

The Marion County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 2003 N. Lincoln St. Knoxville, IA 50138 on Tuesday, January 13, 2026, 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. 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:

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

Communications:

1. Supervisor Jahner reminded everyone the FY27 Marion County Compensation Board meeting would be held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at the Marion County North Annex, 2003 N Lincoln St., Knoxville, IA 50138.

Public Comments: Doug, representing Congresswoman Miller-Meeks Office, announced they had an office open in Indianola with a new Case Worker if anyone having issues with the Federal Government.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Marion County Warrants #261977 - #261152 through 1/13/2026
2. Marion County Board of Supervisor Regular Minutes: 12/23/2025
3. Marion County Board of Supervisor Special Minutes: 1/2/2026
4. Marion County Employee Annual Salary Adjustments – Complete list available Marion County Human Resource Office.

Business:

1. Rich Voelker, Snyder & Associates, presented an overview and Professional Services Agreement regarding a proposed Marion County Trails Study. The Board discussed the Agreement, merits of trail enhancements around Lake Red Rock, connectivity to trails to Saylorville Lake, grants, funding and economic development of the area. Supervisor Jahner recommended using Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST) monies as the funding source. Marion County Economic Development Director Dan Nieland indicated the City of Knoxville, City of Monroe and Jasper County Economic Development Corporation have pledged monies for the study. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Snyder & Associates.

2. Marion County Engineer Tyler Christian presented an overview of the Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Project Application and 28E Cooperative Agreement. The grant application involves multiple counties with Marion County acting as the Lead Applicant and Primary Recipient with the main focus being the Hwy 15 Corridor Area. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-18 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Project & Letter of Support as follows:

Whereas, Marion County, Iowa FM Route Designation number: T15 has been identified as being part of a joint Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Project, and

Whereas, it is desired by and in the interest of Marion County to participate fully in the BUILD project activities as a Lead Applicant and 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 Applicant roles and duties, and

Whereas, we understand and accept the Primary Recipient roles and responsibilities as defined in the “28E Cooperative Agreement for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 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 project 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 FY 2026 Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) Grant Project and the 28E Cooperative Agreement for a Better Utilizing Investments to Leverage Development (BUILD) 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 13th day of January 2026.

3. Board of Supervisor Updates:

Mueller – Aging Resources Meeting, Conservation Meeting

McCombs – Landfill Meeting, CIRTPA Meeting

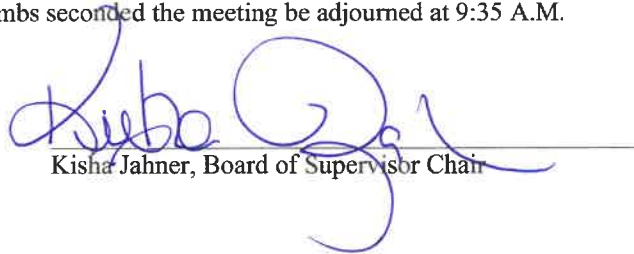
Jahner – Compensation Board Meeting, Trail Meeting, Salary Study Update – Process, Time, Benefits not part of project

Adjournment:

There being no other business, Mueller moved and McCombs seconded the meeting be adjourned at 9:35 A.M.



Jake Grandia, County Auditor



Kisha Jahner, Board of Supervisor Chair