

January 2, 2026  
Garner, Iowa

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

The Board proceeded to organize for the 2026 calendar year.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman, the Board unanimously appointed Osmund Bud Jermeland as Chairperson.

On motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Jermeland, the Board unanimously appointed Gary Rayhons as Vice Chair.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2026-001**

Be It Resolved that the following Boards and Commissions be represented by the Supervisors for the calendar year 2026 as follows:

Florence (Sis) Greiman:

Elderbridge  
North Iowa Area Community Action Organization (NIACAO)  
Central Iowa Community Services, alternate  
Iowa Workforce Development  
North Iowa Area Council of Governments (NIACOG)  
Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center, alternate  
Children's Alliance  
NIACOG Housing Trust Fund

Gary Rayhons:

Central Iowa Juvenile Detention Center  
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)  
County Board of Health Advisory Board, alternate  
Central Iowa Community Services  
Forest City Industrial Group, alternate  
Partners for Children  
Landfill of North Iowa  
Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP), alternate

Osmund (Bud) Jermeland:

Advisory & Emergency Management Agency Board (EMA)  
Hancock County Board of Health  
E911 Board

County Economic Development Board, at-large representative  
Forest City Industrial Group  
Hancock County Health Systems Board, liaison  
North Central Regional Emergency Response Commission (HAZMAT)  
Transportation Policy Board  
Landfill of North Iowa, alternate  
Resource Enhancement and Protection (REAP)

On motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Rayhons and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: County Auditor Michelle K. Eisenman be authorized to pay the following bills during a meeting adjournment:

1. Salaries and payroll previously approved by the Board.
2. Insurance payments and unemployment quarterly report payments.
3. Emergency expenses deemed necessary by the County Auditor.

The minutes of December 22, 2025 meeting were read and approved.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: Reaffirmed the Hancock County Board of Supervisors General Legislative Policies and Procedures.

Be It Resolved that The Leader newspaper published in Hancock County as required by law under Section 349.1 Code of Iowa, be named as the official newspaper for the official proceedings as requested for the ensuing year on motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Rayhons. Ayes: all; Nays: none, motion passed.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following: Set the mileage rate at 57 cents per mile for mileage beginning January 2, 2026.

On motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Rayhons and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following reappointments: Osmund Bud Jermeland, to the Hancock County Board of Health for a three-year term to end December 31, 2028. Dan Stromer, Klemme, to the Hancock County Conservation Board for a five-year term to end December 31, 2030. Jason Verbrugge, Britt, to the Hancock County Zoning Commission for a five-year term to end December 31, 2030.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following reappointments: Joseph Petersen, DO, Garner, as Medical Examiner, and Catherine Butler MD, Britt, as Deputy Medical Examiner, for a two-year term ending December 31, 2027.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following reappointments: To the NIACOG (North Iowa Area Council of Governments) Board of Directors, Florence Sis Greiman as the county representative, Darrell Schumacher as the city representative and Dorian Goll as the

Economic Development representative, Transportation Policy Board, Osmund Bud Jermeland as county representative, Darrell Schumacher, city representative, Revolving Loan Fund Committee-Jill Kramer and North Central Regional Emergency Response Commission, Osmund Bud Jermeland and Andy Buffington, Alternate.

On motion by Supervisor Greiman, seconded by Supervisor Rayhons and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2026-002**

**CONSTRUCTION EVALUATION RESOLUTION**

**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 HANCOCK COUNTY** that the Board of Supervisors hereby adopts this construction evaluation resolution pursuant to Iowa Code section 459.304(3).

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following Corrective Resolution:

**CORRECTIVE RESOLUTION No. 2025-034**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Supervisors of Hancock County, Iowa, has received an appointment from

**Robert A. Gerdes, Jr., Sheriff**

**WHEREAS**, the appointee has accepted the appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, it is the best interest of the citizens of Hancock County that the appointment be approved;

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors that the following appointment is approved:

**Francisco Alejo as Deputy Sheriff**

This corrective resolution, removing the effective date of June 20, 2025, and correcting to one appointee and appointment, declared adopted this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2026, originally adopted on December 22, 2025.

On motion by Supervisor Rayhons, seconded by Supervisor Greiman and carried unanimously, the Board gave approval to the following Resolution:

**RESOLUTION No. 2026-003**

**EMINENT DOMAIN RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Section 6B.4, Code of Iowa, states that the Board of Supervisors shall select at least 28 persons to serve as members of a compensation commission in eminent domain proceedings and these appointees shall be certified to the Chief Justice of the 2A District Court.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the following persons are hereby appointed to the Commission in regard to eminent domain proceedings:

**FARMERS:**

|                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| Brandon Beenken       | Jonathan Hollatz |
| Darrin Kruger         | Don Hejlik       |
| Cory Greiman          | Doug Verbrugge   |
| Quentin Stortenbecker | Brent Renner     |

**OWNERS OF TOWN PROPERTY:**

|                |                    |
|----------------|--------------------|
| Larry Kunkel   | Brian Hiscocks     |
| Dan Kadrik     | Luann Gatchel-Smit |
| Susan Brandt   | Derek Engh         |
| William Paulus | Kathy Brown        |

**REALTORS:**

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|-------------|----------------|
| Dorian Goll | Jill Kramer    |
| Sendy Garza | Greg Schoneman |

DeAnna Kelly  
Deb Stevens

Doug Thompson

KNOWLEDGE OF PROPERTY VALUES BY REASON OF THEIR PROFESSION:

Alan Bush  
Roger Schmidt  
Tim Tusha  
Pete Wilhite

Joshua J. Wise  
Dean Cataldo  
Jon Swenson

No further business to come before the Board, motion made to adjourn at 10:31 a.m. by Supervisor Rayhons and carried. All Supervisors present voting, “Aye,” session to adjourn and will meet again on January 5, 2026.

ATTEST:

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Ann Hinders, Deputy Auditor

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Osmund “Bud” Jermeland, Chair