

The Marion County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 3014 E. Main St. Knoxville, IA 50138 on Tuesday, March 11, 2025 with Steve McCombs, Kisha Jahner and Jim Mueller present. Board of Supervisor Chair Jahner opened the regular session at 9:00 A.M. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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:

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

Communications: None

Public Comments:

1. Stacy Harding, City of Swan Mayor, announced the Swan City Council would be considering a Motion of Intent to Discontinue the City of Swan. A public meeting will be held in the future regarding the proposal.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Marion County Warrants #258183 - #258339 through 3/11/2025.
2. Marion County Board of Supervisor Regular Minutes: 2/25/2025
3. Marion County Employee Salary Adjustments – Complete list available in the Human Resources Office.

Business:

1. McCombs moved and Jahner seconded to approve Resolution 2025-28 Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement (Owner Architect) for Marion County Phase 2 – Office Building (Junction 92 Project) as follows:

WHEREAS, Marion County has facilities planned for replacement for the Road Department at the existing Junction 92 location and;

WHEREAS, the Engineer's Office building is scheduled for replacement and;

WHEREAS, the Phase 1 work has been ongoing by Frevert-Ramsey-Kobes Architects-Engineers, P.C. as presented in the original AIA Document B101-2017 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Architect and;

WHEREAS, Marion County desires to move forward with the Engineer's Office design, Phase 2, as presented in AIA Document G802-2017 Amendment to the Professional Services Agreement and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the Board of Supervisors authorizes Amendment No. 001 to the Professional Services Agreement for Frevert-Ramsey-Kobes Architects-Engineer, P.C to perform the consulting design services as defined in the Amendment and supplemental documents.

2. The Board discussed the County becoming a Stepping Up Innovator County with Darci Alt, Heart of Iowa MH Region, and Lt. Reed Kiou, Marion County Jail Administrator. Discussion involved potential costs, responsibilities, exit clauses and continuance of services after 7.1.2025 State of Iowa MH redesign. The Board and Lt. Kiou acknowledged the positive aspects of the program, but had consensus to approach the designation with a "wait and see" approach until after the State of Iowa MH redesign. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to close discussion.

3. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to Receive and File the FY24 Pioneer Cemetery Commission Annual Report.

4. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve Resolution 2025-26 Employee Benefit Plans of Marion County, Iowa effective July 1, 2025 as follows:

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE
 “EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS OF MARION COUNTY, IOWA, JULY 1, 2025”

WHEREAS, the proposed “EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS OF MARION COUNTY, IOWA, JULY 1, 2025,” has been carefully reviewed by the Board of Supervisors, and

WHEREAS, all comments and suggestions relative to the proposed “EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS OF MARION COUNTY, IOWA, JULY 1, 2025,” have been carefully considered, and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the proposed “EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS OF MARION COUNTY, IOWA, JULY 1, 2025,” be approved as follows:

MEDICAL: WELLMARK BLUE CROSS BLUE SHIELD (MONTHLY)			
	Total Premium	Marion County Pays	Employee Pays
Alliance Select PPO (Plan A)			
Employee	\$878.91	\$759.38	\$119.53
Family	\$2,170.10	\$1,599.37	\$570.73
Blue Advantage HMO (Plan B)			
Employee	\$784.82	\$751.84	\$32.98
Family	\$1,934.87	\$1,561.51	\$373.36
High Deductible Health Plan			
Employee	\$698.47	\$698.47	\$0.00
Family	\$1,719.00	\$1,534.94	\$184.06

DENTAL: DELTA DENTAL (MONTHLY)			
	Total Premium	Marion County Pays	Employee Pays
Employee	\$30.42	\$20.20	\$10.22
Family	\$97.66	\$20.20	\$77.46

VISION: RELIANCE STANDARD (MONTHLY)

	Total Premium	Marion County Pays	Employee Pays		Total Premium	Marion County Pays	Employee Pays
Materials Only Plan				Fully Insured Plan			
Employee	\$5.76	\$5.76	\$0.00	Employee	\$8.48	\$5.76	\$2.72
EE+SP	\$13.56	\$5.76	\$7.80	EE+SP	\$17.44	\$5.76	\$11.68
EE+CH	\$11.28	\$5.76	\$5.52	EE+CH	\$14.88	\$5.76	\$9.12
Family	\$19.04	\$5.76	\$13.28	Family	\$23.84	\$5.76	\$18.08

5. Supervisor Mueller presented a status update regarding proposed project to consolidate all County copier/printers into a singular lease with one service provider. A proposed lease would upgrade all equipment, provide maintenance, supplies and electronic monitoring. The proposed agreement would provide countywide economic savings. All departments are requested to review their needs regarding equipment and communicate with IT. The County will also pursue more quotes from potential service providers. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to close discussion.

6. Supervisor Jahner requested discussion regarding a vacant Marion County property located near Howell Station Campground identified as Parcel 12594-001-00. The parcel was deeded to the County in 1953 and used as a gravel pit that is no longer needed. Cale Edwards, Marion County Conservation, discussed Conservation oversight of the parcel and the proximity to the bike trail. Edwards will discuss the property with his Conservation Board. The Board had further discussion regarding future usage, flood zone designation, disposing of unused County properties and proposed manner of sale. Mueller moved and Jahner seconded to liquidate the property and work with the County Attorney to facilitate the disposition.

7. Marion County Attorney Jared Harmon requested discussion regarding utilizing the funds received from Marion County's participation in the Opioid Lawsuit. The usage of the Opioid monies must follow established guidelines as set in the settlement agreement. Harmon proposed the formation of a Committee to solicit request for proposals and determination of usage. The settlement is ongoing but not infinite. Harmon indicated he would appreciate the Opioid monies usage staying within the County and this was just an attempt to start the discussion. The Board discussed possible mechanisms to disperse the monies and further discuss options. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to close discussion.

8. Marion County Attorney Jared Harmon presented a request to remodel the Courthouse 3rd Floor Waiting Room back into a courtroom / multi-purpose room. Harmon believes it would be beneficial to the County to have another available courtroom space for scheduling and efficiency. He also indicated 5th Judicial District could be able to cover 75% of the expense to remodel along with furnishings. Jenny Webster, Court Administration, indicated a willingness to assist in the project. The discussion included floor plans, infrastructure needs, control of the space and funding. The County and Court Administration will pursue options and discuss again in the future. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to close discussion.

9. Board of Supervisor Updates:

McCombs: Landfill, Decat, HIRTA, ILEA

Mueller: Departmental meetings

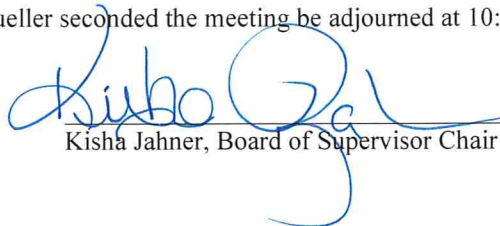
Jahner: Sinkhole legislation meeting

Adjournment:

There being no other business, McCombs moved and Mueller seconded the meeting be adjourned at 10:24 A.M.



Jake Grandia, County Auditor



Kisha Jahner, Board of Supervisor Chair