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MARION COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REGULAR AGENDA

North Annex

2003 N Lincoln St, Knoxville, Iowa

January 27, 2026, 9:00 A.M.



I. CALL TO ORDER, PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE AND
ROLL CALL

Steve McCombs _____

Kisha Jahner _____

Jim Mueller _____



II. AGENDA

1. January 27, 2026 - Regular Session Agenda



III. COMMUNICATION



IV. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

This is the portion of our agenda during which we hear any public comment about any item NOT on the agenda below. If you are here to be heard on an agenda item, please wait for that item's discussion portion of the agenda to make your comment about the item. Thank you.



V. CONSENT AGENDA:

All items listed under the consent agenda will be enacted by one motion.

1. Marion County Claims through 1/27/2026
2. Marion County Board of Supervisor Regular Minutes: 1/13/2026
3. Marion County Employee Annual Salary Adjustments. Complete list available in the Human Resource Office.
4. Marion County Conservation Board Warrants #262154 - #262194 through 1/20/2026



VI. BUSINESS – Discussion and/or Action:

1. Marion County Zoning:

Marion County Comprehensive Plan Update



2. Marion County Library Coalition –
FY27 Budget Presentation





MARION

COUNTY LIBRARY COALITION

Striving to meet the diverse needs of
all Marion County residents

by providing accessible, inclusive, and high-quality library services.



ABOUT US



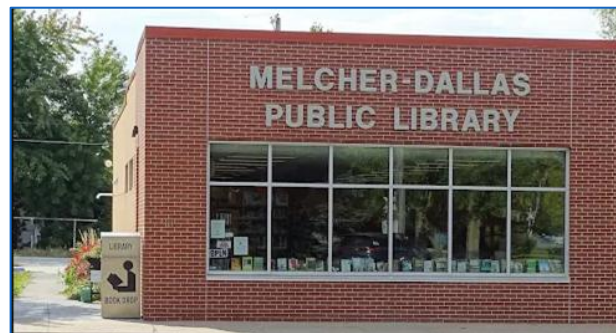
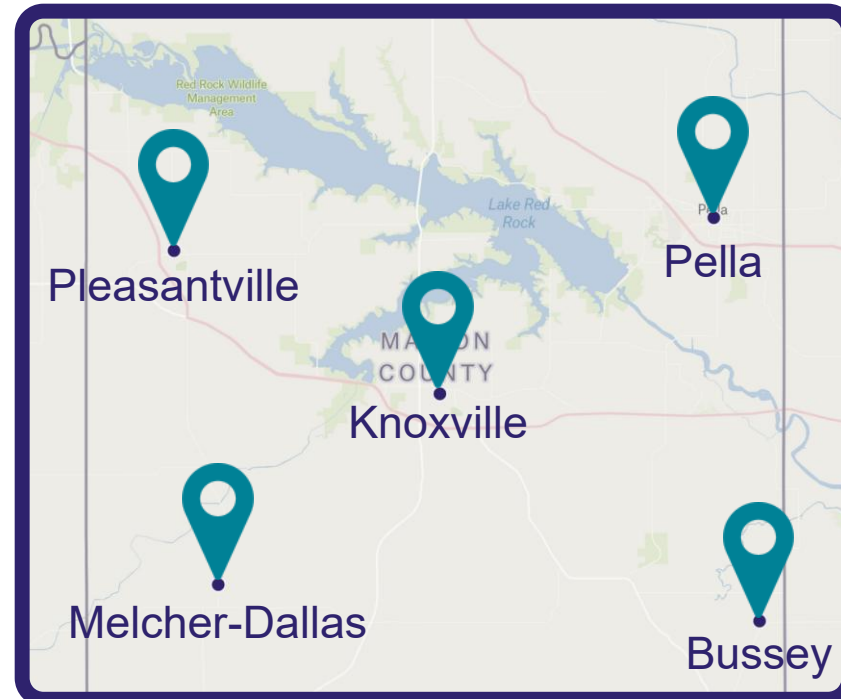
Knoxville Public Library



Pella Public Library



Webb Shadle Public Library



Melcher-Dallas Public Library



Bussey Community Library





WHAT DOES YOUR FUNDING DO?

Marion County funding provide a critical service to the residents of rural Marion County.

Each of the five libraries is a city library, with no county library serving only rural Marion County residents. This funding allows the city libraries to offer a range of resources, services, and programs to all rural residents served by the Board of Supervisors.

THE MARION COUNTY LIBRARY COALITION...

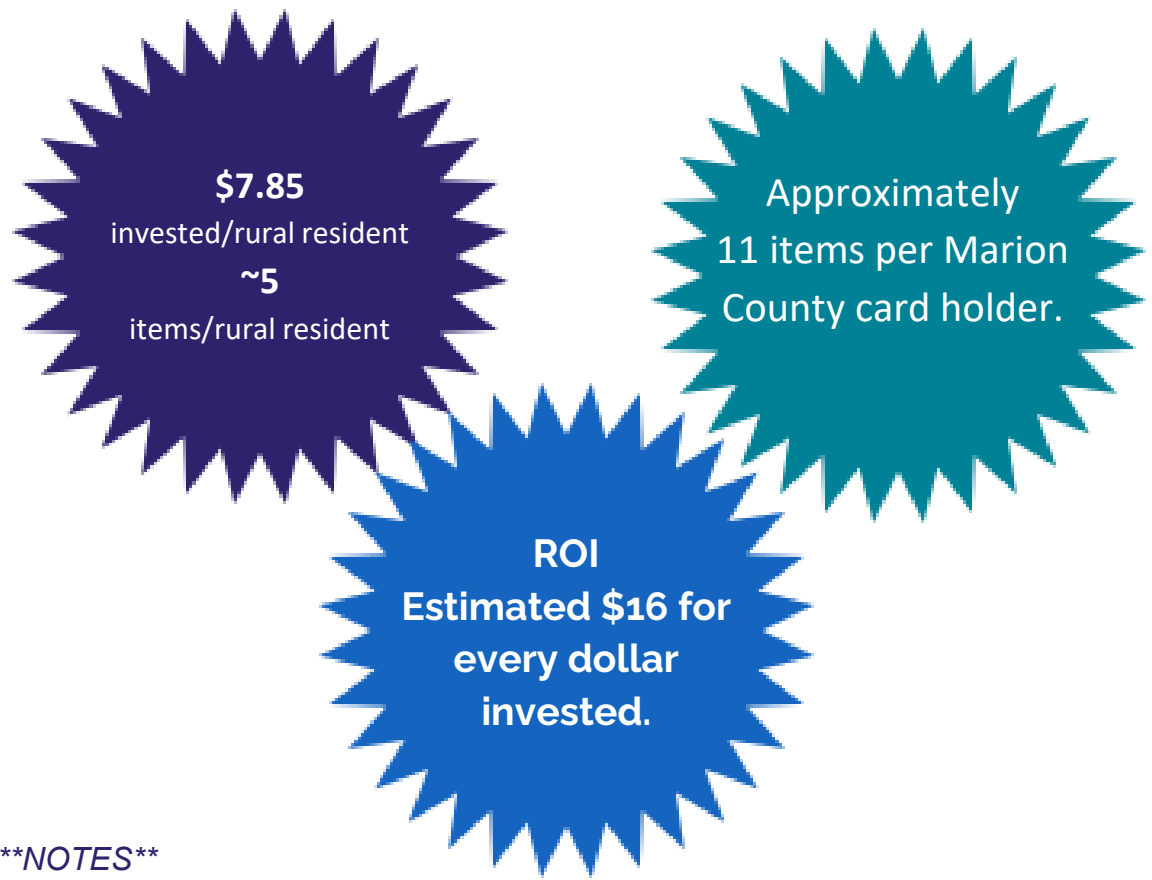
- Provides Access to Books, Media, Educational Resources, and Much More
- Offers Internet Access and Technology
- Provides a Variety of Programs and Events
- Fosters a Sense of Community
- Explores Opportunities of Collaboration



PROVIDES ACCESS TO BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

RURAL COUNTY RESIDENT CHECK-OUTS.....56,139

RURAL COUNTY CARD HOLDERS.....5,153



- Bussey Public Library Rural Circ = 714
 - Card Holders = 203
- Melcher-Dallas Public Library Rural Circ = 877
 - Card Holders = 256
- Knoxville Public Library Rural Circ = 17,001
 - Card Holders = 2,217
- Pella Public Library Rural Circ = 31,163
 - Card Holders = 2,088
- Webb Shadle Public Library = 6,384
 - Card Holders = 389

****NOTES****

2020 Census, Marion County population=33,414. The five communities with libraries had a population of 21,317, leaving **12,097** rural Marion County residents who did not live within the five city limits with a library. Circulation is for physical item checkouts only.



PROVIDES ACCESS TO BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

TOTAL CIRCULATION BY ALL LIBRARIES FY25

231,233 PHYSICAL ITEMS

(56,139 RURAL CIRCULATION)

- This includes: Adult Books, Teen/Young Adult Books, Children's Books, Magazines, Newspapers, and other Physical Materials (such as puzzles, games, cake pans, puppets, video games, hot spots, and more)
- Rural circulation accounts for 24.3% of total circulation of physical items.
- Income Per Capita:
 - Bussey = \$33.59
 - Melcher-Dallas = \$31.26
 - Webb-Shadle = \$37.35
 - Knoxville = \$60.45
 - Pella = \$77.90
 - Marion County Rural Residents = \$7.85

Rural Circulation
24.3% of
Total Circulation

\$46.99
Income / Capita
Marion County

OFFERS INTERNET ACCESS AND TECHNOLOGY



of public computers for use

35



of computers in-house uses

10,179 sessions



of WIFI connections

51,890

****FY24 data; we are unable to pull only Rural Marion County Residents' usage from these numbers.*

Provides a Variety of Programs and Events

Total Programs & Attendance



FY24

FY25*

FY25 est*
 # of programs: 878
 attendance: 19,826

888

22,902

26,982

1,063

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS:

- Summer Reading Program
- Book Clubs
- Arts & Crafts
- Storytime
- Trivia Night
- Gerifit
- Author / Artist Visits
- Workshops
- Take & Makes
- Puzzle Competitions

***FY25 only have final data from Knoxville and Pella at this time;
 we are unable to pull only Rural Marion County Residents' usage from these numbers.

FOSTERS A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

- Serve as a 'Third Place'* for all county residents
 - Reading areas
 - Teen Spaces
 - Play spaces for children
 - Meeting Space (for patron and public use)
 - Games, puzzles, and more
 - Programming Partnerships
 - Volunteers
 - Book Sales
 - Community-wide Events
- Programming in the library, online, and throughout the community
- Knoxville Food Youth Initiative
 - Meals
 - Holiday Snack Bags distributed at all libraries

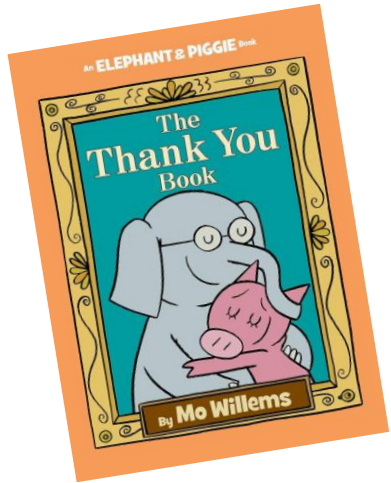
***A third place refers to spaces outside of home and work (one's first and second places) where friends and strangers can gather unrushed. The term was coined by sociologist Ray Oldenburg in his 1989 book [The Great Good Place](#).



EXPLORES OPPORTUNITIES OF COLLABORATION

- Quarterly Directors Meetings
 - rotate library locations
- County-wide Library Board Trustee Training Sessions
 - October 22 Invited to virtually attend Polk County's trustee training
 - November 19 in-person session at Webb-Shadle
- Summer Reading Program
 - County-wide business partnerships
 - Coordinated events
- Explored a shared ILS (Integrated Library System)
 - started preliminary research and discussions one system across all 5 libraries
 - timing was not in the card(catalog) at this time!

How does funding break down?



Library	Base	Checkout	Circ	Sub Total
Bussey	\$7,600	.3%	\$173.00	\$7,773.00
Melcher Dallas	\$7,600	2.11%	\$1,202.00	\$8,802.00
Knoxville	\$7,600	30.28%	\$17,259.00	\$24,859.00
Pella	\$7,600	59.45%	\$33,886.00	\$41,486.00
Webb Shaddle	\$7,600	7.86%	\$4,480.00	\$12,080.00
Total	\$38,000	100%	\$57,000.00	\$95,000.00

What does funding support?

- Use of physical items for check-out
 - Books, DVDs, Cake Pans, Cookie Cutters, Newspapers, Magazines, Art Prints
- Use of technology and learning in-house
 - Computers and WiFi, charging stations, STEM toys/kits, game tables, and board games
- Access and ability to InterLibrary Loan materials
- Access to Bridges/Libby
- Access to databases and online programs
 - Momentrix, WorldCat, Health Info Iowa
- Access to archived newspapers and digital historical images
- Programs
 - Story Times, 1000 Books Before K
 - Reading Challenges for all ages (Summer Reading, Winter Reading Programs)
 - Informational Programs such as Dementia, Wills, FAFSA, Culture Nights
 - Author Visits, Coloring, Clubs
- Additional Services
 - Faxing, Lamination, Proctoring, Notary

Opportunities! What if...



LIBBY/BRIDGES CONSORTIUM

SHARED STAFF OR OTHER RESOURCES



"PROGRAMMING IN A BOX"

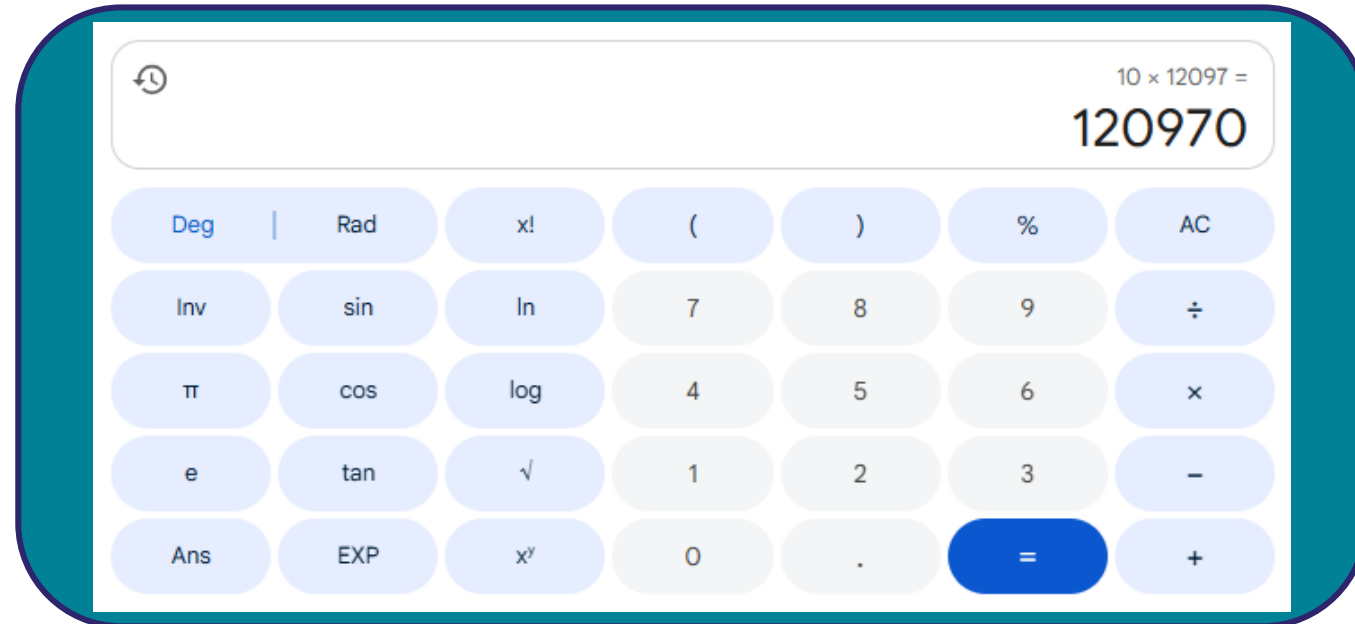
OUTREACH VEHICLE



INTERLIBRARY COMPETITIONS

Opportunities! What if...

The county investment increased from **\$7.85** per rural resident to **\$10.00** per rural resident?



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\$120,970 (40/60 Split)

Library	Base	Checkout	Circ	Sub Total
Bussey	\$9677.60	1.3%	\$923.13	\$10,600.73
Melcher Dallas	\$9677.60	1.6%	\$1,133.87	\$10,811.47
Knoxville	\$9677.60	30.3%	\$21,980.56	\$31,658.16
Pella	\$9677.60	55.5%	\$40,290.58	\$49,968.18
Webb Shaddle	\$9677.60	11.4%	\$8,253.86	\$17,931.46
Total	\$48,388	100%	\$72,582	\$120,970



\$120,970 (\$10,000 for Project + 40/60 Split)

Library	Base	Checkout	Circ	Sub Total
Bussey	\$8,877.60	1.3%	\$846.62	\$9,724.42
Melcher Dallas	\$8,877.60	1.6%	\$1,040.14	\$9,917.24
Knoxville	\$8,877.60	30.3%	\$20,163.53	\$29,041.13
Pella	\$8,877.60	55.5%	\$36,959.95	\$45,837.55
Webb Shaddle	\$8,877.60	11.4%	\$7,571.55	\$16,449.15
Total	\$44,388	100%	\$66,582	\$110,970





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THANK YOU!



Clay Shop

2073 Pierce Dr Tracy IA



3. Board of Supervisors –

Disposition of County Property:
Road Department “Clay Shop”
2073 Pierce Dr. Tracy, IA

4. Resolution 2026-19:

S45 Bridge Replacement Supplemental Professional Services Agreement –
Kirkham, Michael & Associate, Inc.



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-19

WHEREAS, Marion County has a bridge on Co. Rd. S45 between G76 and the Lucas County line, bridge number 41260034 (NBIS 239470) over Long Branch Creek and;

WHEREAS, this bridge is of an age and condition that it is in need of repair and/or replacement and;

WHEREAS, analysis and preliminary design of the bridge shall be completed by Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Inc. as presented in the Agreement for Engineering Services and;

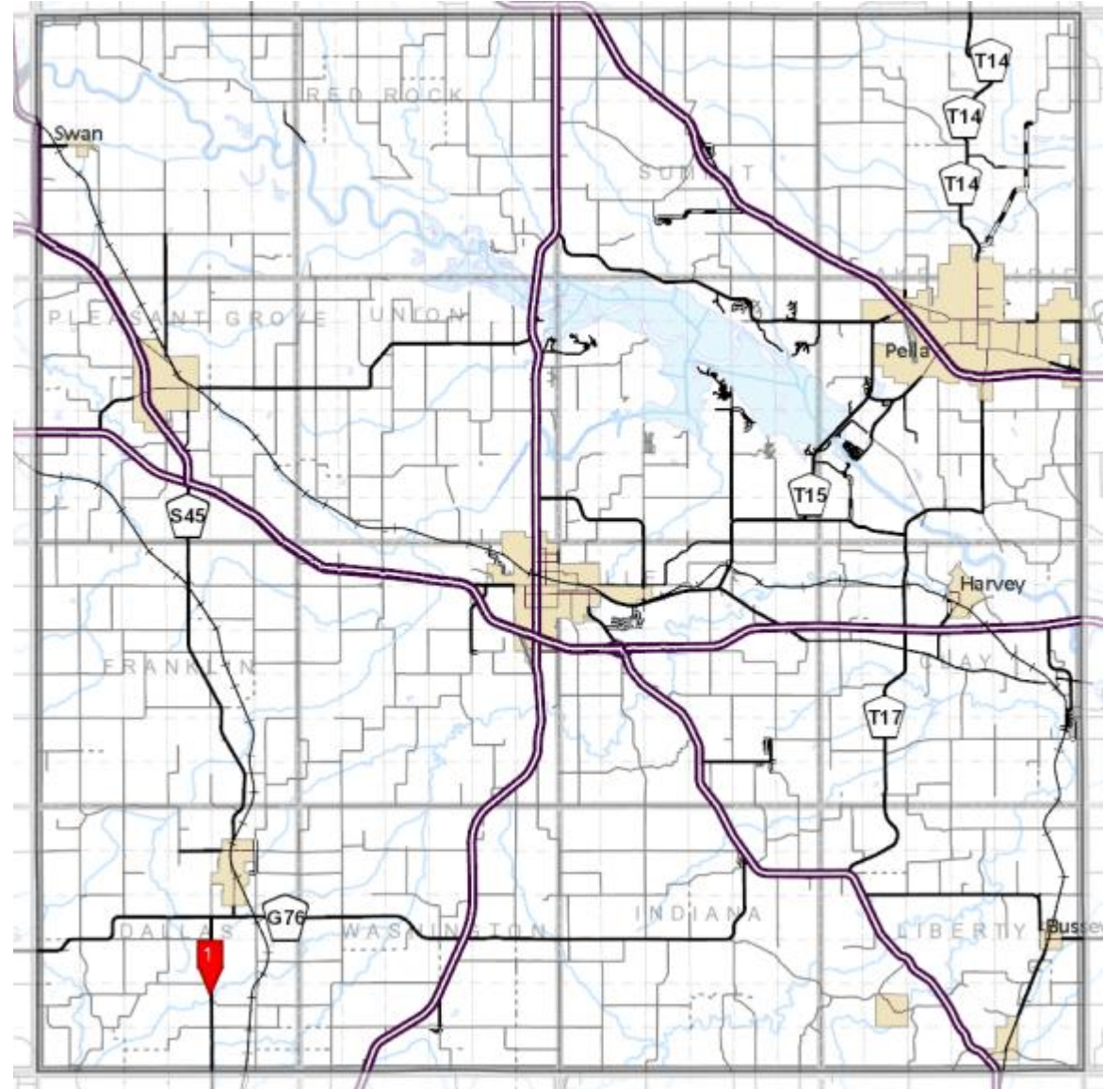
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Supervisors authorizes the County Engineer to execute and administer a contract with Kirkham, Michael & Associate, Inc. to perform the Consulting engineering services as defined in the attached Agreement for Engineering Services Scope.

Adopted this _____ day of January, 2026

Kisha Jahner
Marion County Board Chair

Attest:

Jake Grandia
Auditor



5. Resolution 2026-20:

Marion County Local Option Sales and Services Tax (LOSST) Fund request
for Knoxville Area Pavement Rehabilitation Project



RESOLUTION NO. 2026-20

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE ALLOCATION OF LOCAL OPTION SERVICE AND SALES TAX (LOSST) FUNDS.

WHEREAS, in 2011 Marion County voters adopted Public Measure A, authorizing a 1% local sales and service tax effective, January 1, 2014, to December 31, 2023, and,

WHEREAS, the ballot language of such allows for construction of capital improvement projects and,

WHEREAS, subsequently, Marion County Board of Supervisors proposed an amendment to the ballot language as part of the unincorporated LOSST renewal in 2021, which voters adopted Public Measure OQ to be effective January 1, 2024, and

WHEREAS, newly adopted ballot language allows capital improvement projects as part of community betterment projects and other lawful purposes of the County of Marion, Iowa and,

WHEREAS, based on the currently available FY '26 ending fund balance and FY '27 projected revenue and expenditures for Fund 29, the following amount shall be allocated for the use from said fund:

- Knoxville Area Pavement Rehabilitation Project (w/ City of Knoxville) – \$1,000,000

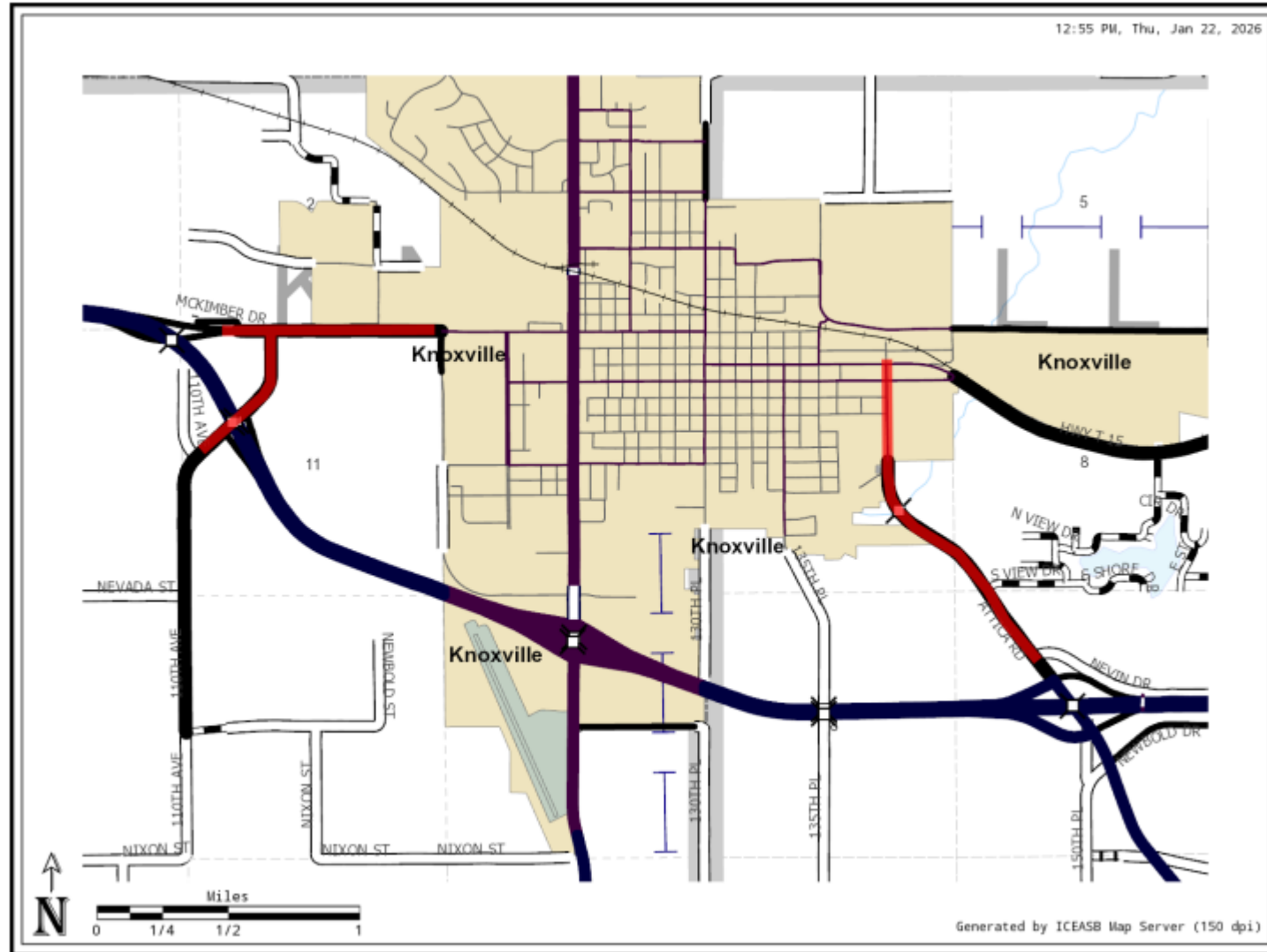
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED the Marion County Board of Supervisors endorses the allocation of \$1,000,000 from Fund 29 for the project listed and authorizes the payments as they are presented.

Adopted this _____ day of January, 2026

Kisha Jahner
Marion County Board Chair

Attest:

Jake Grandia
Auditor



6. Board of Supervisor Updates



VII. BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ADJOURNMENT

