOLUTION APPROVING CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND BOND FOR THE COUNTY COURTHOUSE REPOINTING

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, STATE OF IOWA:

That the construction contract and bond executed and insurance coverage for the construction of certain public improvements described in general as the County Courthouse Repointing, and as described in detail in the plans and specifications heretofore approved, and which have been signed by the Chairperson and Auditor on behalf of the County be and the same are hereby approved as follows:

Contractor: Bi-State Masonry, Inc of East Moline, IL

Amount of bid: \$948,872.00

Bond surety: Old Republic Surety Company

Date of bond: 1/26/2026

Portion of project: All construction work

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

Board Comments: Lukensmeyer attended Veterans Affairs. McVicker attended Northeast Iowa Workforce Development. The Auditor reminded everyone that there will not be a meeting on 2/10/2026.

Chairman Vanness adjourned the meeting at 11:13AM until Tuesday, February 17th, 2026, at 8:30AM at the Franklin County Courthouse for a regular session.

ATTEST:

Chris Vanness, Chairman

Katy A. Flint, Auditor & Clerk to the Board

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