

August 25, 2025
Garner, Iowa

The Hancock County, Iowa, Board of Supervisors met in adjourned session on the above captioned date pursuant to adjournment with Supervisors Florence (Sis) Greiman, Osmund (Bud) Jermeland, and Gary Rayhons present. Absent: none.

The minutes of August 18, 2025 were read and approved.

A public hearing was held on the permit application for Summit Farms Pork, LLC for two new deep pit swine confinement barns for 4999 head as a new swine confinement facility located in section 35, Ell Township. Certification that publication as to the date and time of the hearing was on file in the Auditor's Office. Those present for the hearing were Supervisors Greiman, Jermeland, and Rayhons, Auditor Michelle K. Eisenman, County Engineer Jeremy Purvis, and EMA/E911/Communications/Zoning Director Andy Buffington. Present from the public were Bob Kern, Gloria Goll, Brian Ritland-Pinnacle, Rex Kropp, Austin Kropp, and Jim Legge. Present via GoToMeeting: Rob Hillesland-Summit Tribune, Lisa Crawford, Veterans Affairs Director James Welsh, Waiting for name and Wendy. Andy Buffington spoke about the application, site visit, and matrix scoring. There was one written comment against the application received and read. Gloria Goll spoke against the application stating flies, traffic, hauling of manure and security. Rex Kropp had questions about location of the barns. Jim Legge stated this is not a sow unit, it is a feeder to finisher unit. Gloria Goldd spoke about not being able to grow beans on field, only grow corn due to manure. Rex Kropp asked about the amount of acres manure would be spread on. Brian Ritland from Pinnacle responded with 160 acres. On motion by Supervisor Rayhons to close the public hearing, seconded by Supervisor Jermeland. All ayes. On motion by Supervisor Jermeland, seconded by Supervisor Rayhons and carried, the Board voted to unanimously approve the application. This recommendation will be forwarded onto the Iowa Department of Natural Resources, as defined by law.

Motion made by Supervisor Rayhons to enter into closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5 (1)(c), to discuss strategy with counsel in matters that are presently in litigation or where litigation is imminent where its disclosure would be likely to prejudice or disadvantage the position of the governmental body in that litigation. The motion was seconded by Supervisor Jermeland and the vote was unanimous to hold a closed session pursuant to Iowa Code section 21.5 (1)(c). Supervisors present were Greiman, Jermeland, and Rayhons. The Board of Supervisors entered into closed session. Minutes were taken and a tape recording made. The closed session was later concluded by agreement of the parties and the Board of Supervisors came back into open session. The recording and minutes were sealed and secured in an envelope, and no person will be permitted to examine them without a court order.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Jermeland and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: Set September 8, 2025 at 10:30 a.m as the date and time for an informational meeting with landowners of Drainage District no. 97. Approved a ten percent retainage of contractor project costs for drainage district projects that require a hearing with landowners, but do not require an engineer to be hired for the project and the retainage to be paid 30 days after the completion hearing of the project. Disallowance of two

homestead and one military credit applications. Payroll changes on-call employees in the Communications Department: Kevin Knebel, effective August 24, 2025 at \$20.35 per hour and Ashley Egesdal, effective August 24, 2025 at \$20.35 per hour. Revised the rate of pay for completing the township clerk and trustee training through Iowa State University Extension and Outreach Community and Economic Development to be equal to the same rate as the meeting pay for township trustees and clerks after the certification of completion is provided to the Auditor upon completion of training to be paid through the county budget. Set September 8, 2025 at 9:15 a.m. as the date and time for review of quotes and consideration for award for the electrical work and mini splits and heater for the Maintenance/Storage Garage in the Hancock County Board of Supervisors' Meeting Room with quotes being received by the Hancock County Maintenance Department by September 5, 2025 at 4:00 p.m.

On motion by Supervisor Jermeland, seconded by Supervisor Rayhons and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: Signed Local Intergovernmental Review Consultation form for North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG) Housing Trust Fund.

No further business to come before the Board, motion made to adjourn at 11:20 a.m. by Supervisor Rayhons and carried. All Supervisors present voting, "Aye," session to adjourn and will meet again on September 2, 2025.

ATTEST: _____
Michelle K. Eisenman, Auditor

Florence Sis Greiman, Chair