PROCEEDINGS OF THE POLK COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Polk County Board of Supervisors met in regular session Tuesday, October 6, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Jill Altringer, Angela Connolly, Mark Holm, Matt McCoy.

MEMBERS ABSENT: Tom Hockensmith.

Moved by Holm, Seconded by Connolly to dispense with the reading of the September 22, 2026 Board of Supervisors minutes, the September 22, 2026 Local Board of Health minutes, and the September 22, 2026 Board Staff minutes and they stand approved as printed.
VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

The Bills as certified were allowed or disallowed on each according to the certified list(s), claim numbers 202609290001 – 202609290813 and 202610060001 – 202610061015.
VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

PROCLAMATION: Supervisor McCoy read the proclamation recognizing Hispanic Heritage Month (September 15–October 15, 2026) in Polk County. Joe Gonzalez and Joe Henry of the League of United Latin American Citizens and Juan Rodriguez of the Polk County Treasurer's Office made comments.

PUBLIC HEARING: Resolution amending the FY 26/27 budget.

Proof of Publication is on file with the Clerk of the Board. No one appeared for or against. Public Hearing closed.

RESOLUTION: Resolution amending the FY 26/27 budget.

ORDINANCE (THIRD READING): Ordinance approving Zoning Map Amendment from Agricultural District to Low Density Residential District (1560 NW 66th Ave).

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Dwight Jackson and Anna Pham of FOCUSS made comments in regards to Item #6 (approving Forgivable Loan Agreement with FOCUSS Youth Crisis Center & Mobile Crisis Team).
Jonathan Auberg of Des Moines made comments and submitted written remarks in regards to Item #33 (approving Agreement with Simonson & Associates LLC for Environmental, Master Planning, Rendering/ Animation, and Market Analysis). Carol Maher of downtown Des Moines made comments in regards to Item #33.
Rich Leopold, Polk County Conservation Director, updated the Board on a grant from Destination Iowa which has resulted in Conservation meeting its fundraising goal for the Sleepy Hollow Project.

REC'D & FILED: Written questions and comments submitted by Jonathan Auberg.

PERMITS: Special 5-Day Class "C" Retail Alcohol License for Limitless Garage located at 1605 NE 51st Ave Ste B7, Des Moines from October 6 - 10, 2026.
VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

PETITIONS: Petitions suspending taxes and special assessments and authorizing Chairperson to sign the Application and Affidavit for Redemption of Parcel for the following:

D Williams	2623 Center St.
H Whitney	221 Hull Ave
J Pearson	117 E 28th St
R Wells	2770 NE Norwood Lane
S Bird	841 16th St.
S Haworth	4471 Concord Dr
T Cross	1019 E 9th St
W Ziebell	3937 Bowdoin St

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

RESOLUTIONS: Resolution authorizing the Auditor's Office to publish Notice of Public Hearing for October 20, 2026 to consider plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the Nalean Wetland Project.

Resolution authorizing the Auditor's Office to publish a Notice of Public Hearing for October 20, 2026 to consider plans, specifications, form of contract, and estimated cost for the Terrace Hills Wetland Project.

Resolution authorizing the Auditor’s Office to publish Notice of Public Hearing for October 20, 2026 on the proposed vacation of a platted woodland protection easement at 7786 NW 37th Street, Ankeny.

Resolution approving Landowner Agreements for the Nalean Wetland Project.

Resolution approving 2026-27 Local HMA Resurfacing Project Cooperative Public Service Agreement with the City of Pleasant Hill.

Resolution approving Agreement for Professional Services with Olsson, Inc. for traffic signal field infrastructure review.

Resolution approving the Release of a Lien on 5645 SE 68th Pl. Carlisle.

Resolution accepting bid of $1,249,041.68 received from CON-STRUCT, INC of Ames (Iowa DOT Project No. STP-S-C077(252)--5A-77 and BROS-C077(253)--5F-77), for two twin RCB culverts on NE 150th Ave.

Resolution awarding North Polk Outdoor Education Improvement Project to Construct, Inc.

Resolution approving Release of Mortgage for 3101 50th Street, Des Moines.

Resolution approving Release of Mortgage for 1523 Mondamin Avenue, Des Moines.

Resolution approving Position Modifications in the Board of Supervisors Office.

Resolution approving Position Modifications in the County Attorney's Office.

Resolution approving the recommendations of the Polk County Assessor for allowances and disallowances of claims for the Disabled Veteran Tax Credit ("Credit").

Resolution approving the recommendations of the Polk County Assessor for disallowances of claims for the Disabled Veteran Tax Credit ("Credit").

Resolution approving the recommendations of the Polk County Assessor for allowances and disallowances of claims for the Homestead Tax Exemption ("Exemption").

Resolution approving the recommendations of the Polk County Assessor for allowances and disallowances of claims for the Military Service Tax Exemption ("Exemption").

Resolution approving the recommendation of the Polk County Assessor for allowance of the 65+ Homestead Tax Exemption (Exemption).

Resolution abating taxes for Food Bank of Iowa for property at 2220 E. 17th Street, Des Moines (District/Parcel 110/42436-128-009, Geoparcel 7924-36-128-009).

Resolution abating taxes for Iowa Sikh Gurudwara for property at 11000 Douglas Ave, Urbandale (District/Parcel 312/02561-100-002, Geoparcel 7925.28.126.020).

Resolution abating taxes for Monsoon Asians & Pacific Islanders In Solidarity for property at 2509 Douglas Ave, Des Moines (District/Parcel 080/42428-126-020, Geoparcel 7924-28-126-020).

COMMENT: County Administrator Frank Marasco discussed the background of the agreement with Simonson & Associates and the Polk County procurement process. Supervisor McCoy made additional comments about the agreement with Simonson and Associates and made comments in regards to Item #38 (approving Grant Agreement with Trees Forever). Supervisor Connolly made comments about the agreement with Simonson and Associates.

Resolution approving Agreement with Simonson & Associates LLC for Environmental, Master Planning, Rendering/Animation, and Market Analysis.
VOTE YEA: Altringer, Holm, McCoy.
PASS: Connolly.

Resolution establishing policy for posting agendas for public meetings.

Resolution approving Funding Agreement for Ankeny Art Center.

Resolution approving Forgivable Loan Agreement with FOCUSS Youth Crisis Center & Mobile Crisis Team.

Resolution approving 28E Agreement with the Polk County Housing Trust Fund.

Resolution approving Grant Agreement with Trees Forever.

Resolution approving Community Development Grant Award for Caring Hands Outreach Center.

Resolution approving Community Development Grant Award for Des Moines Council of St. Vincent de Paul Society

Resolution approving Community Sponsorship Awards.

REC'D & FILED: Four letters in support of funding FOCUSS services from Joseph Moravec, Chaplain Al Perez, Shawn Savage, and Mark Reetz and Annie Henrich.

Manure Management Plan Update from Prairie Meadows Racetrack and Casino (#64962).

REFERRED TO TREASURER & CO ATTORNEY: Notice of Appraisement of Damages and Time for Appeal in the Matter of the Condemnation of Certain Rights in Land for the Douglas Avenue Improvements from Merle Hay Road to Martin Luther King, Jr. Parkway Project (Ramsey, 4111 Douglas Ave).

REFERRED TO PUBLIC WORKS & CO ATTORNEY: City of Elkhart Notice of Proposed 80/20 Annexation within an Urbanized Area.

APPOINTMENTS: Moved by Holm, Seconded by Connolly that the following Resolution be adopted: BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the individuals named on this Memorandum be approved for personnel action:
Zachary Bales, Cash Management Supervisor, Treasurer, $116,351 retro to 10/4/26
Stacy Biondi, Payroll Specialist, Auditor, $98,219 beginning 10/17/26
Nicholas Brooks, Detention Sergeant, Sheriff, $107,885 beginning 10/26/26
Eric Hansen, Youth Services Team Leader, CFYS, $120,018 retro to 10/1/26
Jason Hild, Code Enforcement Officer SBS, Public Works, $69,290 beginning 10/19/26
Brian Johns, Sergeant, Sheriff, $126,221 beginning 10/7/26
Randy Lacina, Youth Services Worker On-Call, CFYS, $40.742 retro to 10/3/26

Brent Long, Security Officer On-Call, $28.464 beginning 10/29/26
Jesse McAtee, Sergeant, Sheriff, $113,923 beginning 10/29/26
Leland Mitchell, Equipment Operator, Public Works, $64,158 beginning 10/12/26
Scott Weldon, Facilities and Program Manager, CFYS, $133,470 beginning 10/6/26

VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

LET THE RECORD SHOW all resolutions, including Public Hearings, were approved unanimously, unless otherwise noted.

Moved by Connolly, Seconded by Holm to adjourn until October 20, 2026 at 10:30 a.m.
VOTE YEA: Altringer, Connolly, Holm, McCoy.

Audio for this meeting:
https://boardminutesdocs.polkcountyiowa.gov/docs/2026/10.6.26/audio.mp3