

The Marion County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 3014 E. Main St. Knoxville, IA 50138 on Tuesday, January 14, 2025 with Steve McCombs, Kisha Jahner and Jim Mueller present in-person. Board of Supervisor Chair Jahner opened the regular session at 9:00 A.M.

Unless otherwise indicated, all the motions offered at this meeting were carried with the following vote:

Ayes: McCombs, Jahner, Mueller Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: None

Agenda:

Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve the agenda as posted.

Communications: None

Public Comments: None

Consent Agenda:

McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to approve the consent agenda as follows:

1. Marion County Warrants #257493 - #257703 through 1/14/2025
2. Marion County Board of Supervisor Regular Minutes: 12/24/2024
3. Marion County Employee Salary Adjustments – Complete list available in the Human Resources Office.

Business:

1. Supervisor Jahner announced Item #1 involved her sister Kelly and she would not be participating in the item. Jahner turned the Agenda Item over to Vice-Chair McCombs. Kelly Verwers Meyers, Skinner & Paschke, PLLC, presented a review and update of lobbying services provided to Marion County. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve an Agreement for Lobbying Services on behalf of Marion County for a period of 1.1.2025 – 12.31.2025.

Ayes: McCombs, Mueller                      Nay: None                      Abstain: Jahner

2. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded approval to Receive and File the Marion County Treasurer Semi-Annual Report 7.1.2024 – 12.31.2024.

3. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve the Updated City of Pella Driver's License Lease Agreement 24-25.

4. Linsey Spoelstra, Marion County Public Health Director, presented a proposal to create a Mental Health Advocate position on a PRN basis. The County is required to have a Mental Health Advocate and is currently in a short-term agreement with Polk County to provide those services. Heart of Iowa is offering to fund the position and make available to other area counties. Heart of Iowa Director Rachel Cecil commented on process. The Board asked Cecil to communicate with other counties and report back to Marion County. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to close discussion.

5. Jeff Anderson, Marion County EMA Director, requested the Board review the Marion County Inclement Weather Policy. The Board discussed policy authority and language with the Sheriff and HR. The Policy will be reviewed in the upcoming Marion County Handbook update. Mueller moved and Jahner seconded to close discussion.

6. Chair Jahner opened a Public Hearing at 9:28 A.M. regarding proposal vacating all or part of certain road rights-of-way as existing, in Marion County, Iowa and subject to the rights of ingress and egress of any and all existing utilities, being more particularly described as:

A portion of Road No. 558 established in 1871, located in the Northeast Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 76 North, Range 21 West of the 5th P.M., locally known as 15th Avenue, and more particularly being described as beginning at a point 33 feet south of the North Quarter Corner of Section 30, that point being the south right-of-way line of Jesup Street, thence south approximately 2561 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel B in Book 2005, Page 5497, in the Marion County Recorder's Office, that point also being the north end of a previously vacated portion of road on January 27, 1992. Said tract is subject to the rights of ingress and egress of any and all existing utilities and any easements of record. Tyler Christian, Marion County Engineer, presented an overview of the proposed road vacation. Mike Curry, attorney for

the Shirley Horn Estate, supported the proposed Vacation. There being no further comment, McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to close the Public Hearing at 9:30 A.M.

7. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2025-17 as follows:

Whereas, pursuant to Chapter 306, Code of Iowa, a public hearing was held at 9:00 AM on the 14th day of January, 2025, in the office of the Marion County Board of Supervisors and,

Whereas, it being in the best interest of Marion County to vacate the segment(s) of road as advertised and,

Whereas, the segment(s) to be vacated are described in further detail below,

Now therefore be it resolved that, subject to the rights of ingress and egress of any and all existing utilities, A portion of Road No. 558 established in 1871, located in the Northeast Quarter and the Northwest Quarter of Section 30, Township 76 North, Range 21 West of the 5th P.M., locally known as 15th Avenue, and more particularly being described as beginning at a point 33 feet south of the North Quarter Corner of Section 30, that point being the south right-of-way line of Jesup Street, thence south approximately 2561 feet to the southeast corner of Parcel B in Book 2005, Page 5497, in the Marion County Recorder's Office, that point also being the north end of a previously vacated portion of road on January 27, 1992. Said tract is subject to the rights of ingress and egress of any and all existing utilities and any easements of record.

Be hereby vacated.

8. Tyler Christian, Marion County Engineer, presented on a proposed multi-jurisdiction 28E Agreement regarding a Federal Grant Application for a highway T-15 project. Discussion involved jurisdictions, funding levels, responsibilities and timelines. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve Resolution 2025-18 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) 28E Agreement and Letter of Support for Grant Project – Hwy T15, subject to the County Engineer seeking clarification of other Counties participation requirements, as follows:

Whereas, Marion County, Iowa FM Route Designation number: T15 has been identified as being part of a joint Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project, and

Whereas, it is desired by and in the interest of Marion County to participate fully in the RAISE project activities as a Primary Recipient and provide all requisite information necessary to bring to completion all project phases through final completion, and

Whereas, we are in support of Marion County providing Lead-recipient roles and duties, and

Whereas, we understand and accept the Primary Recipient roles and responsibilities as defined in the "28E Cooperative Agreement for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project", and

Whereas, each County Roadway Project Owner as shown in Section 4, paragraph A-E shall be responsible for all local matching funds and accepts any costs exceeding the funds requested in the RAISE Grant application for their respective structure.

Therefore, Be It Resolved, that the Board of Supervisors of Marion County, Iowa hereby approves and directs the Chair to sign this Letter of Support for the 2025 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project and the 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Project, and to provide all pertinent correspondence and project information to:

Attn: Tyler Christian, P.E.  
Marion County Engineer  
402 Willetts Drive  
Knoxville, IA, 50138-8501  
(641) 828-2225

Adopted this 14th day of January, 2025.

9. Tyler Christian, Marion County Engineer, presented a Road Department update including the following items: TSIP Grant for Flashing Beacons, TSIP Grant for destination/intersection lighting, IMWCA Slip Resistant Footwear Grant, 240<sup>th</sup> & 210<sup>th</sup> Gravel Stabilization, 168<sup>th</sup> FA Bridge Replacement, T17 FM Pavement Restoration, S45 FA Pavement Restoration, Local Bridges on 20<sup>th</sup> at Quebec, Local Crack Seal, County Line Road with Monroe and Junction 92 Project. Further discussion ensued regarding the upcoming Iowa DOT Mile Long Bridge Project ramifications, 180<sup>th</sup> Stabilization Project and Flashing Stop Signs. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to close discussion.

10. Supervisor Jahner reported a desire to work with the Human Resources Department and update the Marion County Employee Handbook including the addition of an Employee Portal. The project will require time and funding. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve proceeding with project to update the Handbook.

11. Supervisor Jahner requested a Building Space Study of Marion County building. Marion County Facilities Director Chris Nesteby was willing to conduct the project. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to approve directive to conduct the Building Space Study.

12. Board of Supervisor Updates:

McCombs: None

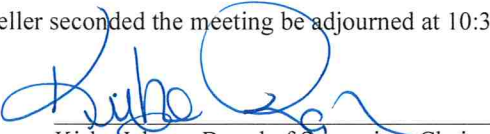
Mueller: None

Jahner: Upcoming Board of Health meeting

Adjournment:

There being no other business, McCombs moved and Mueller seconded the meeting be adjourned at 10:34 A.M.

  
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Jake Grandia, County Auditor

  
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Kisha Jahner, Board of Supervisor Chair