MARION COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TWENTY THIRD DAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2026

The Marion County Board of Supervisors met in regular session at 2003 N. Lincoln St. Knoxville, IA 50138 on Tuesday, September 22, 2026, with Kisha Jahner, Steve McCombs and Jim Mueller present in-person. Board of Supervisor Chair Kisha 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 approved with the following vote:
Ayes: Jahner, McCombs, Mueller Nays: None Abstentions: None Absent: None

Agenda:

Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve the agenda.

Communications:

1. Supervisor Jahner announced the City of Knoxville and Marion County received an Award for the development efforts in the VA Campus.
2. Supervisor McCombs and Marion County VA Director Rob Bandstra announced the County had received the official declaration of being a Home Based Iowa community.

Public Comments:

1. Knoxville Community School Board Directors Erika Pleggenkuhle and Jyl De Jong presented a brief presentation regarding the upcoming school bond referendum on the 2026 General Election ballot.

Consent Agenda:

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

1. Marion County Warrants #265164 - #265211 through 9/22/2026.
2. Marion County Board of Supervisor Regular Session Minutes: 9/8/2026
3. Marion County Salary Adjustments. No adjustments this meeting.
4. Marion County Conservation Board Warrants #265164 - #265211 through 9/15/2026.

Business:

1. Twin Cedars Community School and Melcher-Dallas Community School Superintendent Scott Bridges presented the School Resource Officer (SRO) 28E Agreement renewal with Marion County. Bridges reported positive results from the first year and both school boards were enthusiastic about renewing the agreement. Marion County Sheriff Jason Sandholdt also reported positive results and comments regarding the first year of having an SRO in place. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve the School Resource (Relationship) Officer 28E Agreement through September 2027.

2. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Class C Retail Alcohol License including Outdoor Service
- V.P. Venue LLC dba The Gathering Grounds 2125 Hwy 5, Bussey, IA 50044

3. Marion County Engineer Tyler Christian presented the details of an 8 county 28E Agreement regarding the purchase of a Weiler S200 Soil Stabilizer. McCombs moved and Mueller seconded to approve Resolution 2026-99 28E Agreement Regarding Purchase and Maintenance of Weiler S200 Soil Stabilizer pending the County Attorney's Office review as follows:

WHEREAS, Clinton County, Henry County, Jackson County, Keokuk County, Lee County, Mahaska County, Marion County and Washington County are each a public agency as is defined by Section 28E.2 of the Code of Iowa, and

WHEREAS, Section 28E.3 of the Code of Iowa provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the State of Iowa may be exercised and enjoyed jointly by a public agency of the State of Iowa having such power or powers, and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned counties have a desire to improve how they maintain the roads, and after reviewing various options, it is determined a 2019 Weiler S200 Soil Stabilizer (S/N 0EE200318) will provide such a way to improve the roads, and

WHEREAS, the above-mentioned counties are not interested in purchasing their own Weiler S200 Soil Stabilizer, but they do see value in sharing this piece of equipment, and

WHEREAS, Clinton County agrees to be responsible for the purchase of a Weiler S200 Soil Stabilizer to be owned equally by Clinton County, Henry County, Jackson County, Keokuk County, Lee County, Mahaska County, Marion County and Washington County, and

WHEREAS, Henry County, Jackson County, Keokuk County, Lee County, Mahaska County, Marion County and Washington County agree to each reimburse Clinton County one-eighth of the total cost of the purchase of a Weiler S200 Soil Stabilizer within 30 days of Clinton County paying the invoice for said equipment, and

WHEREAS, since the road widener will be used countywide in Clinton, Henry, Jackson, Keokuk, Lee, Mahaska, Marion and Washington Counties, those counties have developed this sharing agreement, per Iowa Code Chapter 28E, and

WHEREAS, all eight County Boards of Supervisors have informed themselves as to the proposed equipment purchase and sharing agreement.

IT IS NOW AGREED that Clinton County, Henry County, Jackson County, Keokuk County, Lee County, Mahaska County, Marion County and Washington County enter into an agreement pursuant to Chapter 28E of the Code of Iowa providing for cooperative action pursuant to the purchase, use and maintenance of a Weiler S200 Soil Stabilizer.

4. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve Resolution 2026-100 Marion County Junction 92 Engineer Office Project Change Order #5 as follows:

WHEREAS; on March 12, 2026 Marion County received bids for the Marion County Engineers Office (the "Project") described as the Office Building at the Road Department's Junction 92 Facility; and;

WHEREAS; RG Construction, LLC has presented the change order of work agreed upon for clarifications to the plans via a change request initiated by the Contractor;

WHEREAS; Marion County reviewed and accepted the Change Requests and;

WHEREAS; the requests result in a net decrease of $2,472.50 to the contract amount;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED; that Marion County approve Change Order No. 5 of $2,472.50 for the Project with; RG Construction, LLC resulting in a change in the contract sum from $594,460.45 for the construction of a new Road Department Office Building in Marion County, IA to $596,932.95.

5. Marion County Engineer Tyler Christian reviewed a request for a Phase II Environmental Site Assessment of the Road Department Pella Shop 108 S Clark St., Pella, Iowa from the purchaser's lender. The Board discussed the merits of the request and possible ramifications. Christian acquired 2 cost estimates for completion of the project. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to approve the Phase II Environmental Site Assessment and contract with Klingler and Associates.

6. The Board held lengthy discussion regarding proposed Marion County Employee Handbook changes to Section 4 – Hours of Work and Compensation. McCombs and Mueller were in favor of leaving the handbook as status quo and only adjust non-compliant issues. Jahner discussed the difficulties regarding big picture topics and possible financial challenges approaching the County. The Board held consensus regarding the positive aspects of the process, discussion and involvement from all parties. The Board then requested HR prepare a Resolution to amend the County Handbook cleaning up any non-compliant leave time language. Mueller moved and McCombs seconded to close discussion.

7. Mueller moved and Jahner seconded to approve Resolution 2026-101 Endorsing the Grant Application for Funding Through the Iowa Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA Set-Aside) Application and Federal Recreational Trails Program as follows:

A RESOLUTION authorizing and supporting the application by Marion County to Iowa Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA Set-Aside) Application and Federal Recreational Trails Program, for construction of the Volksweg Trail from Cordova Park to Dubuque Drive in Marion County.

WHEREAS Marion County will, upon award and acceptance of the grant, agree to the terms of the grant contract requirements, abide to the required timeline, funding requirements, and will commit to maintaining these improvements for a minimum of twenty (20) years and,

WHEREAS Marion County hereby commits to provide twenty percent (20%) of the total project cost towards the project.

BE IT RESOLVED THAT, Marion County requests funds from the Iowa Statewide Transportation Alternatives Set-Aside Program (TA Set-Aside) Application and Federal Recreational Trails Program and will comply with the rules of the grant and,

HEREBY AUTHORIZES the Marion County Economic Development Director to approve and execute the application on behalf of the Marion County.

8. Board of Supervisor Updates:

Mueller – None
McCombs – HIRTA meeting
Jahner – Insurance Benefit Renewal, Outdoor Rec meetings, Board of Health meeting

Adjournment:

There being no other business, McCombs moved and Mueller seconded the meeting to be adjourned at 10:04 A.M.

Jake Grandia, County Auditor

Kisha Jahner, Board of Supervisor Chair