

The Marion County Board of Supervisors met January 2, 2026, at 2003 N Lincoln St., Knoxville, IA for their annual Organizational Meeting with Kisha Jahner and Steve McCombs present in person, and James Mueller present via Zoom.

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

Ayes: Jahner, McCombs, and Mueller Nays: none Abstentions: none Absent: none

1. Dani Graves, Marion County Deputy Auditor, called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. after the Pledge of Allegiance was sited. Graves then entertained motions for Chair of the Marion County Board of Supervisors for the year of 2026. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded for approval of Kisha Jahner as 2026 Marion County Board of Supervisor Chair with authorization to sign for Official County Business.

Chairperson Jahner then assumed leadership of the meeting at 9:01 A.M.

2. Mueller moved and Jahner seconded for approval of Steve Mc Combs as 2026 Vice-Chair of the Marion County Board of Supervisors with authorization to sign for Official County Business.

3. McCombs moved and Jahner seconded the official regular sessions of the Board of Supervisors be set for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of every month at 9:00 A.M.

4. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to designate the Marion County Express newspaper for official County Public Notices in 2026.

5. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-1 authorizing maximum depository thresholds as follows:

Resolved, the Marion County Board of Supervisors in Marion County, Iowa, approves the following list of financial institutions to be depositories of the Marion County funds in conformance with all applicable provisions of Iowa Code Chapters 12B and 12C. The Name, Offices and Officers is hereby authorized to deposit the Marion County funds in amounts not to exceed the maximum approved for each respective financial institution as set out below.

<u>Auditor:</u>		<u>2025</u>	<u>2026</u>
Marion County Bank	MC Emp Acct	\$ 75,000	75,000
Marion County Bank	MC Dental Ins Acct	\$200,000	200,000
Marion County Bank	Eureka Cemetery Trust	5,000	5,000
Marion County Bank	MC Fully Fund Health Ins	250,000	250,000
Marion County Bank	MC Vision Ins Acct	50,000	50,000
Marion County Bank	MC Cobra Acct	50,000	50,000

<u>Recorder:</u>			
Marion County Bank	Recording	100,000	100,000
Marion County Bank	DNR	30,000	30,000
Marion County Bank	Vitals	15,000	15,000

<u>Sheriff:</u>			
Marion County Bank		1,252,000	1,252,000
Marion County Bank	Commissary	50,000	50,000

<u>Treasurer:</u>			
Twin Cedars Bank		1,000,000	1,000,000
Wells Fargo Bank		2,000,000	2,000,000
US Bank		1,000,000	1,000,000
Marion County Bank		40,000,000	45,000,000
Peoples Bank		5,000,000	5,000,000
Leighton State Bank		17,000,000	17,000,000
Midwest One		40,000,000	45,000,000
Marion County Bank	DOT	250,000	250,000
Edwards Jones Invest		2,000,000	2,000,000
IPAIT		35,000,000	40,000,000
Washington State Bank		5,000,000	5,000,000

County Ag Extension:

Marion County Bank 325,000 325,000

Conservation:

Marion County Bank Online Reservations 250,000 250,000

6. Mueller moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve Farm-to-Market Resolution 2026-2 as follows:

Be It Resolved by the Board of Supervisors of Marion County, Iowa, that Tyler Christian, the County Engineer of Marion County, Iowa, be and is hereby designated, authorized, and empowered on behalf of the Board of Supervisors of said County to execute the certification of completion of work and final acceptance thereof in accordance with plans and specifications in connection with all Farm-to-Market and Federal or State aid construction projects in this county.

7. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded Chris Nesteby be reappointed as Marion County A.D.A. Coordinator for 2026 with no additional compensation.

8. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve Resolution 2026-3 Marion County Sheriff Deputy Officer appointments as follows:

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest to the citizens of Marion County for the sheriff's office to keep the peace and provide public safety, and;

WHEREAS, the Code of Iowa has established the rules and procedures of carrying out the powers and duties of the sheriff, and;

WHEREAS, the Code of Iowa allows for the appointment of sheriff deputies to assist in executing the powers and duties of the sheriff,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MARION COUNTY, IOWA BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, for the benefit of all Marion County Citizens, that the following be approved as appointed Marion County Sheriff Deputies:

63-1	Sheriff	Jason Sandholdt
63-2	Chief Deputy	Troy Fisher
63-3	Lieutenant	Andrew Schuchhardt
63-4	Deputy	Samuel Pitt
63-5	Lieutenant	Justin Kingrey
63-6	Deputy	Matt Boston
63-7	Deputy	Hunter Embray
63-8	Sergeant	Jared Van Wyk
63-9	Deputy	Dylan Forkner
63-10	Sergeant	Isaac Short
63-11	Deputy	Derek Lanser
63-12	Deputy	Troy Bouma
63-13	Lieutenant	Reed Kious
63-14	Deputy	Carter Riechmann
63-15	Deputy	Will Summers
63-16	Deputy	Seth Norton
63-17	Deputy	Joshua Boone
63-18	Office Deputy	Darrel Brown
63-19	Deputy	Jacob Van Voorst
63-20	Deputy	Logan Niehaus

9. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-4 Marion County Sheriff Reserve Peace Officer appointments as follows:

Whereas, it is in the best interest to the citizens of Marion County for the Sheriff's Office to keep the peace and provide public safety, and;

Whereas, the Code of Iowa has established the rules and procedures for the establishment of a force of reserve peace officers,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Marion County, Iowa Board Of Supervisors, for the benefit of all Marion County Citizens, that the following be approved as appointed Marion County Sheriff's Reserve Peace Officers:

Kurt Behrens	Jordan Pinegar
Brad Evinger	Greg Warren
Carrie Folkerts	Cody Rankin
Christopher Heesch	Joseph Rasmusson
Lucas Hileman	Jesse Redding
Tyler Killoren	Levi Reinier
Jason Ryan	Caleb Rietveld
Josh Lenger	Colby Sandholdt
Shawn Palm	Mark Seavey
Alan Pfadenhauer	Jeffrey Siewert
Brandon Vanderleest	Brandon Lester

10. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-5 naming Lieutenant Reed Kious as the authorized administrator of the Marion County Jail as follows:

Whereas, it is in the best interest to the citizens of Marion County to provide for the detention and or confinement of persons charged or convicted of offences as defined by the authority of the court, and;

Whereas, the Code of Iowa has established the rules and procedures of carrying out the powers and duties of the sheriff in regards to jails and their use as prisons,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Marion County, Iowa Board Of Supervisors, for the benefit of all Marion County Citizens, that the Marion County Lieutenant Reed Kious be approved as the appointed person in charge of the custody of the prisoners and the county jail as provided and defined in the Code of Iowa

11. Mueller moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve Resolution 2026-6 Appointment of 2026 Sheriff's Civil Process Server – Jennifer Wilson as follows:

Whereas, it is in the best interest to the citizens of Marion County for the Sheriff's Office to keep the peace and provide public safety, and; for the greater efficiency and for better service to the Citizens of Marion County and,

Whereas, the code of Iowa has established the rules and procedures of carrying out the powers and duties of the Sheriff, and,

Whereas, the Code of Iowa, 331.903 allows for the appointment of a Sheriff's Civil Process Server to assist in executing the powers and duties of the Sheriff, and,

Whereas, the Marion County Sheriff's Office has a non-sworn civilian heading the Civil Division,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Marion County, Iowa Board Of Supervisors, for the benefit of all Marion County Citizens, that the following Sheriff's Office Employees be immediately approved as appointed Marion County Sheriff's Civil Process Servers for the purpose of serving court related and civil paperwork, and presiding over Sheriff's Sales, according to the guidelines set by Iowa Code and Iowa Rules of Civil Procedures, to the intended recipient(s) when present at the Sheriff's Office and in the event that a Certified Sheriff's Deputy is unavailable. Jennifer Wilson

12. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-7 Appointment of Sheriff Civil Process Servers – Jailers, as follows:

Whereas, it is in the best interest to the citizens of Marion County for the Sheriff's Office to keep the peace and provide public safety, and; for the greater efficiency and for better service to the Citizens of Marion County and,

Whereas, the code of Iowa has established the rules and procedures of carrying out the powers and duties of the Sheriff, and,

Whereas, the Code of Iowa, 331.903 allows for the appointment of a Sheriff's Civil Process Server to assist in executing the powers and duties of the Sheriff, and,

Whereas, the Marion County Sheriff's Office has non-sworn civilians employed in the Jail Division,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Marion County, Iowa Board Of Supervisors, for the benefit of all Marion County Citizens, that the following list of current full-time Jailers be approved as appointed Marion County Sheriff's Civil Process Servers for the purpose of serving court related papers to inmates being held in the Marion County Jail effective immediately.

Valerie Kuiper  
Evan Gladfelter  
Marshall Cockhren  
Lorin Miller

Jeff Lubben  
Angel Mann  
Cynthia Schlangen

Vicki Colyn  
Lucas Hileman  
Kasandra Swanson

13. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-8 Appointment of Authorization to sign Sheriff deeds – Jennifer Wilson as follows:

Whereas, it is necessary for the Sheriff of Marion County, Jason Sandholdt, to execute Sheriff deeds in appropriate cases, and that said deeds should be signed by the Sheriff; and,

Whereas, there are occasions where Sheriff Sandholdt is not available to sign said deeds; and

Whereas, it is prudent to have a designee sign and execute said Sheriff's deeds to facilitate the transfer of real estate by said Sheriff's deed; and

Whereas, the appointment of said designee by the Marion County Board of Supervisors is legal.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Marion County, Iowa Board Of Supervisors that Jennifer Wilson be appointed as designee with full authority to sign and process Marion County Iowa Sheriff deeds. It is further resolved that actions by Jennifer Wilson in previously signing said deeds be ratified in full.

14. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded that Tammy Warnick be appointed as Marion County's Designated County Representative for Federal D.O.T. drug and alcohol testing in 2026 including a \$2,000 stipend until 6/30/2026, with the expense from the General Fund.

15. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-9 - 2026 Construction Evaluation (Master Matrix) resolution relating to the construction of confinement feeding operations as follows:

Whereas, Iowa Code section 459.304(3) sets out the procedure if a board of supervisors wishes to adopt a "construction evaluation resolution" relating to the construction of a confinement feeding operation structure; and

Whereas, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution can submit to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an adopted recommendation to approve or disapprove a construction permit application regarding a proposed confinement feeding operation structure; and

Whereas, only counties that have adopted a construction evaluation resolution and submitted an adopted recommendation may contest the DNR's decision regarding a specific application; and

Whereas, by adopting a construction evaluation resolution the board of supervisors agrees to evaluate every construction permit application for a proposed confinement feeding operation structure received by the board of supervisors between February 1, 2026 and January 31, 2027 and submit an adopted recommendation regarding that application to the DNR; and

Whereas, the board of supervisors must conduct an evaluation of every construction permit application using the master matrix created in Iowa Code section 459.305, but the board's recommendation to the DNR may be based on the final score on the master matrix or may be based on reasons other than the final score on the master matrix;

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved By The Board Of Supervisors Of Marion County that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

16. Mueller moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve the following appointments:

Marion County Compensation (Condemnation) Commission:

**Owner/Operator, Agriculture Property**

Kay Harsin  
Ryan Bailey  
James Petersen  
Mike Veenstra

Connie Blommers  
Jim Kingery  
Sandy Agan

**Owners of City or Town Property**

Don Long  
Merle Vickroy  
Doug Van Zee  
Rick Hurt  
Craig Agan  
Joe Cunningham  
Barb Van Wyk  
Harry Ehrlich

**Licensed Real Estate Brokers**

Mary Van Wyk  
Randy Chambers  
Carla Karns  
John Franey  
Janet Winn  
Jody Lautenbach  
Ryan Roberts

**People Having Knowledge of Property Values**

Jake Crozier  
Anthony Shultz  
Kevin Van Wyk  
Jim Baker  
John Jensen  
Marc Vande Noord  
Jerry Van Wyk

17. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-10 Appointment of Marion County Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiner for 2026 as follows:

Whereas, it is in the best interest to the citizens of Marion County for the Board of Supervisors to provide public safety and support, and;

Whereas, the Code of Iowa has established the rules and procedures for the establishment County Medical Examiner and Deputy Medical Examiners.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Marion County, Iowa Board Of Supervisors, for the benefit of all Marion County Citizens, that the following be approved as appointed Marion County Medical Examiners and Deputy Medical Examiners:

- 1.) Marion County Medical Examiner – Dr. Shannon Remmington D.O.
- 2.) Marion County Deputy Medical Examiner – Dr. Dale Lensing

18. Mueller moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve Resolution 2026-11 - 2026 Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA) appointments as follows:

Whereas, the County of Marion, Iowa, has considered and adopted a Resolution declaring the need for a Housing Authority in the County of Marion, Iowa, said Resolution #96/04, dated February 12, 1996, and,

Whereas, the County of Marion, Iowa, has adopted the Articles of Agreement creating the Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (CIRHA), dated February 12, 1980, and;

Whereas, each member government shall have one Representative and one Alternate to CIRHA to serve for a term of three years, and:

Whereas, such Representative and Alternate shall be appointed by the Chairperson with the approval of the local governing body.

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 28E, Code of Iowa, 2020, and by virtue of our office, we hereby approve the Chairperson's appointment of the persons hereinafter named to serve as Representative and Alternate to CIRHA, representing this County and to serve for the number of years appearing, as specified above, respectfully, from this day January 2, 2026.

1.) Representative: Craig Agan

2.) Alternate Representative: Kisha Jahner

19. Mueller moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve Resolution 2026-12 - 2026 Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA) appointments as follows:

Whereas, Marion County, Iowa, is a member of the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance (CIRTPA), as organized under Iowa Code Chapter 28E; and

Whereas annually the Central Iowa Regional Transportation Planning Alliance requests its member governments appoint or re-appoint, by resolution, persons to represent that member government on the CIRTPA Transportation Policy Committee (TPC) and on the CIRTPA Transportation Technical Committee (TCC).

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that Marion County, Iowa, hereby appoints the following persons to serve as its 2026 representatives:

CIRTPA- Transportation Policy	Steve McCombs
CIRTPA- Transportation Policy (Alt)	Tyler Christian
CIRTPA-Technical Committee	Tyler Christian
CIRTPA-Technical Committee (Alt)	Mike Rodwell

20. Mueller moved and Jahner seconded to approve Resolution 2026-13 – 2026 South Central Iowa Cedar Creek Watershed Management Authority appointments as follows:

It Is Hereby Resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Marion County, Iowa that Steve McCombs be designated to serve on the South Central IA Cedar Creek Watershed WMA Board of Directors as the Chief Representative and Tyler Christian be designated as the Alternate in the absence of the Chief Representative.

This appointment shall serve a one-year or consecutive term(s) as determined by their governing bodies annually beginning January 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chief Representative:	Steve Mc Combs
Alternate:	Tyler Christian

21. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve the Board of Supervisor appointments to Boards and Commissions for 2026 as listed:

Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA)	1 yr.	Steve McCombs
Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency (HIRTA) - Alternate	1 yr.	Kisha Jahner
Impact Community Action Program	1 yr.	Jim Mueller
Aging Resources of Central Iowa	1 yr.	Jim Mueller
FEMA Advisory Board	1 yr.	Jim Mueller
Emergency Management Commission	1 yr.	Kisha Jahner
Emergency Management Commission - Alternate	1 yr.	Steve McCombs
Board of Health	3 yr.	Kisha Jahner

Des Moines River Greenbelt Commission	1 yr.	Jim Mueller
Des Moines River Greenbelt Commission - Alternate	1 yr.	Cale Edwards
Dept. of Justice-Courthouse Security Advisory Board	1 yr.	Kisha Jahner
Child Welfare Decategorization Program-Exec. Board	1 yr.	Steve McCombs
Mud Camp Creek Watershed Authority	1 yr.	Steve McCombs
E-911 Board	1 yr.	Kisha Jahner
E-911 Board - Alternate	1 yr.	Jim Mueller
South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency	1 yr.	Steve McCombs
South Central Iowa Solid Waste Agency - Alternate	1 yr.	Jim Mueller
CIRTPA - Transportation Policy *	1 yr.	Steve McCombs
CIRTPA - Transportation Policy (alt) *	1 yr.	Tyler Christian
CIRTPA - Technical Committee *	1 yr.	Tyler Christian
CIRTPA - Technical Committee (alt) *	1 yr.	Mike Rodwell
Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority **	1 yr.	Craig Agan
Central Iowa Regional Housing Authority (alt) **	1 yr.	Kisha Jahner
Marion County Courthouse Security Committee	1 yr.	Kisha Jahner
Workforce Investment Region 11: Chief Elected Official Board	1 yr.	Jim Mueller
IRVM Committee	1 yr.	Steve McCombs
South Central IA Cedar Creek Watershed Management Authority ***	1 yr.	Steve McCombs
South Central IA Cedar Creek Watershed Management Authority ***	1 yr.	Tyler Christian
Prairie Ridge Subdivision Review Committee	1 yr.	Jim Mueller
VA Subdivision Review Committee	1 yr.	Kisha Jahner
Conservation Board	5 yr.	Jim Mueller
<b><u>Department head Supervisor assignment:</u></b>		
Economic Development		Jim Mueller
Information Technology/GIS		Jim Mueller
Facilities		Steve Mc Combs
Human Resources		Kisha Jahner
Roads		Kisha Jahner
Zoning		Steve Mc Combs

22. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded Brian Hatch be appointed as Marion County's Flood Plain Coordinator in 2026 including a \$2,000 stipend through 6/30/2026, with the expense from the General Fund.

23. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Marion County Pioneer Cemetery Commission appointments as follows:  
Val Van Kooten – term ending 12/31/2028

24. Mueller moved and Jahner seconded to approve Resolution 2026-14 - 2026 Marion County Employee Mileage Reimbursement Rate as follows:

Whereas it has been the policy of Marion County to pay mileage at the rate of .70 cents per mile and,

Whereas said rate is no longer reflective of the actual cost of vehicle operation,

Now Therefore Be It Resolved By The Marion County Board Of Supervisors that beginning for mileage driven on or after January 1, 2026, the mileage rate paid by Marion County is .725 cents per mile.

25. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded to approve the following appointment:  
Aging Resources of Central Iowa – Advisory Council – Martha Dykstra Term ending 10/31/2026

26. Mueller moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve Resolution 2026-15 Precinct Election Official compensation as follows:

Whereas, it is in the best interest to the citizens of Marion County for the auditor's office to provide fair and accessible elections, and;

Whereas, the Code of Iowa has established the rules and procedures of carrying out the powers and duties of election officials, and;

Whereas, the Code of Iowa requires appointment of precinct election officials,

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved By The Marion County, Iowa Board Of Supervisors, for the benefit of all Marion County Citizens, the following schedule for service as a precinct election official be approved effective January 1, 2026:

Precinct Chairperson	\$13.50 per hour
Precinct Election Official	\$11.50 per hour

27. Mueller moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve Resolution 2026-16 Marion County Credit Cards Authorization and Credit Limits as follows:

Be It Resolved, by the Board of Supervisors of Marion County, Iowa the following County departmental offices are hereby authorized to use a credit card through Marion County Bank with the credit limits as shown:

Marion County Public Health – Linsey Spoelstra	\$20,000
Marion County Public Health – Christina Van Vark	
Marion County Assessor's Office – Andrew Jenchel	\$5,000
Marion County Attorney's Office - Jared Harmon	\$30,000
Marion County Auditor - Jake Grandia	\$10,000
Marion County Conservation – Cale Edwards	\$20,000
Marion County Development Commission – Dan Nieland	\$5,000
Marion County Emergency Management – Jeff Anderson	\$20,000
Marion County Information Technology – Andrew Claseman	\$10,000
Marion County Maintenance – Christopher Nesteby	\$5,000
Marion County Secondary Roads – Tyler Christian	\$20,000
Marion County Secondary Roads – Tammy Warnick	
Marion County Sheriff – Jason Sandholdt	\$10,000
Marion County Sheriff – Troy Fisher	
Marion County Sheriff Reserves – President	\$1,000
Marion County Sheriff Reserves - Vice President	\$1,000
Marion County Sheriff Reserves – Treasurer	\$1,000
Marion County Human Resources – Lisa Seddon	\$5,000

28. Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-17, establishing compensation for a Township Trustee and for a Township Clerk as follows:

Whereas, *Iowa Code* Section 359.46 requires the Marion County Board of Supervisors to establish compensation for a township trustee, and *Iowa Code* section 359.47 states that a township clerk shall be compensated at the same rate of pay as a township trustee and;

Whereas, the Marion County Board of Supervisors shall establish a minimum daily pay rate for the time spent by a township trustee and township clerk attending a scheduled meeting of township trustees; and

Now, Therefore, Be It Hereby Resolved, by the Marion County Board of Supervisors that pursuant to Iowa Code sections 359.46 and 359.47 the minimum daily pay rate for the time spent by a township trustee and by a township clerk attending a scheduled meeting of township trustees is set at \$15.00 per meeting, effective immediately.

Be It Further Resolved, a township trustee and a township clerk requesting compensation shall complete necessary County documents and submit a completed meeting claim sheet to the Marion County Auditor.

29. Mueller moved and Mc Combs seconded to approve the Knoxville Memorial Hall Commissioners as presented:

Memorial Hall Commissions - Knoxville	Spaur, Jack	12/31/2026
Memorial Hall Commissions - Knoxville	Pitt, Bill	12/31/2026
Memorial Hall Commissions - Knoxville	Reed, Dick	12/31/2026
Memorial Hall Commissions - Knoxville	Bingham, Bob	12/31/2027
Memorial Hall Commissions - Knoxville	Hatch, Steve	12/31/2027
Memorial Hall Commissions - Knoxville	vacant	

Mc Combs moved and Mueller seconded meeting adjourned at 9:59 A.M.

  
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Jake Grandia, Auditor

  
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Kisha Jahner, Board of Supervisor Chair