

MINUTES OF THE ALLAMAKEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
MONDAY, MARCH 30, 2026
(UNOFFICIAL)

Board members present: Byrnes, Keatley, Clark. All members voting “AYE” unless noted

Meeting called to order by Supervisor Clark, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

26.122-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to approve today’s agenda and minutes from March 23, 2026. Motion Carried.

The following people were present at various times throughout the meeting in person or via Zoom: Joseph Moses – Waukon Standard, Denise Beyer – Auditor and Clerk to Supervisors, Andy Sires, Jim Pladsen, Amy Bresnahan, Stephanie Runkle, Laurie Moody, Clark Mellick, Jacob Dougherty, Jon Luchsinger, Clarie Opperman, Janel Eglseder, Brian Ridenour.

Public Comment: Supervisor Byrnes reviewed the ISAC-99 county tour visit to the Driftless Center last Thursday.

26.123-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to open the Public Hearing for Amendment 20 to Zoning Ordinance L regarding Data Centers. Motion carried.

Stephanie Runkle, Zoning Administrator, explained the difference in small scale and large scale data centers with the cutoff at 3 megawatts; distance requirements between centers and other highlights of the amendment.

26.124-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to close Public Hearing for Amendment 20 to Zoning Ordinance L regarding Data Centers. Motion carried.

26.125-Byrnes/Second Keatley to approve first reading of Amendment 20 to Zoning Ordinance L regarding Data Centers. Motion carried.

26.126-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to set 2nd and 3rd readings for April 6 at 9:20 and April 13 at 9:20 for Amendment 20 to Zoning Ordinance L. Motion carried.

Sheriff Mellick provided a copy of the MOU with Veterans Memorial Hospital regarding the county morgue to Assistant County Attorney prior to the meeting for review; Mellick has talked to Winneshiek County about drafting a stand-alone MOU with Winneshiek County as a next step. This new MOU allows the current Winneshiek County MOU to stand until it is redrafted to include all parties.

26.127-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to approve signing of MOU between Allamakee County and Veterans Memorial Hospital regarding space for the location of the county morgue. Motion carried.

26.128-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to approve listing of office equipment and other items to be taken to Sweeney Auction. Motion carried.

26.129-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to approve setting date on April 20 at 9:10 am for Public Hearing for FY27 Allamakee County budget. Motion carried.

No action on Assistant County Attorney salary.

Members of the Wellness Committee reported the county will receive \$1740 (\$20 per employee enrolled) from ISAC for employee incentives; they would like to purchase gift cards as incentives for completing well-being survey and physical form with the names of those completing these items going into drawings; Committee seeks permission to use dollars from Partially Self Funded checking account until money from ISAC is received to reimburse the PSF account. 26.130-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to approve use of \$1,125 from PSF account to provide employee incentives from PSF account until ISAC funds are received. Motion carried.

Luchsinger reported that the backup internet options will be changing once the new CAT 6 project is completed and presented options. 1-year, 3-year or 5-year options - \$10/month can go up if/when it is used, up to \$33.50 max per month. 26.131-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to approve R980 Essentials with 1-year Netcloud Manager at \$781.96. Motion carried.

US Fish and Wildlife sent a request to the county from Mr. Poole's relatives, whom Poole Slough is named after. The current spelling is Pool which is incorrect; correcting it will change the spelling on official maps. After discussion, there is no objection from Supervisors. No response or action is required.

Engineer Ridenour asked to set letting date for road rock letting. 26.132-Motion Keatley/Second Byrnes to set letting date at 10:00 am on April 20, 2026 for 124,098 tons of class A crushed stone in 7 divisions. Motion carried.

Department Head updates: Engineer Ridenour gave update on work and projects on county roads. Laurie Moody, Environmental Health, reported on radon kit sales and other department updates. Sheriff Mellick gave update on water system project and other department updates. Auditor Beyer gave department updates. Stephanie Runkle gave department update. Laurie Moody suggested contacting county entities such as libraries before the county disposes of monitors and keyboards to see if they have a need.

Supervisors joined Engineer Ridenour to view road projects.

26.133-Motion Byrnes/Second Keatley to adjourn. Motion carried.

ATTEST:

Tom Clark, Chairperson

Denise Beyer, Auditor